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Thank You to the Wolfsville Community

59th annual Lord's Acre Festival is successful despite rainy day

Photo by Marilyn Leatherman



Salem member Dennis Draper, wearing his Salem shirt as he works at the Lord's Acre.

■ By Bill Burrier

The Lord's Acre Festival is an event that has been blessed by God for 59 years. Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting our annual event.

It has been an unusually wet and hot summer; and our hope is always for fair weather on Lord's Acre day, but this year the weather was not ideal, which brought some challenges. In the days leading up to the festival, a weather front stalled over the area bringing rain and lots of it.

On Friday evening, during set up and pie making at the Ruritan Park, heavy downpours measured up to 3 inches in the local area. The rain continued on Saturday, heavy at times.

But, we are blessed to have the large pavilion at the park and other covered areas and tents to keep things dry.

The major challenge with wet weather is parking. Although the large parking lot could not be used, we were able to squeeze everyone into the smaller lot and some

peripheral areas. My thanks to those who stood in the rain to help me park cars: Bobby Fogle, Bill Weaver, Tom Marenic, and Mike Irons.

Despite the weather, folks came to eat and purchase the many items for sale. No doubt the rain discouraged some of our friends and neighbors from attending, but, surprisingly, the proceeds at the end of the day were quite positive.

The following morning in church everyone was anxious to know how we did. Before giving the numbers, my thoughts turned to hymns and songs about rain:

"I Feel the Rain" (we did)
 "Rain Down on Me" (it did)
 "There shall be Showers of Blessing"

Of course, the meaning of rain in this context often refers to the Holy Spirit raining down on us. On Saturday, during the Lord's Acre, the rain was clearly physical but also spiritual. The good Lord was with us . . . even in the rain.

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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 240
2018 New Members: 8

Salem Physical Facilities:
Church built 1847
Educational Building built 1967
Parsonage built 1974–75

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Purpose of Newsletter:
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you, our readers, to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

Salem Mission Statement:
At Salem, with God’s help, we pledge to INVITE others to Christ, HELP each other grow in faith, and SERVE those in need in our congregation, the community, and the world.

Salem Vision Statement:
We will direct our efforts out into the community to serve people’s needs and bring them to Christ.



2018 MISSION PROJECTS

2018 Goal

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$2,460
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	350
3a. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs)	1,180
3b. Wolfsville Elementary School PTA - “All Pro Families Breakfast”	900
4. Food Pantry at Salem	1,180
5. Mary E. (AIM - France)	1,020
6. United Methodist Board of Child Care	1,360
7. Gideons (Frederick County, West)	600
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	600
9. Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	600
10. Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (TMS-Global, Nicaragua)	780
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	780
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	456
13. Hero’s Club after school ministry	4,500
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	420
TOTAL GOAL for 2018	\$17,186

Here’s how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked “Missions.”
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.

3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.
If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES

Salem Mission Projects No. 10 & 12

Sponsored Children in Tanzania & Colombia



Barnaba (Tanzania)
\$35 monthly to Compassion



Yurley (Colombia)
\$38 monthly to World Vision

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

Sunday
7am - 1 pm Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church)
6 - 7 pm Bible Study (at church)

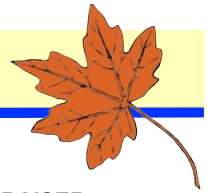
Monday (day off)
6-7 am Devotions (at home)
9-11 am Planning Time (at home)
5-6 pm Hero’s Club (at church)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
6-7 am Devotions (at home)
9 am - Noon Parsonage Office
Noon - 1 pm Lunch
1-5 pm Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office

Saturday
7-9 am Final touches on Sunday’s sermon (at home)

Also, Pastor Bob will be at church or in homes to attend meetings or check-in on evening activities at the church. He will make hospital visits and other visits as situations arrive. He will be working at home in Myersville, at the parsonage office, or elsewhere, as needed.

