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**200** YEARS  
of ministry in Wolfsville  
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Salem youth and adults recently joined more than 4,000 others at the ROCK Youth Retreat, sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, at the Ocean City Convention Center in Ocean City, Maryland, February 8 through 10, 2019.



On the way to Ocean City for ROCK, the group, for many years, enjoyed lunch at a Taco Bell on Route 50 after crossing the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. This year, lunch was at Chick-fil-A, Kent Island, Eastern Shore. The tradition of hiding a penny in the restaurant to see if it is still there next year, continues. The group stayed at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, where they occupied seven rooms. At the convention center, the group enjoyed sessions on Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday night and Sunday morning for worship. For the fifth year, our youth and adults helped serve Holy Communion to the more than 4,000 attendees. On February 17, the Sunday after ROCK, it was Youth Sunday at Salem, where our youth presented their testimony at both the 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services, expressing what they learned at ROCK.



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**Salem Membership Statistics:**  
Current Membership: 239  
2019 New Members: 0

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

**Salem Website:**  
www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

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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.

**Go**  **2019 MISSION PROJECTS** **2019 Goal**

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission .....	\$2,460
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) .....	45
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs) .....	1,180
4. Wolfsville Elementary School PTA - “All Pro Families Breakfast” .....	900
5. Wolfsville Community Food Pantry at Salem .....	1,180
6. Mary E. (AIM - France) .....	1,320
7. United Methodist Board of Child Care Christmas Offering .....	750
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) .....	300
9. Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes .....	300
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) .....	780
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick .....	600
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
<b>TOTAL GOAL for 2019 .....</b>	<b>\$15,191</b>

**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**

*Mission Project No. 11*  
**CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER**  
Dear Salem United Methodist Church:  
Thank you for giving to Care Net Frederick! Our theme for this year is IMAGO DEI, the Image of God, taken from Genesis 1:27. Over the past few weeks we have seen an intentional assault on the value of life in the womb; life that God created in His own image. This assault on the vulnerable life in the womb, and on the Truth of the Word of God has been heartbreaking to witness. However, it has also reinforced the vision and mission of this center. We are committed to sharing with our clients that each soul is eternal and of infinite worth to our God. Your financial support helps to ensure that this center is open to serve our clients with hope and compassion.  
Blessings,  
*Linda King*, Executive Director



**OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday</b>
7am - 1 pm    Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church)	6-7 am        Devotions (at home)
6 - 7 pm        Bible Study (at church)	9 am - Noon    Parsonage Office
	Noon - 1 pm    Lunch
	1-5 pm        Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office
<b>Monday (day off)</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
6-7 am        Devotions (at home)	7-9 am        Final touches on Sunday’s sermon (at home)
9-11 am        Planning Time (at home)	
5-6 pm        Hero’s Club (at church)	

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.

More about the . . .

## ROCK Youth Retreat *in* Ocean City

youth retreat  
**ROCK**

Youth Ministries of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church." (16:18). For the last 25 years, thousands of youth and their leaders have gathered from the Baltimore-Washington Conference for a weekend retreat that's all about experiencing God's love and what being a "rock for Christ" means.



Josh, Noah, Chris, Maria and Wanda get a selfie with ROCK's featured speaker, Ben Glenn, The Chalkguy.




Nic Gonzales, lead singer of the Christian band, Salvador, poses for a photo with Valentina at ROCK.

### Youth Sunday at Salem — February 17, 2019



Attending ROCK this year from Salem were: Joshua, Paul, Noah, Katie, Diana, Sarah, Emily, Loralli, Emma, Camilo, Chris, Valentina, Maria, Kathy, Donna, Sue Ellen, Laura, Liz, Bob, Dennis, and Wanda. (not all pictured above)



January 2019

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		Worship*		Sunday School		Average Attendance			
						Worship	Sunday School		
Jan	6	-	74	\$2,065.00	48	\$312.00	Jan	68	45
Jan	13	-	43	1,831.00	31	61.50	Dec	83	55
Jan	20	-	68	2,198.50	48	51.00	Nov	79	48
Jan	27	-	87	2,101.00	53	127.00	Oct	84	52
							Sept	80	49

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,130.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$180.00

- Building Fund: \$560.00
- Building Addition: \$100.00

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

**Average Attendance Jan 2019**

Sunday Worship: 68

Sunday School: 45

Salem Mission Project No. 1

## Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer

Dear Folks at Salem Church:  
February 1, 2019

I am sorry it has been so long since we have written. We want to thank you sincerely for your continued financial and prayer support for us. That means so very much to us.

