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**CELEBRATING**  
**200 YEARS**  
of ministry in Wolfsville  
1819-2019

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## Salem celebrates 200 years of ministry in Wolfsville

Sunday, July 28, 2019



Photo by FNP

**Salem's Birthplace** — In 1819, the home of John Hoover became a regular preaching place for United Brethren circuit riders. The big meetings were held in the nearby Hoover barn. The Hoover Homestead served as a place of worship until the church was erected in 1847.

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**  
 Guest Speaker: Rev. H. Ronald Ellis,  
 Pastor at Salem 1979-1989  
 Special Music: Adult Choir

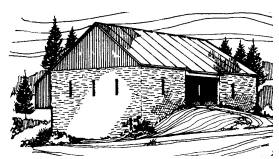
**10:15 a.m. Sunday School**  
 Classes for All Ages

**11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship**  
 Speaker: Rev. Bob Snyder,  
 Pastor at Salem 2008-Present  
 Music: Works in Progress Praise Band

**3:00 p.m. Service of Rededication**  
 Guest Speaker: Rev. John W. Schildt,  
 Pastor at Salem 1956-1961  
 Special Music: Marlene Young and  
 Children's Choir  
 Youth Fellowship of 1977 "Time Capsule"

**4:30 p.m. Pilgrimage to Hoover Barn**  
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Randy Reid,  
 Pastor at Salem 1996-2008  
 Special Music: Bill & Joyce Weaver and  
 Lori Williamson

**5:30 p.m. Catered Dinner and Ice Cream Social**  
 Food by Mountain Gate Family  
 Restaurant  
 Ice Cream by South Mountain Creamery  
 Music by Works in Progress Praise Band



Hoover Barn



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**Salem Membership Statistics:**  
Current Membership: 244  
2019 New Members: 6

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

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

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

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

## 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

*Salem Mission Project No. 13*

#### Hero's Club • After School Ministry

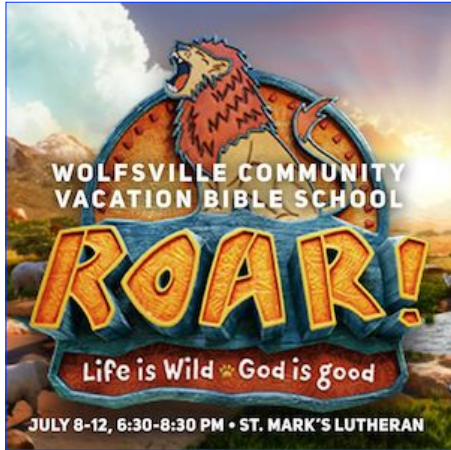


*School is out. Thank you Salem for another wonderful spring semester at Hero's Club. Notice the children signed their name on the poster.*

### OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

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



## Have a Roaring Good Time at Vacation Bible School

■ By Fonda Gormer

“Roar! Life is wild - God is good” is the theme of this year’s Community Vacation Bible School, to be held July 8-12 at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church (the stone church on the hill outside of Wolfsville).

The activities for children ages 4-12 will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each evening. An offering will be taken each evening. All children are welcome to attend. Bring a friend, or two!

At Roar!, through an African safari setting, kids will explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Bible points for each day walk through the story of God’s chosen people, the Israelites, to remind our VBS kids again and again that God is good!

On **Day 1**, we will meet “Mack,” the white rhinoceros who, through the story of the Israelites enslaved in Egypt, will help us remember that God is good even when life is unfair.

**Day 2** introduces “Hooper,” an African hoopoe bird to share about the plagues and reinforce that, when life is scary, God is good.

**Day 3** brings the story of the Israelites in the wilderness told by “Marge” the cape buffalo, reminding us of God’s goodness when life goes through changes.

On **Day 4**, “Zion” the Lion helps us see

## A “Special Invitation” to those who were in Salem’s Youth Fellowship in 1977

■ By Bill Burrier

In conjunction with Salem’s 200th anniversary celebration on Sunday, July 28, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. there will be a special video presentation of the 1977 Youth Fellowship time capsule cassette tape.

42 years ago, Salem’s Youth Fellowship recorded a cassette tape as a time capsule to be played 10 years later for the Youth Fellowship of 1987. The tape was played 10 years later in worship in 1987, but has not been heard since.