Lord's Acre Festival *roundup*



OUR PURPOSE must always be to present the Lord's Acre Festival in such a way as to glorify God. We pray that we do.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Fifty-nine years ago, in 1960, Salem's young student pastor, Rev. John Schildt, proposed a fundraising idea to the Salem congregation called Lord's Acre.

A few small country churches in the south were already holding Lord's Acre events to raise money for their ministries.

Farmers set aside an "acre" of land to grow a vegetable crop that could be donated and then sold to benefit the church. Some farmers even raised livestock to donate. Those who did not farm made fancy needlework or craft items to donate.

Salem's first Lord's Acre included fresh and canned produce and fruit, fancy needlework items, food, live music, and an auction of unsold items at the end. The youth fellowship made posters and signs to advertise the event and decorated the old Wolfsville School building with colored leaves, corn shocks, pumpkins, etc.

Forty-eight years ago, in 1970, the event was moved to the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. Being smaller then, everything fit under the large pavilion.

The move to the park, being mostly outside, as opposed to being in the heated schoolhouse, caused the date to be moved from early October to early September.

The first few years at the park, the starting time was 5 p.m.; the same as it had been at the old schoolhouse. As the crowds increased though, and began arriving earlier, it was harder to hold people off from buying earlier, so the start time was moved up to 4 p.m. And with the larger crowds, more parking was provided on the ball field at the park. Prior to that, they parked in the small lot and along the road, and were lined up down the road on both sides.

USE OF LORD'S ACRE PROFITS

We have accomplished a lot since that first Lord's Acre 59 years ago. The profits from this annual event have allowed us to enhance the ministry at Salem and support the Wolfsville community.

Over the years, profits from the Lord's Acre have made possible the

Photo by Michael Burrier



Freshly made Custard Pies

educational building (1967), the parsonage (1974-75), the parking lot and its many improvements and additions (1968, 1993, 1998, and 2007), and many smaller maintenance and improvement projects to our existing buildings and grounds.

During the last 18 years, air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary; an elevator, handicap restroom, storage rooms, and new flooring were installed; the church steeple was restored; interior and exterior painting was completed; repaired sanctuary floor understructure; repaired and waterproofed classroom walls; renovated the parsonage; purchased new refrigerator and freezer for the kitchen; replaced stucco on sanctuary exterior walls; constructed new concrete floor under the sanctuary; replaced windows in educational building and parsonage; replaced spouting on parsonage; installed central air and additional insulation in the parsonage; updated the sanctuary sound system; replaced kitchen floor in parsonage; and renovated the social hall with new carpet, painted walls, and new window treatment; purchased classroom bulletin boards; replaced microwave and other kitchen items; replaced church phones; installed Wi-Fi Internet access in the church and educational building; installed central air in the social room and church kitchen; and made numerous repairs and improvements.

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

As of this writing, this year's income totaled \$17,930.05. With some expenses yet to be paid, a full report, indicating the amount of profit, will be published in next month's newsletter. Profits will be placed in Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.

2018 Lord's Acre Income:


Produce: \$635.00
 Needlework/ Crafts: \$134.50
 Flea Tables & Plants: \$166.00
 Youth Sales/ Activities: \$51.00
 Silent Auction: \$992.00
 Live Auction: \$2,268.00
 Soup/Sandwiches/Drinks: \$3,242.50
 Baked Goods: \$972.00
 Ice Cream: \$159.05
 Contribution from Bee-lievers: \$6,000.00
 Contributions from Individuals: \$3,310.00
Total Income: \$17,930.05

Silent Auction Items

- By Amy McCormick
- 30 06 Remington Model 7600 \$355
- Honora Pearl Necklace \$20
- Irish Marble Heart Necklace \$40
- Clock \$100
- Middletown Sweatshirt \$32
- Middletown Shirt \$11
- Middletown Hat \$11
- Cross Necklace \$25
- Basket - Snack \$35
- 4 Longaberger Baskets \$45
- Needlepoint Picture \$20
- Dog Basket \$45
- Jerusalem Bag \$20
- Window Box Table \$45
- Jesus Statue \$15
- Canning Jars in Tote \$10
- Salem Plate \$15
- Cactus \$16
- Corn Hole Game \$80
- Suede Coach Purse \$15
- Picture "Scenes of Wolfsville" \$25