We both had nasty colds a few weeks ago that lasted a while. Otherwise, we have been doing pretty well health wise. My (Frank's) doctor has been watching my blood pressure. I've resisted starting on medication, but I may need to if other steps I'm taking don't work.

Nancy visited a number of widows over the last few months. Often, she & Rebecca went together while Rebecca was here. Nancy plans to continue those visits. She still helps in the church nursery and she folds and puts together in sizes, hundreds of plastic bags for the Rescue Mission's thrift store. The ladies who work there really appreciate her doing that.

Frank continues to be bookkeeper/treasurer at our home church and he prepares a weekly prayer request list and announcements for the church bulletin, and he helps with other things for the church each week. He serves on the board of the church.

Frank also helps at least one day a week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission answering the phone, talking with men who are in the program for residents to help them get back onto their feet. Some of the men know the Lord when they

come there but have made bad decisions and need spiritual and other help. Others who enter the 13-month program do not yet know the Lord as Savior when they come. It is encouraging to see lives completely changed through the ministry of the Rescue Mission. Many men, women, & children in the area come for a noon meal and for evening meals. Mission staff have a devotional for everyone at noon and area churches have a service before the evening meal. With the bitter cold we've had lately, there is usually a maximum number of men there to spend nights.

As far as our children, Lynn & Wanda (Harney) both continue to serve at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission, Eric & Wendy have returned to Senegal and are back in the village to resume their ministry of teaching the Bible to the Badyaranké people. Rebecca also returned to her ministry among the Badyaranké people, teaching them to read in their own language, helping them to read Scripture portions that have been translated into their language, and visiting throughout the village. We certainly miss our "kids" after being here in the U.S. for those months. Gary, Lisa, & family continue to serve at the New Tribes Mission retirement center for missionaries in Florida doing grounds keeping, cooking, interacting with the retired missionaries, etc. They were here with us for a week in December.

## 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.



# March

# Calendar of Events



- Sun 3 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship  
**Wed 6 Ash Wednesday** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Thu 7 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Thu 7 UMW "Bee-lievers"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Sat 9 Game & Puzzle Night** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Thu 14 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Sat 23 Ping-Pong Tournament** - 6:00 p.m. meal, 7:00 p.m. tournament play at Salem

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

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday, April 7 - **Roller Skating Party**, 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Starland, Hagerstown

## Newsletter Distribution

- 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.
- 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.
- First Class Mail** — We are mailing up to 30 copies, using the 55 cents First Class postage rate.



## Family & Friends Game & Puzzle Night set for Saturday, March 9

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Salem invites you and your family and friends for an evening of fun with board games, card games and jigsaw puzzles.

Come and join us for an evening of fellowship. Please bring your favorite board game or card game to share and teach how it is played. Or bring a favorite puzzle and see how quickly it can be put together.

All ages are invited from the youngest of youth to adults.

Plan to meet in the church social hall around 7:00 p.m.

Drinks will be provided for the evening. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

## Salem Iron Men

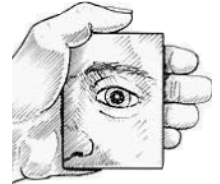
■ By Bill Weaver

### Man in the Mirror

In the book of James, he warns us not to look in the mirror and then forget what we see. Can you imagine heading off to work one morning in the same disheveled state you arose from?

"Those who hear (God's Word) and don't act are like those who glance in a mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like. But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God . . . that person will find delight and affirmation in the

action." *James 1:23-25*  
(*The Message Bible*)



Here is the Salem Iron Men schedule for March:

- Sun Mar 10 - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun Mar 24 - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

I trust you will join us on the second and fourth Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. for fellowship, study and reflection.

We meet in the church sanctuary and would love to have you join us.

