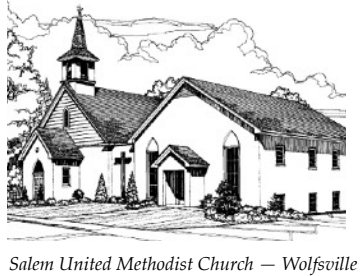


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 of ministry in Wolfsville
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Community Plant Sale & Food Sale at Salem — Saturday, May 11

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Barbie Stottlemeyer, pictured at last year's plant sale, will be traveling to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with her family, to hand-select the beautiful flowers to be sold at this year's plant sale on Saturday, May 11th, at Salem's pavilion. In addition to a large selection of flowers, garden plants will also be available, as well as plants from local gardens. The above photo shows only a small portion of the plants on sale.

The Salem United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers" group will hold their annual plant, food and bake sale on Saturday, May 11, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church in Wolfsville. The event will be held rain or shine. Plants will be sold under the pavilion to the rear of the church, while food will be served from the kitchen and social hall.

A variety of flower and vegetable plants, fresh from Lancaster County and local gardens, will be available for purchase for Mother's Day and spring planting.

Sausage, ham, steamers and hot dog sandwiches, as well as assorted beverages and baked goods, will be offered in the social hall. Donations of baked items to be sold will be accepted; items need to be at the church social hall by 6 p.m. on Friday, May 10, for

packaging and pricing. The plants sell quickly, so come early for the best selection! And stop by for brunch or lunch!



Cathie Pappert and Petie Stup selecting their flowers at last year's sale.



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

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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.



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 Project No. 10

The Least of These Ministries in the Dominican Republic



Photo by Michael Burrier

March 31, 2019 - We were blessed to hear from Ricardo Beltre and Marty Hogan from "The Least of These Ministries" about their work in the Dominican Republic. Ricardo and Marty spoke to the Salem congregation about their ministry of food and Biblical truth to the families in the bateys outside of Barahona, Dominican Republic. Salem member Tom Marenic recently returned from a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. In the photo at left, Pastor Bob (center) prays with Ricardo (left) and Marty (right).

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.

Scenes from the

Holy Week & Easter Celebration at Salem



The Last Supper

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019 — From left, Patrick Boyton (Bartholomew), Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Dennis Draper (Peter), Bill Weaver (Judas), Robin Haupt (John), Jim Laky (Jesus), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Steve Leatherman (Matthew), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

Saturday, April 20, 2019

Community Easter Egg Hunt

■ By Caroline L. Buhrman

After quite a lot of rain on Friday, we were blessed with a beautiful day on April 20th for our Easter Egg Hunt.

The young ones searched for eggs that were hidden everywhere.

Next, in the social area, the eggs were counted, treasures were found (candies, quarters and, in some, gold dollar coins) given by Bob Stup and Richard Harshman.

Prizes were awarded and then a time of refreshments and fellowship followed for the approximately 24 children and also the adults.

Thank you to all who in any way contributed to this year's egg hunt. Each year my faithful help just arrives to make this event special, and I appreciate them so much.

Each year a few missed eggs are found after the egg hunt and we wait again to see if this happens.

It's always surprising, after all of the many searches, but it's still fun to know some of those brightly colored eggs may still be hiding out there somewhere.

Salem's Outreach Ministry recently provided assistance to families in need, including a food box, a gasoline card, as well as cards, visits and flowers to our shut-ins. The care-giving ministry is also active in sending cards.

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



The Children's Choir sang two songs during the Easter Sunday Children's Program. Michele Kline is the Children's Choir Director. Children also presented recitations for the congregation.

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



Pastor Bob talks to the young people during Children's Time at worship on Easter Sunday.