Major Items Sold at the 6 p.m. Auction

- Robert Wilson, Auctioneer
- Featured Quilt \$800
- Flag Holder \$50
- Plant Stand \$45
- Small Oak Bench \$45
- Rocking Chair \$35
- Large Oak Bench \$25
- Light House \$20
- Rolling Pin \$20



Attendance Offerings

August 2018

		Worship*		Sunday School		Average Attendance	
		Worship	Offerings	Worship	Offerings	Worship	Sunday School
Aug 5	-	95	\$2,574.00	58	\$281.50	77	45
Aug 12	-	67	1,925.50	40	184.00	80	53
Aug 19	-	72	2,616.00	44	82.50	85	54
Aug 26	-	75	1,890.00	36	113.50	89	58
						98	55

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.
 **Services canceled on Nov 19 due to power outage.

- Missions: \$535.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$155.00

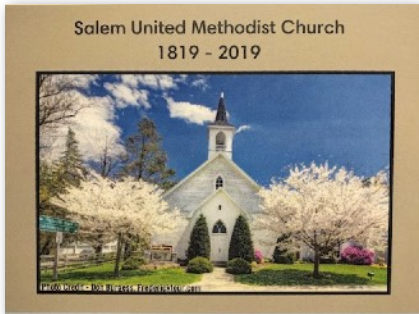
- Building Fund: \$525.00
- Building Addition: \$75.00

(Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance Jan-Aug 2018

Sunday Worship: 85

Sunday School: 53



Salem Bee-lievers selling Anniversary Calendars

By Fonda Gormer

The Salem congregation will be 200 years old in 2019. As part of our celebration, the Bee-lievers have designed a 2019 calendar, with pictures of events and people from years past. These would make nice Christmas gifts, as well as keepsakes.

The cost of each calendar is \$15. Checks should be made payable to "Salem Bee-lievers." Calendars may be obtained from Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer or me, any Sunday, or call me at 301-293-2436 to arrange delivery.

Looking Ahead . . .

Community Thanksgiving Service

Hosted by 5 area churches on a rotating basis

2018 – Pleasant Walk United Methodist
 2019 – Garfield United Methodist
 2020 – St. Mark's Lutheran
 2021 – Salem United Methodist
 2022 – Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

Board of Child Care Auxiliary Reorganized

The Baltimore-Washington Conference Board of Child Care has reorganized its auxiliary functions. They have eliminated key persons doing membership drives. The yearly \$2 membership dues and the district auxiliary treasurer positions have been eliminated.

At Salem, we are not asking for contributions from individuals but rather will provide financial support to the auxiliary in the amount of \$600 per year through Salem's Mission Project No. 6. If you would like to support the auxiliary with an individual contribution, make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church and note on the memo line Board of Child Care Auxiliary. Salem will provide your contribution through our missions program.

In addition, Salem will continue to give the entire offering from the Christmas Eve Program to the Board of Child Care.

Dawn Nelson and Dorothy Hixon are now Area Coordinators for the West Virginia Falling Waters Campus.

Dawn reports there are currently 40 youth at the Falling Waters Campus. Dawn says, "Our biggest endeavor is the Christmas Store. We are always looking for gently used items for the kids to purchase at 5 to 10 cents from their allowance money. I have seen first hand how this ministry has blessed so many kids that don't even have a mom or dad that loves them. So thank you for your continuous support!"

Worship Through Giving – Tithes & Offerings

By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

The scriptures tell us we will be blessed by our giving ministry and God will be pleased (Deuteronomy 15:10).