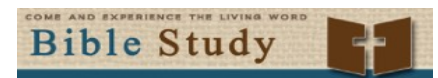
## Women's Bible Study

■ By Debbie Irons

### Living in God's Courage

The Women's Bible Study continues on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. at Salem. We are studying the Sarah Young Jesus calling series.

The Jesus Calling series is a collection of personal reflections based on Jesus' own



words of hope, guidance, and peace found in the Scriptures.

We invite you to join us in fellowship and experience a deeper relationship with the Lord as we study His word.

For more information, you may contact me at 301-271-7012

## Save the Date

### Anniversary Celebration set for July 28th

Salem's Church Council has begun making preliminary plans for the 200th Anniversary Celebration to be held Sunday, July 28, 2019.

On that day, there will be morning worship and Sunday School; an afternoon celebration which will focus on the church's early history and past youth ministries; and an evening Ice Cream Social with a catered meal.

Invitations will be sent to former pastors, community leaders, and neighboring church congregations. More details later.

# Who's Doing What, When?

## MARCH

### 9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<b>Lay Readers</b> 3 - Fonda Gormer 10 - Dennis Draper 17 - Steve Leatherman 24 - Wanda Barkdoll 31 - Jennifer Gormer	<b>Ushers</b> 3 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 10 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 17 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 24 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 31 - Dennis Draper & Bill Buhrman	<b>Music</b> 3 - Sara Weitzel 10 - Praise Band 17 - Sara Weitzel 24 - Sara Weitzel 31 - Susan Koons
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<b>Greeters</b> 3 - Amy & Paul McCormick 10 - Jennifer Gormer 17 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 24 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman & Family 31 - Joy Barkdoll	<b>Acolytes</b> 3 - Loralli Snyder 10 - Patrick Waite 17 - Noah Taveras 24 - Valentina Barkdoll 31 - Loralli Snyder
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### 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.	<b>Music</b> Mar 10 - Works in Progress Praise Band Mar 24 - Works in Progress Praise Band
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## It's Your Day!

### March Anniversaries

- 8 - Monty & Phyllis Beall
- 18 - Sam & Jane Zimmerman

### March Birthdays

- 5 - Sarah Haddock
- 5 - Richard Harshman
- 6 - Jane Zimmerman
- 7 - Joshua Koons
- 8 - Madison Elsbach
- 11 - Dawn Nelson
- 12 - Jennifer Harne
- 13 - Joshua Gormer
- 14 - Donna Snyder
- 15 - Vicki Robinson
- 16 - Ken Poling
- 17 - Audrey Tolland
- 19 - Bobby Doyle
- 24 - Allison Adams
- 24 - Pastor Bob Snyder
- 28 - Shelby Leatherman



### "Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament set for Saturday, March 23

By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Get your paddles ready! It's time again for another "Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament at Salem on Saturday, March 23, 2019.

Come and join us for a light meal and an evening of fun and fellowship. All ages are invited from youth to adults.

We will begin the meal around 6:00 p.m. and start tournament play around 7:00 p.m. Please bring a dessert or snack to share.

Invite your friends for a meal, great fun and just some time to enjoy each other's company, and have a little fun while doing so. Hope to see you there!

Pick Up Your  
 Soup & Sandwich Order  
 Saturday, March 2 4-6 p.m.  
 Sunday, March 3 after services  
 • Payment Due at Pick Up •

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

### Holy Communion

Sunday  
 March 10, 2019

9:00 a.m. and  
 11:15 a.m.

(Second Sunday this month rather than first)