So, on July 28th, the voices of our youth in 1977 will be heard once more. In addition, the voices will be incorporated into a video, giving the look and feel of life back in 1977.

The tape includes the voices of 14 youth, ages 10 through 16, along with narration from the youth leader and a message from the pastor.

A special invitation is extended to those whose voices are on the tape and to their families to come to the anniversary celebration on the afternoon of July 28th to see the video.

Youth Fellowship members with voices on the tape are:

- Todd Harne, age 10
- Dawn Palmer, age 10
- Susan Shankle, age 10



This is a photo of the cassette used in 1977.

- Stephen Brandenburg, age 11
- Cyndy Buhrman, age 12
- Yvonne Palmer, age 12
- Dana Keller, age 12
- Stacey Kinna, age 12
- Karen Kline, age 13
- Kathy Martin, age 13
- Brian Kinna, age 14
- Theresa Shankle, age 15
- David Brandenburg, age 15
- Bobby Fogle, age 16

Youth leaders in 1977 were Bill Burrier and Mary Alice Shankle. The pastor was Rev. Nelson Pittinger.

that even when they’re sad, God’s goodness is still. This is connected to the Gospel message of Jesus death and resurrection.

Finally, on **Day 5**, “Savanna” the giraffe stands tall with the message that when life is good, God is good, just as he was when the Israelites built a memorial in the desert.

At Roar!, kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play wild games, devour yummy treats, and experience one-of-a-

kind Wild Bible Adventures. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them at Imagination Station.

For many years, Salem United Methodist Church and St. Mark’s Lutheran Church have been teaming up to offer Vacation Bible School for the Wolfsville community, with financial support from the Wolfsville Ruritan Club.

For more information, or to volunteer at VBS, contact me at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

Photos provided by Wanda Barkdoll



### Salem at Creation

For the first time this year, some of Salem’s youth and adults went to Creation three days early to help set up for the music festival. The photo at left was taken on Sunday morning as the early group was leaving Wolfsville. The photo at right shows the group, onsite, ready to work. More about Creation in next month’s “Mountain Shepherd”.

# Attendance Offerings

May 2019

	Worship*		Sunday School	
May 5 -	76	\$3,351.00	46	\$289.00
May 12 -	82	2,066.75	52	109.50
May 19 -	78	1,499.00	51	83.00
May 26 -	78	2,393.25	55	70.00

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
May	79	51
Apr	95	50
Mar	84	50
Feb	96	55
Jan	68	45

### Average Attendance Jan-May 2019

Sunday Worship: 84  
Sunday School: 50

- Missions: \$1,365.00
  - Cemetery Endowment: \$180.00
  - Building Fund: \$515.00
  - Building Addition: \$100.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Photos by Bill Burrier



**Welcome New Members** — On Sunday, June 9, 2019, Salem received six new members during Sunday worship services. Top photo from left are Sandy Miller, Michele Kline, Janice Hammer & Pastor Bob. Lower photo from left are Tracy Webb, Shelly Decker, Lauren Griffin & Pastor Bob. On that day, a reception for new members was hosted by the Adult Discussion Group Sunday School Class at 10:15 a.m. in the social room.

## 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

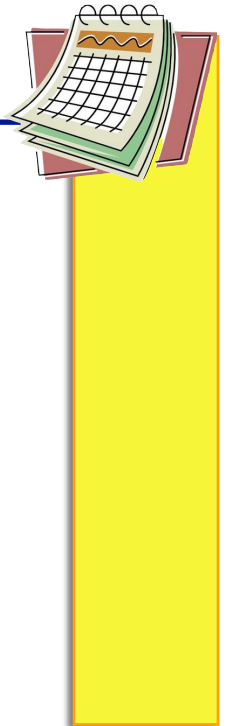
You may mail your tithes and offerings to Church Treasurer, Salem United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 94, Myersville, MD 21773. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church.

### ◆ 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.



# Calendar of Events



- Sun 7 Children's Choir Practice** - 10:45 a.m. at Salem
- Mon-Fri 8-12 Vacation Bible School** - 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran, Wolfsville
- Sun 14 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Sun 14 Children's Choir Practice** - 10:45 a.m. at Salem
- Wed 17 Building Committee Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 18 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 21 Children's Choir Practice** - 10:45 a.m. at Salem
- Tue 23 Adult Choir Practice** - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 28 200th Anniversary Celebration** at Salem
  - 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
  - 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
  - 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
  - 3:00 p.m. Service of Rededication
  - 4:30 p.m. Pilgrimage to Hoover Barn
  - 5:30 p.m. Catered Dinner & Ice Cream Social

Recurring Events: Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 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  
 The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week  
 Note: Salem Iron Men will not meet in July.

