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Salem to present "The Last Supper" on Holy Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.



March 29, 2018

Last year's portrayal of "The Last Supper" — From left, Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Patrick Boyton (Bartholomew), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Richard Harshman (Judas), Dennis Draper (Peter), Robin Haupt (John), Jim Laky (Jesus), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), Steve Leatherman (Matthew), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

The Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville, will present a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper," on Holy Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Church members will attempt to duplicate the look and feel of da Vinci's famous painting, where he chose what he considered to be the most dramatic moment of The Last Supper, that moment just after Jesus said, "One of you will betray me."

Instantly, the 12 apostles became men of 12 different moods. The only composed person was Jesus himself. In the excitement, Judas overturned the container of salt... and Peter drew his knife. Some of the apostles just stared at Jesus in amazement... some just looked at each other in disbelief.

At the beginning of the service, the apostles will move up the main aisle, take their places at the table, and casually mingle.

Jesus will then proceed up the aisle and take His place at the table. Once Jesus takes his place, Jesus and the apostles will go into a



Leonardo da Vinci (Italian, 1452-1519)
 Last Supper (1495-98)

motionless pose like the ones in the painting. Each will come out of their pose only to speak.

In turn, the 12 apostles speak their minds to themselves, to each other, and to Jesus. They are reflecting on the tragic words which they had just heard Jesus speak. Those words being, "One of you will betray me." Each end their dialog with the dramatic words "Is it I"?

Holy Communion will be served, first to the apostles, then to the congregation. Everyone is invited to attend.



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

Salem Physical Facilities:
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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.

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 |
| TOTAL GOAL for 2019 | \$15,191 |

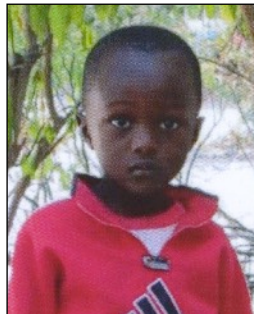
Here's how you can give . . .

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. 12 & 14

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 | Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday |
| 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 |
| Monday (day off) | Saturday |
| 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.

JOIN US *for* HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 14

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
 Sermon: "Trust God"
 Scripture: Proverbs 3:1-10

Holy Thursday, April 18

7:00 p.m.
 Holy Communion
 "The Last Supper" by Salem members

Good Friday, April 19

7:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir
 "Good Friday Worship"

Holy Saturday, April 20

12 Noon to 12 Midnight
 Prayer Vigil

Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 20

2:00 p.m. at Salem
 Refreshments following the egg hunt

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 21

Community Sunrise Service
 6:30 a.m.
 Pleasant Walk United Methodist Church
 11240 Pleasant Walk Road
 Refreshments by Wolfsville Ruritan Club

Sunday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Worship (traditional)
 11:15 a.m. Worship (contemporary)
 Holy Communion
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (**No Classes**)
 Children's Program
 Children's Choir & Recitations in sanctuary

*Easter Sunday
 Worship*

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



Salem United Methodist Church Annual Easter Egg Hunt

For ages 12 and under

**Saturday
 April 20, 2019 2:00 p.m.**



Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the Easter Egg Hunt.

Volunteers are needed at 1:00 p.m. to hide eggs.

For more information contact Caroline Buhrman 301-293-2069

Community Sunrise Service at Pleasant Walk United Methodist



April 21, 2019

This year, the Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Pleasant Walk United Methodist Church, 11240 Pleasant Walk Road, at 6:30 a.m. The Wolfsville Ruritan Club will serve refreshments following the service. This service is rotated among 6 area churches.

- 2019 - Pleasant Walk United Methodist
- 2020 - Garfield United Methodist
- 2021 - St. John's Lutheran
- 2022 - Salem United Methodist
- 2023 - St. Mark's Lutheran
- 2024 - Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

Children's Choir to sing on Easter Sunday

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

INVITING ALL CHILDREN

The Children's Choir will be performing on Easter Sunday morning.

Practices will be held on Sunday, March 31, April 7, and April 14, during the last 15 minutes of the Sunday school hour (10:45-11:00 a.m.) in the social hall by the piano.

There will also be a dress rehearsal in the sanctuary on Saturday, April 20, at 1:15 p.m., before the Easter Egg hunt.

We appreciate Michele Kline saying "yes" to lead the choir this Easter, and we appreciate Sara Weitzel's great job leading the choir for the last several Christmas Eve and Easter performances. Thank you!