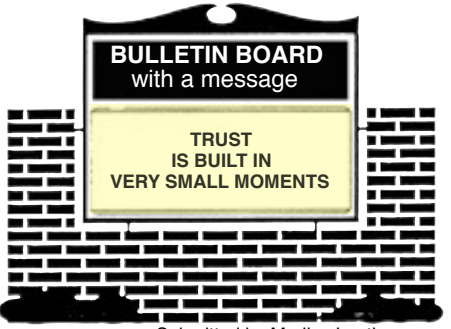


### Sticky Buns & Apple Pies For Sale

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



### No Prayer Goes Unheard

By Helen Steiner Rice

Often we pause and wonder  
 When we kneel down to pray-  
 Can God really hear  
 The prayers that we say . . .  
 But if we keep praying  
 And talking to Him,  
 He'll brighten the soul  
 That was clouded and dim.  
 And as we continue  
 Our burden seems lighter,  
 Our sorrow is softened  
 And our outlook is brighter.  
 For though we feel helpless  
 And alone when we start  
 Our prayer is the key  
 That opens the heart.  
 And as our heart opens  
 The dear Lord comes in  
 And the prayer that we felt  
 We could never begin.  
 Is so easy to say  
 For the Lord understands,  
 And gives us new strength  
 By the touch of His hands.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

### St. Patrick's Breastplate

(An excerpt from the famous prayer attributed to St. Patrick - patron Saint of Ireland)

Christ with me, Christ before me,  
 Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
 Christ when I lie down,  
 Christ when I sit down,  
 Christ when I arise,  
 Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
 Christ in every eye that sees me,  
 Christ in every ear that hears me.



When the Apostle Paul referred to putting on the "Armor of God" in his letter to the Ephesians (6:11) to fight sin and evil inclinations, he could have been thinking of prayers just like this one! We may not wear combat gear in our daily lives, but St. Patrick's Breastplate can function as divine armor for protection against spiritual adversity.



## RECIPE



### Chewy Chocolate Cookies

**INGREDIENTS:**

- |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 3 cups confectioners' sugar          | 2 large eggs                                |
| 3/4 cup Dutch-processed cocoa powder | 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract             |
| 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt             | 1 cup walnuts, chopped                      |
|                                      | 1/2 cup bittersweet or dark chocolate chips |

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper and lightly coat with cooking spray.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the sugar, cocoa powder and salt. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs and vanilla. Add the sugar mixture and mix to combine; fold in the walnuts and chocolate chips.
3. Spoon the batter (about 1 1/2 tablespoons per cookie) onto the prepared baking sheets, spacing them 2 inches apart. Bake, rotating the position of the pans once, until the cookies are puffed and the tops begin to crack, 12 to 14 minutes. Let the cookies cool on the baking sheets for 5 minutes, then slide the parchment and cookies to wire racks to cool completely. Makes 18 cookies.

Submitted by Caroline Buhman who made this for the Bee-lievers recipe exchange.



Salem Mission Project No. 10

### The Least of These Ministries Dominican Republic

Dear Friends at Salem Church:

After Moses died, Joshua was the man God chose to take the Israelites into the Promised Land. In the first chapter of Joshua, we read the encouraging words the Lord gave Joshua to encourage him as he embarked on this new assignment. He is told several times to "be strong and courageous."



This month, we have a new staff member in Barahona, Wilton Gomez, who is leading us on a new journey in the bateys.

Wilton will be working with pastors in the bateys to develop ministries and programs intended to lead more people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and strengthen the Christian churches in the bateys.

Please pray with us for him to have strength and courage as he begins this work, and to know that God is always with him.

Thank you for adding us to your supported ministries in 2019. We appreciate the support. God bless you.

We greatly appreciate you for helping us in the work being done in the Dominican Republic.

In Christ alone,  
 Marty Hogan, Executive Director  
 Westminster, Maryland



## Message from the Pastor and Worship in March

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

**L**ent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Please plan to attend Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. At the start of Lent it is wise to humble ourselves before God, reflect on our own mortality, and claim the truth that even though we die, we will die in Christ and live on.

During Lent this year, we'll be engaging in a sermon series called "A Life of Faith." Each of the Sundays of Lent will deal with a different aspect of living a life of faith. Themes for March are summarized below.

Beyond worship, many things are happening at Salem this month. Please read through this edition of *The Mountain Shepherd* to stay informed and actively participate in the life of our church family at Salem. As we spend time with and bless others, God blesses us.

Journeying with you, —Pastor Bob

### March 3 Transfiguration Sunday "Jesus Was Transfigured"

**Luke 9:28-36**

**Worship Leader – Mike Burrier**

Luke 9:29 – "As he [Jesus] was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning."