Giving tithes and offerings is a part of our spiritual worship. We don't give in order to get. We give to make an impact; we give to make a difference in people's lives; we give to further the ministry of Christ (2 Corinthians 9:7).

..... WAYS TO GIVE

◆ Worship Services Plate Offering

Give by cash or check during any of our worship services. If you give cash and would like it to be reflected on your year-end giving statement, please use an offering envelope.

◆ By Mail

You may mail your tithes and offerings to Church Treasurer, Salem United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 94, Myersville, MD 21773. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church.

◆ Electronically Online (Safe & Secure)

Salem is now offering the convenience of online giving. Go to our church website and select GIVE. Create an account on the secure server at Vanco Payment Solutions, a United Methodist endorsed service. You may set up recurring giving, e.g., weekly, monthly, or give one time. Funds will be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. No more checks to write and you may change your giving amount at any time. This is a personal choice. Salem members who have already signed up for electronic giving are pleased with the service.



October

Calendar of Events



- Mon 1 Staff/Parish Relations Committee** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Tue 2 Adult Choir practices begin** - 7:30 p.m. at Salem (continues every Tuesday)
- Thu 4 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 4 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 11 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 14 Salem Iron Men** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Mon 15 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner** - 2 p.m. prepare, 7 p.m. serve, at Salem
- Wed 17 Building Committee** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 20 Wolfsville Community Harvest Festival** - 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Salem Pavilion
- Thu 25 Annual Church Conference** - 7:00 p.m. at Bethel UMC, Chewsville
- Fri-Sun 26-28 Community Women's Retreat** - Ole Mink Farm Recreational Resort
- Sun 28 Salem Iron Men** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Recurring Events: Hero's Club After School Ministry is held every MONDAY when school is in session
 Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Adult Choir practices every TUESDAY at 7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Praise Band practices every WEDNESDAY at 7:00 p.m. at Salem
 Youth Group meets every THURSDAY at 6:30 p.m. at Salem
 The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week
 Salem Iron Men meet the 2nd & 4th SUNDAYS at 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Newsletter Distribution

1. **E-Mail** — We are currently notifying 207 of our readers via e-mail when our newsletter is posted online. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.
2. **Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
3. **First Class Mail** — We are mailing up to 30 copies, using the 50 cents First Class postage rate.

Annual Church Conference Set for October 25th

The Cumberland-Hagerstown District Superintendent, Rev. Conrad Link, has announced the Fall 2018 Cluster Church Conference schedule.

Bethel United Methodist Church, 21006 Twin Springs Drive, Smithsburg, will host this year's conference on Thursday, October 25, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Eleven local churches will be participating: Bethel, Garfield, St. Paul's, Mt. Zion Myersville, Shiloh, Salem Wolfsville, Mt. Bethel, Mt. Lena, Mt. Zion Sabillasville, Pleasant Walk, and Salem Keedysville.

Lord's Acre Video

We have produced a 4-minute video on this year's Lord's Acre Festival. You may view it at the following link:

SalemChurchWolfsville.org/lords-acre-videos



By Denny Leatherman

The Wolfsville Community Harvest Festival & Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday October 20, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

The schedule of events are:

- 5:00-6:00 Food
- 6:00-6:30 Costume Judging
- 6:30-7:00 Trunk or Treat
- 7:00-7:30 Games

[Rain Date: Saturday, October 27]

Sunday School Move Up

By Kathy Laky

Congratulations to all those who moved up to the next highest Sunday School Class on September 4th. Moving up this year were: **Cheyenne Leatherman** (moved up from Carolyn Buhman's class to Mike and Jennifer Burrier's class). **Sophie Wagaman** (moved up from Mike and Jennifer Burrier's class to Kathy Laky and Melissa Thornton's class). **Nadia Lebowitz**, **George Hawkins**, and **Loralli Snyder** (moved up from Kathy Laky and Melissa Thornton's class to Fonda Gormer's class).