HERO'S CLUB bulletin board for the Easter season Take a close look in Salem's Social Room



By Liz Waite, Hero's Club Director

Hero's Club at Salem

Hero's Club is a Biblically-centered after school ministry for students in kindergarten through 5th grade. Hero's Club meets every Monday afternoon when Frederick County has school, from school dismissal to 5:30 p.m. Activities focus on trust, courage, forgiveness, obedience and love through the eyes of our Biblical heroes. Students will move between snack time, play time, a Bible story and activity, and homework time.

Attendance Offerings

February 2019

| | | Worship* | | Sunday School | |
|-----|----|----------|------------|---------------|----------|
| Feb | 3 | 91 | \$2,550.42 | 58 | \$430.00 |
| Feb | 10 | 91 | 1,671.50 | 41 | 116.00 |
| Feb | 17 | 97 | 2,880.00 | 57 | 156.50 |
| Feb | 24 | 104 | 1,973.50 | 62 | 73.00 |

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

| Average Attendance | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| | Worship | Sunday School |
| Feb | 96 | 55 |
| Jan | 68 | 45 |
| Dec | 83 | 55 |
| Nov | 79 | 48 |
| Oct | 84 | 52 |

Average Attendance Jan-Feb 2019

Sunday Worship: 82
Sunday School: 50

- Missions: \$1,135.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$180.00
 - Building Fund: \$385.00
 - Building Addition: \$100.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*



BUILDING COMMITTEE

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Melissa Thornton (Chair) | Fonda Gorner | Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer |
| Michael Burrier (Secretary) | Kathy Laky | Denny Leatherman |
| Gary Barkdoll | Anita Harshman | Vernon Stottlemeyer (Ex Officio) |
| George Harne | Bob Snyder (Pastor) | Bill Burrier (Ex Officio) |

By Melissa Thornton, Building Committee Chair

The building committee continues to explore the possibility of building an addition to Salem United Methodist Church in order to enhance our ministries.

Church Conference

In March, a Church Conference was held to formally approve our group as a building committee. This is a conference requirement.

Rev. Conrad Link, our District Superintendent, presided over the meeting. Sixteen members of Salem attended and the building committee was unanimously approved. Rev. Link was very supportive of our efforts.

Next Steps

The next steps for the committee are:

- to brief the District Committee on Building and Locations on our draft plan (which incorporates the congregation's survey feedback)

- hold a preliminary meeting with Frederick County to revisit and revise our original site plan (from several years ago)
- identify regulatory requirements and any necessary site work, get cost estimates from additional contractors, and identify funding options so we have gathered all of the information needed to make a presentation to the congregation for a vote on how to move forward.



Rev. Conrad Link
District Superintendent
presided at recent
Church Conference

Please continue to pray for God's direction, and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 301-508-7165, or mrthornton79@gmail.com.

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.

For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

—Hebrews 3:4 (ESV)



April

Calendar of Events



- Thu 4 **Board of Trustees meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 4 **UMW "Bee-lievers"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 7 **Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Sun 7 **Roller Skating Party** - 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Starland Skate Rink, Hagerstown
- Thu 11 **Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 14 **Palm Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Sun 14 **Senior's Appreciation Luncheon** - 12:30 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 14 **Salem Iron Men** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 18 **Holy Thursday "The Last Supper"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 19 **Good Friday Service** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 20 **Prayer Vigil** - 12 Noon to 12 Midnight
- Sat 20 **Community Easter Egg Hunt** - 2:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 21 **Community Easter Sunrise Service** - 6:30 a.m. at Pleasant Walk United Methodist
- Sun 21 **Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
- Sun 21 **Easter Children's Program** - 10:15 a.m. in sanctuary (no Sunday School classes)
- Mon 22 **Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner** - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve at Salem
- 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 7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Women's Bible Study - every WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.
 Praise Band practices every THURSDAY 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

NOTE: On Easter Sunday, there will be no Sunday School classes due to the Children's Program in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m.

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 55 cents First Class postage rate.



Tom takes a break to interact with the children.

Salem Mission Project No. 10

Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic



Photos from The Least of These Ministries Facebook page

Salem member Tom Marenic spent a week in the Dominican Republic, March 9-16, 2019, working with a mission team from "The Least of These Ministries", Westminster, MD, Salem Mission Project No. 10.