Sometimes extra-ordinary things happened in the life of Jesus. This was one of them. On a mountainside, witnessed by his disciples, Peter, John, and James, God publicly and convincingly witnessed that Jesus was his Son. God himself commanded the three, "listen to him," referring to Jesus. In what life situations or experiences, has God been saying to you, "listen to him," referring to Jesus? In the rush of life we need to find quiet time to observe God and listen to the love and care he's trying to give to us."

### March 6 Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m. at Salem

### March 10 First Sunday in Lent Holy Communion A Life of Faith Sermon Series "Believe in God" Romans 10:1-13

Romans 10:9 – "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Our relationship with God begins with God reaching out to us in love and inviting us into relationship.

At some point, with God's help, we say "yes" to God. "Yes, I believe in you and in your Son, Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection for me, and 'yes,' I claim you as my Lord and Savior and want to have a relationship with you." Even confessing "I believe" requires God's help.

The good news is that God willingly gives us the help we need to believe, to trust, and to live in Christ. God asks each of us, "Do you believe?"

### March 17 Second Sunday in Lent A Life of Faith Sermon Series "Strive to Become More Like Jesus" 1 John 2:1-6

1 John 2:6 – "Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did."

What Would Jesus Do? It's a good question for us to ask ourselves to guide our thoughts, words, and actions at all times and places. Jesus came not just to die for us but also to live for us, that his life, the way he lived it, might be an example for us in living our lives.

Striving to live as Jesus lived is an act of respect and obedience to God and

living as Jesus lived enables us to experience the fullness, meaning, and joy of living that God has always desired for us. God says to us, "Live the way Jesus lived."

### March 24 Third Sunday in Lent A Life of Faith Sermon Series "Build a Personal Relationship with God"

#### Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Deuteronomy 6:4 – "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." A wise man taught, "Love is spelled 'TIME.'" It's true, when we truly love someone we want very much to spend time with them.

How much dedicated time do we spend with God. Is God our first thought in the morning and or last at night? Do we commit dedicated time to God in prayer and Bible study each day? Do we go to God frequently throughout the day to thank him and consult him? Deuteronomy 6:4 is known as the Shema, considered to be one of the most valued verses in Scripture. "How much time are we spending loving God?"

### March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent A Life of Faith Sermon Series "Trust God" Proverbs 3:1-10

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

In living our daily lives who do we rely upon? Mostly ourselves? Perhaps a loved one? God tells us, "Trust first in me." How often we rush headlong into situations, trying to rely on ourselves and leaving God behind. When we're fortunate, we catch ourselves and return to trusting in God. But all too often, we continue to go it alone and stumble and sometimes fall hard.

And we can be stubborn, trying to go it alone over and over again. God says, "There's an easier way. Come to me, involve me in your life, and trust in me." When we involve the Lord in our life situations, we're bringing to bear the most powerful force in the universe. "Who do you put your trust in?"



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## History of Salem United Methodist Church

## Part 4 — A Tomb with a View

CELEBRATING  
200 YEARS  
of ministry in Wolfsville

■ By Fonda Gormer

### The Origin of Salem Cemetery

So why is Salem's cemetery not next to the church building like most other churches? It's all because of John Hoover Jr. and his wife Susan!

This couple lived in the area at the base of what is currently our cemetery driveway off Brandenburg Hollow Road.

According to one anecdote, John and Susan were getting up in years. One day while walking about their farm, they came upon a large tree standing on a hillside overlooking the valley below.

One of them suggested that it would be a nice place to be buried. They promised each other that the one who died first should be buried in the shade of that tree.

So it happened that Susan, and then John, were the first persons to be buried in the cemetery that is now Salem's. The simple stones still stand, though the tree is long gone. The tombstones read: John Hoover 1753-1824 and Susan Hoover 1753-1823. The view from their grave sites is still a good one!

It is interesting to note, however, that the information on their stones appear to be incorrect.

John Hoover died December 12, 1822. This is supported by Christian Newcomer's diary noting that he attended old John Huber's funeral on Sunday, December 15, 1822. John's will was probated January 13, 1823, in Frederick County. The first Salem membership book gives his death as 1822.