L to R: Susie Stottlemeyer, Michael Burrier, Donna Snyder, Lori Williamson, Josh Koons and Jim Laky

Praise Band to play at Myersville Festival October 20th

The *Works In Progress* Community Praise Band will be one of the featured musical groups at the Myersville Harvest & Music Festival held at Doub's Meadow Park on Saturday, October 20th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Works In Progress* will perform from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

The Festival is being hosted by Myersville Parks & Recreation. According to publicity for the event, there will be "BBQ for sale by Mt. Zion UMC, horse rides by Thunderhill Horses (for a fee), a petting zoo, pumpkin painting, hay rides, scarecrow making, games and vendors, and so much more."

The members of *Works In Progress* are excited to participate in this event. It will be the largest non-church audience that the group has played for, and the band is grateful for the opportunity.

The band is looking forward to sharing its music with the community.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		OCTOBER
Lay Readers 7 - Fonda Gormer 14 - Wanda Barkdoll 21 - Steve Leatherman 28 - Jennifer Gormer	Ushers 7 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 14 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 21 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 28 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 7 - Sara Weitzel 14 - Praise Band 21 - Sara Weitzel 28 - Sara Weitzel
Greeters 7 - Andrea Palmer 14 - Dennis Leatherman 21 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 28 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family	Acolytes 7 - Loralli Snyder 14 - Noah Taveras 21 - Josh Koons 28 - Valentina Barkdoll	
11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.		Music Oct 14 - Works in Progress Praise Band Oct 28 - Works in Progress Praise Band

It's Your Day!

October Anniversaries

- 6 - Brett & Kendra Haupt
- 9 - Josh & Trista Wright
- 9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
- 14 - George & Barbara Stottlemeyer

October Birthdays

- 1 - Mary Brown
- 3 - Henry Wright
- 4 - Charlie Beall
- 4 - Justin Fogle
- 5 - Tim Brown
- 6 - Ron Ellis Jr.
- 9 - Brandon Ferris
- 13 - George Hawkins
- 17 - Jamie Lafferty
- 18 - Adam Robinson
- 18 - Tyler Ferris
- 20 - Dennis Draper
- 25 - Laura Snyder
- 26 - Bailey Blickenstaff
- 29 - Riley Mellott
- 31 - Jason Buhrman

NOTE: To have your anniversary or birthday added, contact Bill Burrier.



The flowers on the altar on Sunday, September 9, 2018, were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank & Effie Stottlemeyer, Brian Stottlemeyer, and Mary Alice Shankle, given by Elvin and Beverly Stottlemeyer. The flowers were from Beverly's garden.

Adult Choir Notes

■ By Sandy Lewis

Salem choir will begin their fall practice on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be practicing songs for Sunday morning traditional worship services and for special occasions such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you've never sung with our choir before, it would be a great time to join us. We always welcome new members. Of course, we welcome back our regular folks and hope everyone can be there. Looking forward to seeing and hearing everyone soon! "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Psalm 100:2

Holy Communion

NOTE: Communion normally scheduled for the first Sunday in October, was, instead, observed on Sunday, September 30.

The next Communion Service will be November 4, 2018.



Sticky Buns & Apple Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers," Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns and Apple Pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12 a dozen
- Apple Pie (9-inch): \$10 each

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 240-818-0126. Orders can be placed at any time and can be picked up after services on Sunday.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



The Autumn of the Year

By Kay Hoffman

The birds are flying south again
In places far and near.
Then we know without a doubt
It's the Autumn of the year.



The trees have donned their finest robes
Of dazzling red and gold;
On hillsides near the Master's touch
Is splendid to behold.

I walk along a woodland path
Midst leaves in colors bright
And marvel how God paints each leaf
To bring this sheer delight.

The sky above of azure hue,
The maple's scarlet flame,
Oak trees are dressed in brightest shades
Along the country lane.