The planned project for the week took an unexpected turn. The mission team first worked to pour a footer, and rebar was set to build columns for a new stairway. Local officials stopped their construction, stating the structure was too close to the curb, despite having granted them approval the previous day. "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." —Proverbs 19:21

With that setback, the project changed. On Wednesday, the team began pouring concrete floors in six homes for residents of Batey Altagracia. They give God all the glory for things that have been accomplished, and trust in His providence and direction now and for the future!



Salem member Tom Marenic (right) works on a footer.



Mission team converts dirt floor to concrete in a home.

Who's Doing What, When?

APRIL

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

| | | |
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| Lay Readers 7 - Wanda Barkdoll 14 - Mary Cline 21 - Dennis Leatherman 28 - Robin Haupt | 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 |
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| Greeters 7 - Susan Gibson 14 - Andrea Palmer 21 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 28 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman | Acolytes 7 - Loralli Snyder 14 - Patrick Waite 21 - Valentina Barkdoll 28 - Valentina Barkdoll |
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11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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| An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer. | Music Apr 14 - Works in Progress Praise Band Apr 28 - Works in Progress Praise Band |
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It's Your Day!

April Anniversaries

- 2 - Clay Waite & Jennifer Gormer
- 2 - Bill & Darlene Burrier
- 10 - Michael & Jennifer Burrier
- 23 - George & Judith Harne
- 25 - Robert & Mary Cline

April Birthdays

- 1 - Travis Keller
- 4 - Joey Hawkins
- 4 - Paula Main
- 9 - Melanie Adams
- 9 - Sophie Wagaman
- 10 - Emily Stottlemeyer
- 11 - Philip Koons
- 11 - Annabelle Martin
- 11 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 12 - Charlotte Wisner
- 13 - Mason Crutchley
- 16 - Adam Stottlemeyer
- 17 - Delphine Zimmerman
- 17 - Judy Hamilton
- 18 - Dennis Leatherman
- 20 - Ali Robinson
- 22 - Richard Kline
- 23 - Craig Brown
- 24 - Jennifer Gormer
- 24 - Vernon Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Jase Wesley Haddock
- 29 - Karen DeLauter
- 30 - Payton Robinson



Family Skate Roller Skating Party set for April 7

Salem is hosting a Roller Skating Party on Sunday, April 7, 2019, 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Starland Skate Rink, 800 Park Road, Hagerstown.

This event is sponsored by Salem's Youth and Family Ministries.

Admission and skates are free.

Contact: Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, 301-293-1470.

Senior's Appreciation Luncheon

Salem's annual Senior's Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at 12:30 p.m. in the social room.

The youth group has planned a program with an Italian theme. All seniors, age 60 and older are invited.

Contact: Wanda Barkdoll, 301-416-0882.

Holy Communion

Sunday, April 7, 2019
and
Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

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

Sticky Buns & Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers," Anita Harshman is making sticky buns and pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12
- Apple Pie: \$10
- Cherry or Peach: \$11
- Raspberry, Blueberry or Blackberry: \$13

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 240-818-0126.

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BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

LIVE IN PEACE
NOT IN PIECES

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL
Reading

Look to the Cross

By Nettie R. Dance

My Savior was rejected and despised by men;
Yet I know they could not find any fault in Him.
They led Him to the cross and He never said a word.
The cries of lost sinners were all Jesus heard.

They nailed Him to the cross and pierced His side,
The precious blood streaming down from it.
Bought our salvation when He died,
It is finished is what Jesus cried.

Look to Jesus whose sacrifice can
Make you whole and free.
Keep your eyes on the cross and you
Will know the love of Calvary.

Oh, what love He showed for us
When He rescued us from sin on Calvary.

Look to the cross to the Lamb of God for when
Shedding His life's blood He paid our debt of sin,
Look to the cross never let your eyes roam
And it will lead you to your eternal home.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

A Prayer in Spring

By Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
To which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends he will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given



RECIPE



Chocolate Molasses Pan Cookies

INGREDIENTS:
1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup molasses
3/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 egg
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9 x 13-inch pan. In a saucepan, heat 1/2 cup of butter and 1/4 cup of molasses. Add 3/4 cup of brown sugar, firmly packed, and stir over low heat until sugar is melted. Remove from heat and let cool.