Attendance Offerings

March 2019

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Mar 3 -	75	\$2,501.25	52	\$349.00
Mar 10 -	90	2,433.00	51	93.00
Mar 17 -	78	1,677.00	51	118.00
Mar 24 -	85	2,638.50	46	65.00
Mar 31 -	93	2,300.00	50	66.50

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Mar	84	50
Feb	96	55
Jan	68	45
Dec	83	55
Nov	79	48

Average Attendance Jan-Mar 2019

Sunday Worship: 83
Sunday School: 50

- Missions: \$1,471.41
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$180.00
 - Building Fund: \$475.00
 - Building Addition: \$100.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*



In honor of MEMORIAL DAY, Salem Church recognizes our nation's veterans who are buried at Salem's Cemetery. The church will place flags at these grave sites.

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| Lloyd Bear | Robert Woodrow Heefner | Lawrence S. Kline |
| Robert Bear | William H. Horn | Raymond W. Kline |
| Howard Brandenburg | Agnes Kemerer | Merhle K. Martin |
| Aaron Craver | Verne F. Kemerer | Ronald L. McLucas |
| Rodger Lee Eccard | Allen John Kline | Joseph M. Nusbaum |
| Joseph R. Farsht | Alvey G. Kline | William H. Shuff |
| Elmer R. Finneyfrock | Ary M. Kline | Gaither E. Stotemyer |
| James Richard Frey | Carroll M. Kline | Daniel Bruce Warrenfeltz |
| Harold G. Harne | Floyd Ray Kline | Paul Weiss |
| Francis C. Harshman | Gaither W. Kline | |

Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father:

With a sober heart we come before You this Memorial Day. We pause for a moment and call to mind all the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776.

Dear God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all.

Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them

eternal rest with You.

We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad.

Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well.

Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world.

We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

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.



May

Calendar of Events



- Thu 2 Board of Trustees meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 2 UMW "Bee-lievers" - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 5 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Sun 5 Salem Iron Men - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 9 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 11 Plant and Food Sale - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Salem
Sun 12 Mother's Day - Mothers honored at 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Sun 19 Salem Iron Men - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Wed-Sat May 29 - June 1 BWC Annual Conference in Baltimore

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: To avoid meeting on Mothers Day or Memorial Day weekend, the Salem Iron Men will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings for the month of May.
 Looking Ahead: Receiving New Members - Sunday, June 9

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.

Mark your calendars for VBS

- By Fonda Gormer

The Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 8-12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wolfsville.

Sponsored by the Wolfsville Ruritan Club, in conjunction with Salem United Methodist Church and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the exciting event is open for all children ages 4 -12.

More information will appear in a later newsletter, but **SAVE THE DATE!**

Be a reflection of what you'd like to receive. If you want love, give love. If you want truth, be truthful. If you want respect, give respect. What you give out will return to you.

May 29 - June 1, 2019

Baltimore-Washington "Annual Conference" to be held in Baltimore

Pastor Bob, Dennis Leatherman and Noah Taveras (youth representative) will be representing Salem at this year's Baltimore-Washington annual conference.

This year's gathering, the 235th, will be held Wednesday, May 29, through Saturday, June 1, at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore. The theme is "We are One: United to Love".

Nearly 1,200 pastors and laity will attend the 4-day conference representing 632 churches in Maryland, Washington, D.C., the panhandle of West Virginia and Bermuda.

An extra day, Saturday, has been added to provide time for increased youth participation.

The conference will include separate clergy and laity sessions, preaching, Bible study, ordination of new pastors, honoring clergy retirees, a memorial service honoring those who have died in the previous year, and business sessions.

Pastoral Appointments of Local Interest

Rev. La'Trelle Easterling, Bishop of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, has announced the following appointments to be effective July 1, 2019.



Lewistown

Pastor Katy Mossburg to Lewistown UMC in Lewistown.

Big Pool Charge

Pastor Al Deal to Big Pool Charge: Mt. Carmel and Parkhead, from Salem in Keedysville.

Marlowe, WV

Pastor Jeffrey Zalatoris to Harmony UMC in Marlowe, WV, from Lewistown UMC in Lewistown.

Thurmont

Rev. Kenneth "Ken" J. Fizer Jr. to Thurmont UMC in Thurmont, from Ebenezer and William Watters in Fallston.

New Windsor & Johnsville

Rev. Shari McCourt to St. Paul's: New Windsor and Johnsville UMC, Johnsville, from Westminster UMC Associate Pastor.