As for Susan, she had apparently died before January 22, 1822, when John wrote his will, as no mention is made of a wife in his will.

The only person from the membership book that fits her description is "Elizabeth Hoover," who died June 1817, age 54.

The tombstones for this couple were probably not carved at the times of their deaths, as both are the same style, and the family gave their best guess as to dates.

This was the beginning of the Hoover family cemetery. Other family members were soon buried there too. The names on



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The view from the Hoover Family grave sites, looking toward Wolfsville, is still a good one.

many of the stones nearby are the same as those in Salem's early membership book.

### Cemetery Land Deeded to Salem

On January 13, 1854, John Hoover III deeded a parcel of ground to the trustees of Salem Church. Another parcel was deeded to the trustees on May 6, 1876, by his son, Samuel Hoover. A third parcel was conveyed by John W. Hoover on March 26, 1894.

Trustee minutes regarding this transaction stated that "providing the church exchange the old lane to the burying ground for a new one to intersect the southwest corner of the piece of ground to be bought, J. W. Hoover will sell the trustees ¼ acre of land for \$13.75 with one burying lot 18' by 20' excepted, and J. W. Hoover will donate the odd \$3.75 toward fencing the burying ground."

Basically, Hoover donated the land and fencing in return for his \$10 family burial plot. The "locked wire fence" was erected around the cemetery in 1897, by George D. Routzahn.

These three parcels make up the

oldest portion of the graveyard, and lie on the north side of the cemetery, the section outside the driveway circle, toward the Wolfsville Ruritan Park.

George Noah Delauter deeded another parcel to the trustees on June 22, 1921, for \$300. By September 15, 1930, when the Salem Cemetery of Wolfsville was incorporated, these parcels totaled 1.27 acres, more or less.

Trustee minutes from April 1945 noted that a piece of ground was purchased from Tenneson Hoover for \$50 to straighten out the graveyard, and they would work "to fence it up."

In the older portion of the cemetery, near where the center drive intersects the outer oval, are two neat rows of tombstones, some with readable inscriptions, some without. These stones, for the early members of the Maugans family, were moved from the old Conrad Maugans farmstead at the intersection of Harp Hill Road and Woodland Way Road after the property was sold in 1974. Only

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the tombstones from the family cemetery on the property were moved to Salem's cemetery. The bodies were not exhumed. Conrad Maugans and his family had been neighbors of John Hoover III.

Over the years, as more of Salem's members were interred in the old "burying ground", the church began to run out of space for grave sites. Brush-filled area around the edges were cleared to create a bit more room, but the cemetery became so full that new lots were not available for sale.

In 2006, when part of the old Hoover homestead at the corner of Stottlemeyer and Brandenburg Hollow Roads was sold, 3.76 acres adjoining Salem's cemetery were purchased to create cemetery section #2. A "fence" of trees was planted to separate the cemetery from the surrounding houses being built. Part of this addition, 1.76 acres, has been developed for burial lots, which are now available for sale to Salem members.

With Salem's cemetery established, and its growing membership class meeting at the Hoover house and barn, the congregation was in need of a house of worship.

In the April issue of *The Mountain Shepherd*, we will take a look at how Salem's church building evolved.

### Turbulence on the Plane

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and began experiencing turbulence. One nervous passenger happened to be sitting next to a minister and turned to him for comfort.

"Can't you do something?" she asked.

"I'm sorry, ma'am," he replied gently, "but I'm in sales, not management."  
— Submitted by Dennis Draper

### How Big is God

A boy asked his Dad, "Dad, how big is God?"

Looking up at the sky his father saw an airplane and asked his son, "How big is that airplane?"

The boy responded, "It's small, Dad! You can hardly even see it!"

Then the father took his son to an airport hanger. Standing in front of one of the airplanes, the father asked, "And now, how big is the airplane?"

The boy responded, "Oh Daddy, this plane is enormous."

At this point, the father said to him, "That's how it is with God. How big he is depends on the distance between you and Him. The closer you are to him, the bigger he is in your life!"  
— Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

### Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Life is 10% of what happens to you and 90% of how you react.

Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best.

Man says, "Show me, and I'll trust you."  
God says, "Trust me and I'll show you."

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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