Beat 1 egg and add it to cooled molasses mixture. Sift together 1 cup of flour, 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda, and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Add sifted ingredients to molasses mixture. Stir in 6 ounces of semi-sweet chocolate chips and mix well. Spread batter over bottom of greased pan. Bake in 350-degree oven for 20 minutes. Remove and cool pan on rack. Cut into bars.



It's a Boy

Ralph Haupt Wright

March 19, 2019

Congratulations to Josh and Trista Wright, Roanoke, VA, on the birth of their second son, Ralph, born on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 6 lbs 11 oz, 19 in. long.

Big brother is Henry; maternal grandparents are Robin and Theresa Haupt, Wolfsville; maternal great-grandfather is Bill Shankle, Myersville.

The Miracles of Easter

By Helen Steiner Rice

The sleeping earth awakens,
The robins start to sing,
The flowers open wide their eyes
To tell us it is spring.

The bleakness of the winter
Is melted by the sun,
The tree that looked
so stark and dead
Becomes a living one...

These miracles of Easter,
Wrought with divine perfection,
Are the blessed reassurance
Of our Savior's Resurrection.

In Sympathy

Allen John Kline

December 29, 1958 - March 13, 2019

The Salem congregation extends sympathy to the family of Allen John Kline of Hanover, PA, who died at age 60, on March 13, 2019.

He was the husband of Terri Miller Kline. Allen attended Salem as a child and teenager, being mentored in the faith by Evelyn and Earl Grossnickle. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1979 to 1983. Funeral services were held at Salem on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, and burial was in the Salem cemetery.

Rev. Stewart Crank

June 5, 1943 - February 2, 2019

Former pastor at Salem, Rev. Stewart Crank, 75, died recently in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Rev. Crank served the Wolfsville Charge in 1974-75 on a part-time basis and was a building contractor in Hagerstown. After moving to North Carolina, he served churches in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church for 22 years, retiring in 2015.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in April

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Spring is here, we are in the Season of Lent, and that means Easter is approaching. I pray that we will use Lent this year to reflect with honesty on our relationship with God and others, confess any shortcomings, receive God's forgiveness and live into a restored and renewed relationship with God and those around us — what a wonderful thing to celebrate on Easter Sunday!

Please note all the Holy Week and Easter activities we are again offering at Salem this year, April 14-21. We'll be continuing our "A Life of Faith" sermon series through Easter Sunday. A summary of upcoming topics is provided below.

On the Sunday after Easter, we'll embark on a new Sermon Series, "Living as Resurrection People." Jesus' resurrection provides the hope we need to live active lives of faith, witness, and service. May each of you have a meaningful and joyous Lent and Easter. God Bless. —*Pastor Bob*

April 7 – Fifth Sunday in Lent Holy Communion "Commit to Being an Active Member of a Church Family" Acts 2:42-47

Acts 2:42 – "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

The church, referred to in this verse as the "fellowship," is not an invention of man. It was God who formed the church and then sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within us and empower us.

The church is not a building. The church is the collective body of all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The particular way God has chosen for us to live out our faith is to



do so within the church, the family of God. Acts 2:42-47 describes how local church families were meeting to worship, pray and support one another. Our Church family at Salem continues a tradition first established by God himself. When you and I actively participate in our church family, we are continuing a tradition that honors God and is good for us and all of society.

April 14 – Palm Sunday "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?"

April 21 – Easter Sunday "Strive to Live with Thankfulness and Joy"

Psalm 136

Psalm 136:1, 26 – "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever."

In this psalm, the believer counts 26 blessings repeating the refrain "His love endures forever" after each blessing. The words express the joy that is felt by the psalmist. When we take time to acknowledge and count our blessings, it lifts our spirits, puts things in perspective, and brings us joy.

Life's challenges can get very difficult sometimes. Counting our blessings provides the lift we need to help get through those times.

The psalmist seemed to know that each time he recited "His love endures forever," God was providing the love and strength that was needed.

April 28 "Take an Action" John 2:1-25

John 20:1 – "Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance."

Jesus teaches us that there are times when we must act in order to not stay stuck where we are.

Jesus' first miracle occurred when he changed water into wine at a wedding in Cana (John 2:1-25). He appears initially hesitate to act. But Mary, his mother, encourages him and He changes the water into wine.

Following Jesus' death and burial, Mary Magdalene acts. She rises early in the morning and goes to visit Jesus' grave.