Cumberland-Hagerstown District

Rev. John Wunderlich to Superintendent of Cumberland-Hagerstown District, from First Saints Community UMC in Leonardtown.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		MAY
Lay Readers 5 - Robin Haupt 12 - Gary Barkdoll 19 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 26 - Dennis Draper	Ushers 5 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 12 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 19 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 26 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 5 - Sara Weitzel 12 - Praise Band 19 - Sara Weitzel 26 - Sara Weitzel
Greeters 5 - Mike & Debbie Irons 12 - Bill & Joyce Weaver 19 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 26 - Bill & Darlene Burrier	Acolytes 5 - Valentina Barkdoll 12 - Patrick Waite 19 - Valentina Barkdoll 26 - Patrick Waite	
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 May 12 - Works in Progress Praise Band May 26 - Works in Progress Praise Band

It's Your Day!

May Anniversaries

- 19 - Joshua & Tracey Gormer
- 20 - Deane & Patty Weagley
- 21 - Bobby & Mary Fogle

May Birthdays

- 2 - Mandy Mellott
- 2 - Leann Eccard-Crutchley
- 6 - Mark Burrier
- 7 - Austin Main
- 8 - Anita Harshman
- 11 - Steve Leatherman
- 13 - Loralli Snyder
- 17 - Deane Weagley
- 17 - Elijah Sowers
- 18 - Cindy Draper
- 19 - Brandon Leatherman
- 20 - Abigail Weagley
- 24 - Nelson Hipkins
- 25 - Sam Zimmerman
- 26 - Sharon Hipkins
- 27 - Lillian Hill
- 30 - Bobby Fogle Jr.

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

Ladies Night Out to be held in June this year

■ By Fonda Gormer

Due to a busy May schedule this year, the annual Salem Ladies Night Out will take place Wednesday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont.

All ladies of Salem, along with their female friends and family members, are welcome to join in this evening of food, games and fellowship.

The buffet meal price, including tips and tax, is:

- \$15.39 for adults
- \$8.50 for ages 5-12
- \$2.25 for ages 3-4
- age 2 and under free (there is a cup fee if the little one orders a beverage)

Reservations must be made by May 31, either by signing up on the bulletin board in the church hallway, or by contacting me at 301-293-2436, or fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

The Beauty of Spring in Wolfsville



Photo by Jim Laky

Holy Communion

Sunday, May 5, 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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Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Angels

By Kathleen J. Shields

There are angels God puts on this earth
Who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness
as they walk through life beside us.

They do great things for us every day
they whisper in our ears,
they even hold us in their hearts
when we are filled with all our fears.

They are always there to give a hug
and try to make us smile.
They treat us with respect and love,
they treat us like their child.

God blessed me with an angel,
I'm proud to call my own.
She's been with me throughout my
life, been with me as I've grown.

She's guided me the best she can,
she's taught me like no other,
and I'm thankful I'm the lucky one
who get's to call her... MOTHER

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Spring

By Margaret Peterson

When daffodils are blooming brightly
Under sunlit springtime skies,
All my cares are worn more lightly;
Happiness is no disguise.

Violets blooming, oh, so shyly,
Looking neither left nor right;
Perfume lifting from the roses
Fills the nose with glad delight.

Even dandelions hold beauty . . .
Little suns of brightest gold
Adding to the joy of living . . .
How could any gardener scold?

New beginnings everywhere!
May new love within me spring
For the One who gave all to us . . .
Our Creator, Lord and King!



Courtesy is owed. Respect is earned. Love is given.