## 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.

## Salem's Address Directory has been updated

■ By Bill Burrier

Thank you to everyone who provided changes to your mailing address, phone number, and email address.

A new updated Address Directory has been printed and copies are available at church on the hallway table.

As in the past, the directory also includes wedding anniversaries and birthdays.

As with all printed material, changes will undoubtedly occur after it is printed. If so, please continue to provide your changes to me and I will record the updates so they will be included in the next printing.

## Honoring Salem's High School and College Graduates



From left Camilo Barkdoll, Dennis Leatherman (Lay Leader), Pastor Bob Snyder, Valentina Barkdoll, and Jadie Buhrman.

Pastor Bob Snyder, Diana Laky, and Dennis Leatherman



On Saturday, June 8, 2019, Salem's Praise Band "Works in Progress" provided music at the Shiloh United Methodist Church's Summer Festival in Hagerstown.

# Who's Doing What, When?

<b>9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b>		<b>JULY</b>
<b>Lay Readers</b> 7 - Gary Barkdoll 14 - Donald Stottlemeyer 21 - Robin Haupt 28 - Frank Stottlemeyer Jr. and Dennis Leatherman	<b>Ushers</b> 7 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 14 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 21 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 28 - Dan Lafferty & Brandon Leatherman	<b>Music</b> 7 - Sara Weitzel 14 - Praise Band 21 - Sara Weitzel 28 - Sara Weitzel
<b>Greeters</b> 7 - Robin & Theresa Haupt 14 - Dennis Leatherman 21 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 28 - Ken & Dianna Poling	<b>Acolytes</b> 7 - Patrick Waite 14 - Loralli Snyder 21 - Nadia Lebowitz 28 - Valentina Barkdoll	
<b>11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b>		
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> July 14 - Works in Progress Praise Band July 28 - Works in Progress Praise Band

## It's Your Day!

### July Anniversaries

- 4 - Michael & Mandy Mellott
- 10 - Robin & Theresa Haupt
- 18 - Pastor Bob & Donna Snyder
- 20 - Randy & Karen Sowers
- 29 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll

### July Birthdays

- 2 - Phyllis Beall
- 4 - Marlene Young
- 5 - Brett Haupt
- 10 - Randy Sowers
- 11 - Alyssa Fogle
- 13 - Patty Blickenstaff
- 14 - Tyler Zimmerman
- 18 - Amanda Hawkins
- 21 - Donald Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Pat Eccard
- 27 - Cyndy Weddle
- 28 - Kim Tolland
- 28 - Jennifer Burrier
- 28 - Austin Hebeisen
- 29 - Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 29 - Katy Hornbecker

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

### Bee-lievers will not meet in July

■ By Fonda Gormer

Due to the July 4 holiday falling on the regular date for the business meeting and other activities taking place, the next business meeting for the Bee-lievers will be on August 1, at 7 p.m. in the social area. Lord's Acre plans will be discussed at this meeting.

All women of the congregation are welcome to attend.

### Special Summer Choir Practice

■ By Sandy Lewis

Salem's Adult Choir will have a special summer practice on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is to prepare songs for singing for the anniversary service on July 28. We will only have this one practice before we sing, so please try to come if you can possibly make it.



### Children's Choir Practices

Michele Kline will be leading children's choir practices on Sunday mornings June 30, July 7, 14, & 21, at 10:45 a.m. to prepare a song for the anniversary celebration on July 28th.

### Holy Communion

Sunday, July 14, 2019

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

(Holy Communion will be held the second Sunday in July due to the pastor's vacation.)



### 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.

Revised April 2019



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



### A Blessing of a Summer Day

By Beth A. Richardson

Bless this day,  
 All plants and creatures,  
 All people near and far.  
 Bless the flowers  
 That sing praises with their beauty,  
 The grass that cushions my step.



Bless those who stand  
 With loved ones who are sick,  
 With friends or family who are lost.  
 Bring healing, bring wholeness.

Bless the world,  
 Its war-torn places,  
 Its broken villages,  
 Its frightened children.