Because she takes that action, wonderful things happen to her and the other disciples. Jesus' resurrection on Easter is a call for us to act; to move beyond our own hesitancy and be his disciples.



1819-2019**History of Salem United Methodist Church****Part 5 — A Sanctuary for Salem Church**

CELEBRATING
200 YEARS
of ministry in Wolfsville

■ **By Fonda Gormer**

Photos provided by Fonda Gormer



At left, Salem sanctuary in 1943 (76 years ago) and at right, Salem sanctuary today. How many differences can you find?

The congregation of Salem United Methodist Church sometimes hesitates to make changes, saying "It's always been this way", but a look at the history of the church reveals many changes over the years.

In 1847, John Hoover III donated land to the Salem Church to build a sanctuary. There are no pictures of this first building. Was it a simple box structure, similar to the school houses of the time, in keeping with the "plain" practices of the congregation? An early trustee minutes book beginning November 19, 1853, newspapers and other sources have been searched to find some clues as to what the building may have looked like, and how it has been changed over the years.

The exterior is cement plaster, or stucco, over thick stone walls. When the stucco was repaired a few years ago, the contractor speculated that the masonry was never intended to be exposed.

Heat for the building was supplied by two wood-burning stoves located at the front of the church, one on each side. In the winter, the congregation needed to sit near the front to keep warm.

Light was provided by oil lamps hanging from the ceiling.

Because members of the congregation either walked to church or came by horse and buggy, hitching posts were located along the south side of the building and on the other side of the road, with a watering trough to water the horses.

In 1871, unknown repairs costing \$904.99 were made to the church, with a dedication on October 20.

Again in 1886, repairs were needed; Joshua E. Hoover and R. E. Morgan were appointed to solicit the community to raise funds to complete the work and liquidate a small debt owed by the congregation.

While the bell on the church was being rung one Sunday in July 1888, a bolt holding the bell in place broke so that the bell could not be rung for the evening service.

In May 1890, during a storm, lightning struck a tree in the church yard and the church, splintering the cupola post and shattering several window panes. Does this imply that the first building had just a short bell tower, rather than a steeple?

On April 26, 1893, J. H. Maugans, C.C. Stottlemeyer and the trustees were appointed to a building committee to rebuild the church. This was a major rebuilding according to a newspaper account in *The Valley Register*, which reported that the roof was taken off, seats and windows taken out, walls rebuilt and the steeple and outside woodwork repainted. John H. Maugans donated the 600-pound bell which was placed in the belfry of the new church. The entire project cost \$1,600 besides the materials from the old church and much labor

donated by members. In November 1893, the "new church" was dedicated with special services in the morning and afternoon. This reconstruction project is commemorated by a plaque located on the front of the present building. The trustees borrowed \$500 in 1894 to pay the church debt, securing the loan by a mortgage on the church property.

On April 4, 1908, the trustees agreed to repair the church, inside and out, to be completed as soon as possible. Plans were made to repair the plastering of the north end, to give the whole exterior a coat of wash, to paint the window sashes, frames and doors, to close up the recess in the rear of the pulpit and to make a suitable background. As Salem currently has a recess behind the pulpit, this closure was undone at some point in time. The trustees were also to take away the two front pews, to give the ceiling, seats and pulpit a repairing of hard oil, to put carpet "in the altar area and to the front seats, and something in the aisles."

At their meeting on July 19, 1921, it was decided to make improvements to the front of the church. In a discussion about insuring the building, a slate roof, bell and organ are mentioned.

In 1928, metal shingles were installed on the front and rear of the building, the roof was patched and window screens

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installed. The shingles are still there.

A meeting was called in 1932 regarding fixing the belfry to keep water out. Each trustee present gave \$1 towards repairs.

In 1934, the seats in the amen corner were changed to make a primary department. The dictionary defines "amen corner" as a place in a church reserved for persons leading congregation responses, or a group of ardent worshipers in a church. It is unknown for certain what purpose Salem's amen corner served, though according to Leah Spade, St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wolfsville also had one. The primary department remained in the right front corner until the education building was constructed. At the same time, one long seat on each side was changed on account of the two stoves serving to heat the building.

Electricity Comes to Wolfsville

Electricity came to Wolfsville in 1937, and the congregation debated installing electric lights in the church, with the main concern being how to finance such a project. Finally, in March 1938, it was agreed to have electricity installed in the sanctuary.