RECIPE



Cinnamon Roll Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

Cookie Dough:

2 sticks (1 cup) salted butter	2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar	2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 cup granulated sugar	1 teaspoon grated nutmeg
1 tablespoon vanilla extract	
1 large egg	

Filling:

3 tablespoons salted butter, melted	3/4 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon	

Glaze:

2 cups confectioners' sugar, plus more if needed	2 tablespoons salted butter, melted, plus more if needed
5 tablespoons whole milk	1 teaspoon maple extract

DIRECTIONS:

1. For the cookie dough: Cream together the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar until light and fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the vanilla and egg and continue to mix until well incorporated, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder and nutmeg until well combined. With the mixer on low, add the flour mixture slowly until incorporated and the dough has come together. Cover and chill for 15 or 20 minutes.
2. For the filling: Tip the dough out onto a floured surface. Roll out into a 16 x 8" rectangle about 1/4 inch thick. Pour over the melted butter and, using your hands, spread the butter evenly over the dough. Sprinkle over the cinnamon and then the granulated sugar. Starting with the long edge, carefully roll the dough tightly, just as you would with cinnamon rolls, and pinch the seam together when you reach the end. Cut the log in half. Wrap the logs in plastic wrap, put on a baking sheet and chill until firm, 45 minutes to 1 hour.
3. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.
4. Unwrap the cookie dough and transfer to a cutting board. With a sharp knife, cut the logs into 1/2-inch pieces. Transfer the cookies to the prepared baking sheets and bake until set and the edges begin to brown slightly, 12 to 13 minutes. Transfer to a cooling rack to cool.
5. For the glaze: Meanwhile, whisk together the confectioners' sugar, milk and melted butter in a large bowl until smooth. Add the maple extract and taste. Add more confectioners' sugar or butter as needed; the glaze should be thick but still pourable. Drizzle the glaze back and forth over the cookies and allow to set before serving, 10 to 12 minutes.

Yield: 22 to 30 cookies

Petie Stup made this for the Bee-lievers recipe exchange.



God is the arm
that will hold you at
your WEAKEST,
the eye that will see you at
your DARKEST,
and the heart that will love you at
your WORST.





Message from the Pastor and Worship in May

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

It's been wonderful watching the trees, grass, and fields change from the brown of winter to the green of spring. New life exists all around us this time of year.

Jesus' resurrection provides the promise of new life for all who believe. The resurrection gives us great hope; hope in eternal life and hope in living life to the fullest right now.

Starting on Sunday, April 28 and continuing through Sunday, June 2, we'll be engaged in a new Sermon Series called, *Living as Resurrection People*.

Here is a summary of the topics we'll be covering during the month of May. Enjoy the spring!

God Bless. —Pastor Bob

May 5
Third Sunday of Easter
Living As Resurrection People
"Go and See"
John 1:43-51

John 20:3 – "So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb."

When Mary Magdalene reported what she had experienced at Jesus' tomb, Peter and another disciple went to see for themselves.

When Philip experienced the Lord, he went to his brother Nathanael and said to him. "Come and see."

Jesus' resurrection prompts us to observe God's ongoing presence and work in our lives and in the world. As we see, our faith grows. And as we grow in faith, we see God present and at work in our lives, even more.

May 12
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Living As Resurrection People
"Hang in There"
Matthew 1:18-25



John 20:10-11 – "Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying."

There's something to be said for hanging in there. When Peter and the other disciples returned back home after visiting Jesus' tomb, Mary stayed. And because she stayed she encountered the risen Lord.

Another Mary, Jesus' mother, also hung in there. When Joseph doubted her story of becoming pregnant by the Holy Spirit, she remained faithful and the Lord helped Joseph believe in her.

Sometimes, we just need to hang in there. All the while, God continues to be at work for our good.

May 19
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Living As Resurrection People
"Say 'Yes' to Serve"
Isaiah 6:1-8

John 20:15b – "Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'"

Mary Magdalene was disoriented and distraught when she came to visit Jesus' tomb. Though suffering, she still had the willingness to serve. "I'll go get him," she declared.

This desire to serve has been a characteristic of people of faith. Centuries before, the prophet Isaiah

heard the Lord ask, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" Isaiah responded "Here I am. Send me!"

When we say "yes" to serve the Lord, he works through us and brings his goodness to people and situations. And even though we don't seek it, the Lord blesses us too.

May 26
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Living As Resurrection People
"Witness to Another"
John 4:27-29, 39-42

John 20:18 – "Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news, 'I have seen the Lord!'"