It's on these days I like to roam
'Mid scenes of warm, bright cheer . . .
When God takes me by the hand
In the Autumn of the year.

October

By George R. Kossik

The leaves were bright and beautiful
With hues of gold and flame;
October decked the hills and vales
With glory when she came.
At close of day when sunset shone
Above the furthest hill,
The sight was such that I would stare
In contemplation still.
Serene with splendor, beauty bright!
Yet, soon the leaves would fall.
But in my heart I'll ne'er forget—
The wonder of it all.

BEFORE YOU SPEAK:

T H I N K

- T = Is it True?
- H = Is it Helpful?
- I = Is it Inspiring?
- N = Is it Necessary?
- K = Is it Kind?

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



RECIPE



Apple Pound Cake

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 cups oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 cups flour

- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 2 cups finely chopped, diced, peeled apples
- confectioner's sugar

DIRECTIONS:

1. Mix together oil, sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Beat well.
2. Mix together flour, baking soda, and salt. Gradually add to wet ingredients.
3. Fold in nuts and apples.
4. Pour into greased and floured bundt pan.
5. Bake at 325 degrees for 80 minutes. Allow to cool slightly and then remove from pan.
6. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar. Cool completely before cutting. Makes 15-20 servings.

Selected from "Mennonite Recipes from the Shenandoah Valley"



These Things He Hath Promised

By Beverly J. Anderson

The Lord did not promise
All days would be bright,
Or promise we'd never
Shed tears in the night.
For life is a mixture
Of sunshine and rain,
Of happy times, laughter,
Of sorrow and pain.
He did promise always
He'd stay by our side
And never forsake us,
Whatever betide.

He promised His grace for
Each trial and task,
His strength in our weakness —
We have but to ask;
His tender forgiveness,
New life from above,
His peace beyond measure,
His undying love.
These things He hath promised,
These things He imparts
To all who will trust Him
With faith in their hearts.

For the Lord's word is true;
all His works are trustworthy.
—Psalm 33:4



Cody Lee Leatherman

September 19, 2018

Congratulations to Jessie & Brandon Leatherman, Harp Hill Road, on the birth of their son, third child, Cody Lee Leatherman. Born on September 19, 2018, 6 pounds 14 ounces, 20 inches long. Big sisters are Cheyenne and Shelby. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Joann Leatherman.

OCTOBER is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen. It is the distant hills once more in sight, and the enduring constellations above them once again.
—Hal Borland

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Way . . .

By Hope C. Oberhelman

I looked for hope and did not find it;
I looked for faith and could not pray-
I looked for joy and just felt sadness;
I looked for God and found the way!



Message from the Pastor and Worship in October

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Salem Church acknowledges the community for your great support of our annual Lord's Acre Festival and the Wolfsville/Myersville Community CROP Walk.

The weather was bad for both events yet the community came out to support them. Thank you very much!

We welcome you to attend our Community Harvest Festival, October 20th, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Salem's pavilion.

The event will include food, games, costume judging, and Trunk or Treat. Please see page 5 of this newsletter for additional details.

Also, please visit our website at www.salemchurchwolfsville.org which provides information on all the ministries, activities, and events happening here at Salem.

I hope you are having a great start to the Autumn Season. God Bless.

—Pastor Bob

Our sermon series "God's Help in Time of Need" continues in October. We trust the following message topics will be meaningful to you.

October 7

"Comfort in Time of Sorrow"

Romans 8:22-26

Romans 8:26 - "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."

Our loved one dies and we are filled with sorrow. Other crises sometimes leave us filled with grief.

We know that going to God in prayer helps at these times, but we are so filled with sorrow and grief that sometimes we don't know what to pray for or even how to start.



But God reassures us of his compassionate love and care.

God faithfully finds us where we're at and prays for us when we can't. In our times of sorrow, when we can't hold ourselves up, God carries us.

October 14

"Relief in Time of Suffering"

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

2 Corinthians 12:9a - "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'"

There are times of physical, mental, and emotional suffering in our lives.