Bless our bodies,  
 Our hearts,  
 Our hands,  
 That we may be blessings  
 To all we meet.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

### Fourth of July

By Earle J. Grant

Our country is so festive  
 When the Fourth of July comes,  
 With the blare of bugles  
 And the roll of drums . . .



In its mountain setting  
 Of verdant green,  
 Our village, too, is a part  
 Of the joyous scene.

Activities are planned  
 For each and everyone  
 And all are invited  
 To join in the fun.

Fireworks are displayed  
 That blossom in the night  
 In hues of red, white and blue  
 That are a thrilling sight.

Praises are due our God  
 That He has blessed our nation  
 And that we are alive  
 To join the celebration!



## RECIPE



### Blueberry Bundt Cake

#### INGREDIENTS:

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 2 eggs  | 1 teaspoon baking powder        |
| 1 cup buttermilk  | 1 teaspoon baking soda          |
| 3/4 cup vegetable oil                                     | 1/4 teaspoon salt               |
| 2 tablespoons frozen (thawed)<br>orange juice concentrate | 2 cups blueberries              |
| 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour                              | 1 cup chopped pecans            |
| 1 cup sugar   | 1 cup confectioners' sugar      |
|   | 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice |

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. In a mixing bowl, blend together eggs, buttermilk, oil and orange juice concentrate. Combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to egg mixture and mix well. Gently fold in blueberries and pecans.
2. Pour into a greased 12-cup fluted tube cake pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 15 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack; cool completely.
3. In a small bowl, mix confectioners' sugar and lemon juice; drizzle over cake. Serve with whipped topping and additional blueberries, if desired.

Selected from "Our Iowa" magazine.



### God Has a Plan

By Frances Seymour

When my mind is filled  
 with anxiety and doubt,  
 God has a plan.  
 When evil surrounds me,  
 And I'm feeling trapped,  
 God has a plan.  
 When I think of uncertainties,  
 That may lie ahead  
 God has a plan.  
 When I ponder circumstances  
 that fill my heart with dread,  
 God has a plan.  
 When I think of the times  
 I feel desperately alone,  
 God has a plan.  
 When I think of loved ones  
 already gone,  
 I know, God has a plan.  
 When I think of the depth  
 Of truth I must share,  
 God has a plan.  
 When I accept His ongoing  
 love, mercy and care,  
 I know, God has a plan.

Selected from Fahrney-Keedy  
 Chapel Service Bulletin

## WEDDING

### Mark Koons and Sarah Tilton

June 22, 2019

Congratulations to Mark Koons and Sarah Tilton on the occasion of their marriage on Saturday, June 22, 2019. Mark is the son of Susan and the late Philip Koons, Myersville, and the grandson of Bill and the late Mary Alice Shankle, Myersville.

Sarah is the daughter of Ronald and Lauren Tilton, Meadowbrooke Drive, Frederick.

Mark and Sarah will reside at 2807 N. Howard Street, Baltimore, MD 21218.

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." —Romans 15:5-6



## Message from the Pastor and Worship in July

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

**As** June comes to a close, I want to thank everyone who was involved with our Hero's Club Monday After School Ministry this school year. A lot of effort goes into this ministry and everyone's great service is really appreciated. You've made a real positive difference in the lives of the Hero's Club kids. Thank you!

Also, thanks very much to those who organized, attended, and supported this year's trip to the Creation Music Festival. It's always great to see and hear the ways youth and adults have experienced God at this great event.

Turning now to July, it's here, our 200th Anniversary Celebration!

On Sunday, July 28th we'll have special worship services, a pilgrimage to the Hoover Barn, and a catered dinner at the pavilion. Please see the details in this month's newsletter of all the day's events and please come and celebrate this special day with us.

Earlier in the month, July 8-12, we'll be partnering again with St. Mark's Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School (VBS).

This year, it's at St. Mark's and the theme is "ROAR! Life is Wild – God is Good." Sounds like fun! Our combined staff runs a great VBS. Please help get out the word to children ages 4-12.

Summer is here! I hope you're able to get away a bit for some rest and relaxation.

God Bless. —Pastor Bob

**July 7**  
**"What Kind of Soil are You?"**  
**The Parable of the Sower**  
**Matthew 13:1-23**  
**Message by Bill Burrier**

Matthew 13:23 – "The one who

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**200** YEARS

received the seed that fell on good soil is the one who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

The Parable of the Sower (sometimes called the Parable of the Soils) is a parable of Jesus, found in Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8.