Three years before, she might have been an unlikely witness. She was filled with demons and may very well have repelled people rather than draw them in. But our Lord had healed Mary and chosen her to be the first to see the risen Lord.

We might say that our own belief ties back to Mary's witness of her encounter with the risen Lord.

The Samaritan woman that met Jesus at the well was also an unlikely witness for Jesus. But like Mary Magdalene Jesus found her worthy. She witnessed to her community, and "many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony" (John 4:39).

So it is with us. Who we are as a person and the life experiences we have gone through – these make us the perfect person to witness to another who needs to hear about our Lord and the difference he can make in our lives.



Members of the Salem congregation purchased 8 Easter Lilies, 15 tulips, and 7 Hyacinths which were beautifully displayed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

1819-2019

History of Salem United Methodist Church

Part 6 — From Brethren to Methodist

CELEBRATING
200 YEARS
of ministry in Wolfsville

■ By Fonda Gormer

Salem United Methodist Church in Wolfsville was founded as Salem United Brethren in Christ Church, or United Brethren.

United Brethren in Christ

The United Brethren denomination is considered to be the first established in America. As a result of the evangelistic preaching of Philip William Otterbein of the German Reformed Church and Martin Boehm, a Mennonite bishop, a conference was held at the home of Peter Kemp, west of Frederick, MD, on September 25, 1800.



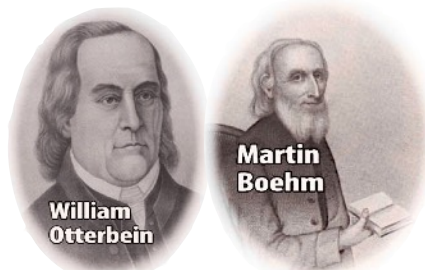
Birthplace of the United Brethren in Christ

It was here that the denomination was organized and received its official name. In attendance were 13 preachers with Presbyterian, German Reformed, Lutheran and Mennonite backgrounds.

They brought forth a "new Christian Communion, conceived by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to the divine purpose 'that the Church of God may be built up, and sinners converted, so that God in Christ may be honored.'"

In the early years, the United Brethren preachers used the German language as they traveled about preaching in homes and school houses in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

After evangelistic meetings, converts were encouraged to form classes or societies for strengthening their spiritual life. The circuit-riding missionary, Christian Newcomer, and others were



1726-1813

1725-1812

welcomed to preach the gospel in Wolfsville by the Hoover family. Just 19 years after the denomination was born, in 1819, Salem was established as a class.

From 1819 until 1946, the church was known as Salem United Brethren in Christ Church. Research into the practices of the denomination revealed that their core belief followed what is now known as the Apostles Creed, with the Bible as the Word of God, containing the only true way to salvation.

The manner in which to practice baptism and the Lord's Supper was left to individuals and their class.

Conversion was paramount.

The Evangelical Association

A second denomination, The Evangelical Association, was begun by Jacob Albright, a pious Lutheran farmer and tile-maker in eastern Pennsylvania, who was converted by the United Brethren and nurtured in a Methodist class meeting. He established his own connection of evangelistic preachers, better to reach fellow German-speakers in Pennsylvania.

The Evangelical Church was organized in 1803.



Jacob Albright
1759-1808

Evangelical United Brethren

Early attempts at merging the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church failed, despite the similarities in organization and polity.

Both preached to communities with German roots. The separate denominations survived, and expanded numerically and

geographically.

Finally in 1946, the two groups merged to create the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

After this merger, the congregation in Wolfsville was renamed Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church.



Methodist Episcopal Church

The Methodist Episcopal Church had its roots in England, with the teachings of John Wesley. It spread, without authorization from England, as lay Methodists immigrated to America.

Robert Strawbridge, a farmer, organized work in Maryland and Virginia around 1760. In 1771, Richard Wright and Francis Asbury were sent to America by Wesley to undergird the growing Methodist societies.

Asbury became the most important figure in early American Methodism. (No doubt he is the namesake of Asbury Hoover, a descendant of the second John Hoover. More about him in a future story.)