Sometimes we take our health for granted until it is diminished or taken from us. The pain we suffer can be great and extend over a long period of time.

The Apostle Paul shared that he suffered "with a thorn in his flesh." Many have speculated what it was. Whatever it was, Paul received our Lord's reassurance in his time of need.

God told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you." In our times of suffering, we are sustained by God's love sufficiently acting in us for our good.

October 21

"Guidance in Time of Decision"

Proverbs 3:1-20

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

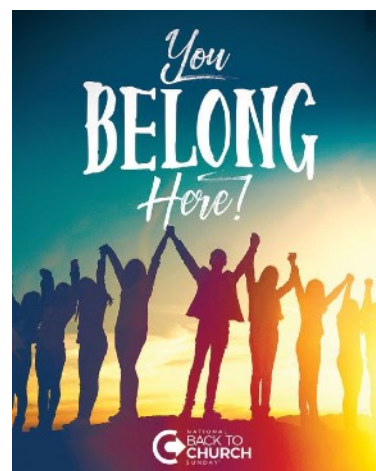


And Romans 1:5 tells us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

In these verses, God tells us to acknowledge his ability to help us like no other, to go to him and ask for help, and to trust in his wisdom in times of decision.

Our first inclination may not be the best for ourselves and those affected by our decisions.

Many times we make a better decision when we seek God who is generous in his help to us.



September 8, 2018

Scenes from Lord's Acre 2018



Photos by Marilyn Leatherman & Wanda Barkdoll



Children's Choir "Adult Volunteer Assistant" Needed

The Children's Choir Director, Sara Weitzel, is in need of an adult volunteer assistant to primarily help with the children during rehearsals and, if possible, their performances.

Currently the Children's Choir performs two times per year, at Easter and Christmas. So the volunteer would need to be present during rehearsals on

Sunday mornings, 4 to 6 weeks leading up to Easter morning and Christmas Eve. On Sundays, the rehearsals start at 10:50 a.m. which is during the last 10 - 15 minutes of the Sunday School hour. No prep work or musical ability is required.

If you are interested, please contact Sara Weitzel, 240-409-1241, or Pastor Bob, 240-385-6833, if you are able to serve.

CROP Hunger Walk cancelled due to rain

■ By Fonda Gormer

The annual Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk, scheduled for September 23, was cancelled due to rainy conditions.

Persons who planned to walk were encouraged to collect their pledges and turn them in to their coordinators as usual. A final report on participants and funds raised for hunger and disaster relief will appear in a later newsletter.

A rain date is not planned for this event due to the numerous area events that take place in the fall season.

Community Women's Retreat will be held Friday through Sunday, October 26-28 at Ole Mink Farm Recreational Resort. Theme: Is Prayer Your Steering Wheel or Your Spare Tire? Please see the flyer on the church bulletin board for details. Contact: Debbie Irons, 301-271-7012.

Sunday School Classes

Every Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.



Children, Infant to 4 years

Teacher: *Caroline Buhrman*

Children, Grades K to 2

Teachers: *Michael & Jennifer Burrier*

Children, Grades 3 to 5

Teachers: *Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton*

Youth, Grades 6 to 12

Teacher: *Fonda Gormer*

Young Adult Class

Teacher: *Denny Leatherman*

Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles

Teacher: *Bill Burrier*

Men's Class

Teachers: *George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman*

Women's Class

Teachers: *Mary Cline & Darlene Burrier*

Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. —Mark 16:15 New International Version (NIV)

Heavenly Humor



A BOY started to act up during church worship. His parents did their best to quiet him but were losing the battle. Finally the father picked up his son and walked sternly down the aisle to the back of the sanctuary. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the boy called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

Submitted by Dennis Draper

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

To forgive is to set the prisoner free, and then discover the prisoner was you.

You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.

Some marriages are made in heaven, but all have to be maintained on earth . . .

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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