In the story, a sower sows seed and does so indiscriminately. Some seed falls on the path with no soil, some on rocky ground with little soil, and some on soil which contained weeds.

In these cases, the seed is taken away or fails to produce a crop, but when it falls on good soil it grows, yielding thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold.

Jesus explains that the seed represents the Gospel and the various soils represent people's responses to it.

**July 14**  
**Holy Communion**  
**"God Has Accomplished Good Things"**  
**Hebrews 11**

Hebrews 11:40 – "God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect."

Hebrews 11 provides a listing of the saints and how God accomplished good things through them. As they were faithful to God and trusted in him, God was able to work through them.

Over these last 200 years, God has accomplished good things working through the people of Salem Church.

Just as they advanced God's salvation plan in their time, we are striving, with God's help, to advance our Lord's work in the world as we live out our earthly lives.

We link arms with the saints of the past and the saints of the future to be God's people.

**July 21**  
**"God Still Has Good Things to Accomplish"**  
**1 Corinthians 9:19-27**

1 Corinthians 9:24b – "Run in such a way as to get the prize."

As Christians, we're all teammates on God's team and we're all in the game.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that we want it this way. We don't just want the uniform, we want to be out there on the field of play, growing in faith, serving those in need, and inviting others to Christ and church.

We want to make a positive difference. We want to work with God to advance his kingdom on earth.

The prize for our efforts is salvation and eternal life, and more. The prize is also a good, meaningful life now as we live out our earthly lives.

**July 28**  
**200th Anniversary Celebration**  
**"Celebrating 200 Years"**  
**Joshua 4**

Joshua 4:9 – "Joshua set up the twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant had stood. And they are there to this day."

The monument of the twelve stones memorialized God's faithfulness in bringing Israel to this point in their history.

There was a stone on the monument for each one of the tribes of Israel. In other words all of God's people were represented in these twelve stones. All had crossed the Jordan, ending the journey they had just made and beginning a new journey in the Promised Land, God had given them.

Today is our Jordan experience, marking what has come before and what awaits us in the next chapter of our history. As we enter into our future, we do so trusting in God who has already proven himself to be faithful to us.



**1819-2019****History of Salem United Methodist Church****Part 8 — This is Dedicated to God and the Ones we Loved**

**CELEBRATING**  
**200 YEARS**  
**of ministry in Wolfsville**

■ **By Fonda Gormer**

Various gifts and memorials to loved ones have been part of the history of Salem United Methodist Church.

Many of those memorialized were descendants of John and Susannah Harshman Hoover, who owned the stone house and barn.

The following includes some of the gifts received over the years. The honorees' relationship to the Hoovers is also noted, if applicable.

**The 1940's**

The refurbishment of Salem's sanctuary was rededicated August 23, 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eccard and family provided the altar. Mr. and Mrs. Emory Frey and Preston Frey donated the altar Bible.

As World War II came to a close in 1945, shrubbery was planted on the church lawn "in memory of the boys in the armed services of their country."

The painting "Christ Praying in Gethsemane" over the altar in the sanctuary was presented by the Women's Sunday School class in 1948, in memory of Carroll Meredith Kline.

Carroll was killed in action January 18, 1945, at the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. There is also a plaque on the sanctuary wall for Carroll. It states that he "served 18 days overseas with the U.S. Army."

Carroll was the son of Ary R. and Emma J. Blickenstaff Kline. He was 23 years old at the time of his death, and left behind his wife Dorothy and daughter Carol Ann.

Carroll was buried in the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial in Liège, Belgium, but a memorial tombstone was placed in Salem's cemetery for him. Carroll was a great-great-grandson of John and Susannah Harshman Hoover.

**The 1950's**

On July 15, 1951, there was a dedicatory service for the lectern, and for altar furnishings, including a cross, candle holders and flower vases, presented by the relatives of Savilla Stottlemeyer Myers, in

Photo provided by Fonda Gormer



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In 1948, the altar painting in Salem's sanctuary was presented by the Women's Sunday School Class, in memory of Salem member Carroll M. Kline, who was killed in action January 18, 1945, at age 23, at the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, after serving only 18 days overseas with the U.S. Army. The memorial plaque at right is on the sanctuary wall at Salem.

her memory.