In Rev. Christian Newcomer's journal records, an entry in 1803 talks of his desire to adopt a plan to unite the Methodist Conference and the United Brethren in Christ. His idea was discouraged by a member of the Methodist Conference and was never formally proposed.

United Methodist Church

165 years later, on April 23, 1968, following many years of conversation and negotiations, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to become the United Methodist Church.

Salem was not enthusiastic about the merger, but policies of the denomination precluded Salem from opting out.

The church in Wolfsville became Salem United Methodist Church.



History of Salem United Methodist Church

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200 YEARS

It is interesting to note that Salem church council minutes, at the time, totally ignore this change.

Shared Pastors and Circuits

During most of its years, Salem has shared its pastors with other churches in a circuit. Worship services were held as the circuit riders or other evangelists were available — morning, afternoon or evening, even on days other than Sunday. Even so, the congregation held Sunday classes, or meetings, every week, for both spiritual and educational purposes.

From 1819-1855, churches from the Myersville, Wolfsville, Thurmont and Walkersville areas composed the Old Frederick Circuit.

The Myersville Circuit, from 1855-1857, covered just Myersville, Middletown, Wolfsville, Koogle's school house, and Pleasant Walk.

Salem was returned to the Old Frederick Circuit from 1857-1867.

After the Civil War, from 1867-1905, the Myersville Circuit was reestablished.

The Wolfsville Charge, including Salem, Garfield and Pleasant Valley, existed from 1905-1933. From 1933-1942,

Photo by Bill Burrier — Taken in 2008



In 1975, Salem completed construction of its parsonage which would house Wolfsville's first full-time pastor, Rev. Nelson Pittinger and his family. The parsonage, located adjacent to Salem Church and on the grounds of the former Wolfsville School, afforded the opportunity for Salem's pastor to live in the Wolfsville community, near the churches being served.

a new Myersville Charge included Myersville, Wolfsville, Garfield and Pleasant Walk.

The Wolfsville Charge returned 1942-1972, for a while including Big Pool in Washington County. During these years, some of the pastors were retired, some were ministerial students, some were employed full-time in other professions, all working with the churches only on Sundays and an occasional evening.

Wolfsville Charge— First Full-Time Pastor

In 1972, the charge was changed to include just Salem and Garfield, under the pastorate of its first full-time minister, Rev. Nelson Pittinger. He and his family moved into the newly-constructed parsonage at Salem.

Pleasant Walk was added back to the charge from 1989 to 1996. Rev. Hayden Sparks raced to conduct three services each Sunday morning.

Salem Becomes a Single Station Church in 2008

Salem finally became a station church, with its own pastor serving just one congregation, in 2008. That pastor, Rev. Robert Snyder, continues to minister at Salem and the surrounding community.

As Salem was growing in Wolfsville, the congregation continued to include Hoover descendants, and the building existed in a Hoover neighborhood.

The next installment in the next issue of *The Mountain Shepherd* will look at some of those neighbors.

Friday, May 24 through Monday, May 27, 2019

Men's Weekend: The Waterboyz Expedition



■ By Bill Weaver

Salem Iron Men

To avoid meeting on Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend, the Salem Iron Men will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings for the month of May: May 5th and May 19th at Salem.

Men's Weekend The Waterboyz Expedition

Men: It's not too late to register for the Expedition weekend at Shepherd's Spring. Sign-up today.

In an effort to bring a Wild at Heart Basic Camp to the local area, the Lord has removed barriers, flung open doors and made a path to bring this event to our back yard — to Shepherd's Spring, 16869 Taylors Landing Road, Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782.

So, 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.

Please pray . . .

- 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 waterboyz.org/maryland/Home.aspx

Effective July 1, 2019

New District Superintendent appointed for Cumberland-Hagerstown District

■ By Melissa Lauber, Baltimore-Washington Conference News and Views

If there's one thing the Rev. John Wunderlich wants you to know, it's that he's excited about serving in the Cumberland-Hagerstown District.

Wunderlich, the pastor of First Saints United Methodist Church in Leonardtown, has a reputation for being an innovative, risk-taking, church-growing teacher and preacher.