Cecil Martin's diary tells the tale of lighting Salem. On March 16, 1938, he and Russell Harshman "set out in an old wreck of a car" in quest of money for electric lights in the Salem United Brethren Church – the only church in Wolfsville without them. Three hours of work yielded about thirty-eight dollars, most of it "cash in the fist." The goal was sixty dollars. Asa Stotemyer was chosen to do the wiring and purchase the lights. Initially they could not decide on any certain fixture because they could not find any they liked in the three catalogs Asa provided. After further searching, they selected six lights with chain hangers and deep, hexagon-shaped, stained-glass globes. Wiring began on April 1. According to Cecil, "When the work of installation is completed, four switches will control the lights, and in the following manner. Each pair of the six interior lights is on a separate switch. The fourth switch controls, at the same time, the outside light and the plug-in in front of the pulpit. There is one

conspicuous drawback to this arrangement. That is, the necessity of having the outside light on when the plug-in is in use." The 3-foot chains that arrived with the globes were too short, and longer 6-foot ones had to be located. On April 16, Cecil notes, "The job, finished, is highly satisfactory; the globes, lighted up by 300 watt bulbs, make a gorgeous appearance. They are truly one of the loveliest sights I have ever seen." On May 7, the inspector did not pass the electric light job, and adjustments had to be made, but regardless, on May 8, the Christian Endeavor service used the lights for the first time. The chains, globes and wiring arrangement for the lights are still in use in 2019. Later electrical work provided for more outlets that worked without turning on the outside lights.

So began 4 years of work to refurbish the sanctuary.

In 1939, a furnace was installed, to replace the two wood-burning stoves previously used to heat the sanctuary, at a cost of \$244.71. A grate was installed in the floor to allow heat into the sanctuary. The stoves were sold for \$10. An electric pump was put in the basement to keep out the water.

Again in 1940, the trustees had to fix the back end of the church to keep water out, studding and re-plastering the end; they also discussed fixing the rostrum and adding a choir loft.

On August 23, 1942, a rededication service was held to commemorate the project. It included new woodwork around the altar, adding railing and a choir loft, and new chancel furniture. This woodwork was done by the I. R. Morgan and Sons Lumber Mill. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eccard and family donated the new altar. Mr. & Mrs. Emory Frey and Preston Frey donated the altar Bible. The Ladies Sunday School class paid for the other woodwork.

On September 3, 1948, a large picture of Christ Praying in Gethsemane, purchased at a cost of \$105 by the Women's Sunday School Class with their birthday funds, was dedicated "in memory of Carroll M. Kline, who lost his life in war."

Plans began in 1950 to build a vestibule to the church, and to build new outdoor toilets. A plasterer was secured

to plaster the rear wall to the church at a cost of \$490.

In 1953, the Sunday School paid for the installation of an oil burner to replace the 1939 furnace at a cost of \$379.56

The 1908 notes mentioned putting hard oil on the ceiling, implying that Salem once had a wooden ceiling. This was apparently replaced in 1954, when the trustee minutes list expenses as follows: ceiling \$256, putting up ceiling \$175, painting and sanding floor \$803.60, materials for repairs \$26.98. Do the current ceiling tiles cover this wooden ceiling, or was the wooden one removed?

The vestibule was finally built in 1954, with Jesse Green selected to be the builder. This unheated structure, with coat racks and cupboards provided a protected entry to the sanctuary.

A bookcase and wall clock were added to the "primary corner" in 1954. Carpet was installed in the altar area and the front of the church in 1956. New pulpit chairs were dedicated in 1958. An electric organ was dedicated in 1959, purchased by the Ladies Class.

The biggest construction project that changed the appearance of Salem was the addition of the educational building, completed in 1968 by Sherman Kline & Sons, contractors. This addition was made possible by the acquisition of the old Wolfsville School property next door, which was razed to provide space for expansion. This new building offered indoor plumbing, individual classrooms, a kitchen and a social hall. This was such an improvement over 10-12 Sunday School classes meeting in various sections of the sanctuary and using the outdoor toilets! An old pulpit previously used at Salem was refinished and restored for use in the assembly area. Electric heat was extended to the sanctuary to replace the basement furnace.

Ceiling fans were added to the sanctuary, along with a sound system. Salem's sanctuary and social area are both now air-conditioned for the comfort of the congregation - no more mountain breezes, motorcycle roars, or stifling heat on muggy summer days!