At first glance, leading the more rural region of Western Maryland, with its many smaller, lay-led churches, might not have seemed like the most natural appointment.

But Bishop LaTrelle Easterling saw potential, and so does Wunderlich.

His grandfather's grandfather was an Evangelical United Brethren circuit rider.

Wunderlich grew up in Carroll County and has an affinity for the mountains. He's looking forward to the natural beauty of the region. He's also excited about working with the people.

"I'm not so idealistic that I can't see there will be challenges," he said. "But my default posture is to find opportunity in the face of challenges. I'm hopeful about being greeted by people who are the same, people who know there are challenges, but can envision opportunities.

"I believe the best days are in front of us," he concluded, but then quickly added, "by the grace of God."

The grace of God is important to Wunderlich.

As a student of history, he's watched it in action. In his own life he's noted how God has been at work in one part of his life preparing him for the next.

Wunderlich felt a call to ministry as a teenager at summer camp but didn't enter the ministry until 1992. He served, at St. James/Stone Chapel in



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Westminster; Wesley Freedom in Eldersburg; Christ-Ballenger Creek in Frederick; and, in 2008, landed at First Saints.

First Saints is a multi-site church, with four worshipping communities in four locations in St. Mary's county. The four communities are one congregation joined by a shared vision, mission and leadership structure.

The "one church in four places" arrangement allows for unique collaborations and "lets us contextualize things for the communities where we do ministries," Wunderlich said.

Each of the locations also, intentionally, has a strong relationship with the school closest to them. In fact, the California campus meets in a school.

Operating in this unique multi-site structure has called for creativity, Wunderlich said. "We try stuff, we take calculated risks.

I'm not scared or threatened by change. Things that don't change tend to atrophy. Being creative in ministry is a way to keep things alive."

Lately, Wunderlich's creativity is being broadened by the increase in reading he's doing in his personal life.

"God is pushing me to read more and to read more diverse authors," he said. "The result is that I feel God challenging me to go deeper with my spirituality.

It's easy to think you've arrived. But I think God always has something to teach me."

Wunderlich is accompanied on his ministry journey by his wife, Carol, with whom he graduated seminary. Her ministry is with children and youth.

They have two sons, John who is a youth pastor in an Episcopal Church in Virginia, and Joshua, who is in college.

For those in the Cumberland-Hagerstown District, meeting Wunderlich for the first time, they might notice his earring.

He got it in college, but not as a fashion statement.

During that time in his life, he was struggling with his faith and what to do with his life.

In his struggles, he read about a tradition from an ancient culture in Exodus 21:1-6 and Deuteronomy 15:12-17.

When a slave was freed but chose to remain in the service of the household, the master of the house would stand, very publicly in the doorway, and pierce the ear of the former slave.

It was a way to signify liberation, and a willingness to serve because one freely chose to, of his own accord.

Since age 19, Wunderlich has intentionally been choosing to serve God. "It's a way to remind myself about what I choose. Some days I do better than others," he admits, "but it's a commitment I make over and over again."

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. CONRAD LINK ON 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY — On Friday, May 3, 2019, friends and colleagues will meet at Family Recreation Park, 21036 National Pike, Boonsboro, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. to celebrate Rev. Conrad Link and his 40 years of ministry. Rev. Link will end his tenure as the Cumberland-Hagerstown District Superintendent at the end of June. Music will be provided by Salem's "Works in Progress" Praise Band. The event will also include a buffet lunch and access to the activities of the park. As District Superintendent of the Cumberland-Hagerstown District of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, Rev. Link had overall responsibility for the ministry of 82 churches in the Conference's Western Region, including Salem in Wolfsville.



Rev. Conrad Link



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"



The Hereafter

The Pastor came to visit the other day. He said that at my advanced age I should be thinking of the hereafter.

I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time."

"No matter where I am - in the living room, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I am always asking myself: 'Now, what am I here after?'"

Palms

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

We could learn a lot from a box of crayons.
Some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors . . .
but they all exist nicely in the same box.

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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