Next month's article will take a look at how the congregation evolved from United Brethren in Christ to United Methodist.

Buena Vista, Colorado

“Wild at Heart” Boot Camp



■ By Bill Weaver

When the Salem Iron Men was launched on April 29th, 2018, we began our study of John Eldredge’s book “Wild at Heart— A Battle to Fight, an Adventure to live and a Beauty to Rescue,” quickly became the words used to describe what our Iron Men study was all about.

Since those early days, we have come to realize it’s about much, much more. Wild at Heart is about men finding their hearts and rescuing their hearts by allowing Jesus Christ to renew our hearts, to be the men Christ called us to be.

So, when I read the following description for the “Wild at Heart Boot Camp” on the Ransomed Heart Ministry website www.ransomedheart.com, I knew I had to go . . .

“Wild at Heart Boot Camp isn’t just another men’s retreat. That’s the last thing anybody needs. The reason most messages for men ultimately fail is simple: They ignore what is deep and true to a man’s heart, and try to shape him up through various forms of pressure. Not this. This weekend is an honest, no non-sense trek into the deep passions and desires of a man’s heart, into the healing of the wounds he’s taken in this battle, into the realm of fatherhood and sex and God and calling – life as it was meant to be lived. Through the sessions, the times of quiet reflection, the movies, the adventures and the downtime, you will discover something profound about the heart of God and the heart he gave you as a man. Those who come say it is one of the greatest weekends of their entire life.”

On February 7th, I made my way, along with 450 other men, to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, to the Frontier Ranch just outside Buena Vista.

There, we focused on allowing Jesus to begin or continue the rescue and restoration of our hearts.

Words are simply inadequate to describe the event, so let me simply say it was life changing and liberating, as I experienced a sense of spiritual freedom unprecedented in my life. To understand it is to live it.

Wild at Heart Basic Camp Coming to Shepherd’s Spring

So immediately on my return, I began the process of bringing this



At left, Salem member Bill Weaver with John Eldredge at the Wild at Heart Boot Camp in Colorado



experience home.

Over the course of the last several weeks, the Lord has removed barriers, flung open doors and made a path to bring a Wild at Heart Basic Camp to our back yard.

On May 24th to 27th, Shepherd’s Spring Retreat Center will be hosting it’s first Wild at Heart Basic Event.

We have partnered with the “Waterboyz for Jesus” Ministry to lead the first, of what we trust will be many, Wild at Heart Basic Camps.

How to Become Involved

How can you be involved?

Photos provided by Bill Weaver



Begin with prayer —

- For God to prepare the hearts of men to attend and be changed.
- Removal of obstacles and opening of doors, allowing Men to attend.
- Protection from the enemy’s attacks to thwart men from attending.
- Provision of sponsors/scholarships for men wishing to attend but don’t have the means.

For more information or to register, visit the **Waterboyz Maryland** website at www.waterboyz.org/maryland/Home.aspx



Save the Date

Anniversary Celebration set for July 28th

Celebrating 200 years of ministry in Wolfsville Sunday, July 28, 2019



MORNING

- Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
- Contemporary Worship 11:15 a.m.

AFTERNOON

- Service in Sanctuary 3:00 p.m.
Includes a special video presentation of the 1977 Youth Fellowship Time Capsule cassette tape
- Pilgrimage to Hoover Barn (Salem's Birthplace) 4:30 p.m.
The barn has been beautifully restored.

EVENING

- CATERED Dinner and Ice Cream Social at the Pavilion 5:30 p.m.
Dinner by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant
Ice Cream by South Mountain Creamery
Music by Salem's Praise Band "Works in Progress"

Easter Sermon

Andrew was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon for the Easter service.

'How do you know what to say?' Andrew asked. 'Why, God tells me', the father replied.

'Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?'

Maria Told Her Mother Gladly

Maria came home from Sunday School on Palm Sunday and told her mother that she had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly.

It took her mother a while before she realized that the hymn Maria had been singing was really: "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear."

Bible Study

Richard, my friend's little grandson came home from Sunday School and I asked him what they had studied.

His reply was, 'Nothing.' So I asked him, 'Didn't you study Jesus?' Richard's reply was, 'No, he wasn't even there.'

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.

Sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

Don't look back — you're not going that way.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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