In January 1955, another dedication service was held. The recently completed vestibule memorialized Mr. and Mrs. Emory Frey.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin donated a bookcase placed near the primary class corner. It was later moved to the secretary's room in the educational building.

At the same time, a wall clock was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Martin. While that clock eventually wore out, its replacements have been hung in the same spot. Mrs. Emory Frey, nee Fannie Blickenstaff, and Edgar Martin were great-grandchildren of John and Susannah Harshman Hoover. Charles was a great-great-grandson.

New pulpit chairs were dedicated in 1958, in memory of Mrs. Ruth Blickenstaff Harshman by her husband Russell and family. Ruth was also a great-granddaughter.

**The 1960's**

On February 28, 1960, offering plate stands were presented by Miss Caroline Harshman in memory of her uncle and aunt, Emory and Fannie Frey.

At the same time, a light for the organ was presented by Mrs. Emma J. Kline and her daughter Mrs. Evelyn Grossnickle in memory of Carroll M. Kline.

When Salem completed its new

Educational Building in 1968, there were numerous opportunities for memorials. The program from the dedication service on May 19, 1968, included the following memorials:

Various classrooms were dedicated in memory of Ruth D. Harshman and Fannie R. Frey by the Russell D. Harshman family; in memory of Victor B. Wolf and in honor of Gay B. Wolf by the Lauren (Jake) Wolf family; in memory of Calvin C. Kline and Ada A. Kline by the Sherman Kline family; in memory of Daniel P. Warrenfeltz and Rebecca D. Warrenfeltz by Frank Warrenfeltz; in memory of Edgar B. Martin by his family; in memory of Adam B. Martin (a great-grandson) and Alice V. Martin by the family of their son, Richard A. Martin. The exterior cross and its light were placed in memory of Edgar B. Martin by his wife Marjorie Martin. The Ray Kline family provided the front doors in memory of Beulah I. Kline. The stained glass windows in the entry hallway were memorials to Edgar B. Martin by his children.

At the same service, a pulpit light was dedicated in memory of Rev. Albert Snyder by the congregation. Rev. Snyder served as Salem's pastor from 1944 to 1956. He was one of the congregation's

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200 YEARS

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longest serving ministers. He had passed away March 4, 1965.

## The 1980's

In 1983, a Historical Cabinet Fund was established to provide a place to display the church's historical items. Charles Martin had a keen interest in this project. Following his death in 1986, the family designated his memorial funds for this project. On April 29, 1990, the completed cabinet, built by local craftsman Dale G. Kline, was dedicated in memory of Charles. This cabinet is located in Salem's social hall.

## The 1990's

New landscaping was planted in front of the Salem buildings in memory of Marjorie Martin by her family, and dedicated November 17, 1991. Marjorie was a great-granddaughter of John and Susannah Harshman Hoover.

A Koosa dogwood tree was dedicated at the same time as a memorial to Salem's servicemen. The new signboard was also dedicated at that time in memory of Richard A. Martin by his family. Richard was a great-great-grandson of John and Susannah Harshman Hoover.

By 1993, the sanctuary hymnals were in disrepair. "The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration" was chosen for purchase to replace the old ones. With contributions from her family and church friends, the new hymnals were dedicated in memory of Dorothea Martin Nusbaum. Dorothea, who passed away in 1984, was a great-great-granddaughter of John and Susannah Harshman Hoover.

On August 23, 1992, a new organ was dedicated in memory of Evelyn J. Kline Grossnickle by the congregation. Evelyn was a gifted musician, playing both the piano and organ at the church for many years. She was a great-great-granddaughter of John and Susannah Harshman Hoover.

## The 2000's

In 2001, when a sound system was installed in the sanctuary, an electronics cabinet, built by Stanley Kline, was dedicated in memory of Effie R. Eccard Stottlemeyer by her family. In 2005, a matching Lenten candle stand was built



In loving memory of Brian Stottlemeyer, his family and friends donated the beautiful stained glass window above the interior front doors of Salem's sanctuary. The window incorporates the shooting-star logo of Brian's employer, Frederick County Public Schools.

by Stanley and also dedicated in memory of Effie by her family. Effie was married to Frank V. Stottlemeyer, Sr., great-great-grandson of John and Susannah Harshman Hoover.

The worn wooden window sills of the sanctuary were replaced with white marble sills in 2007. This project was completed in memory of Frank V. Stottlemeyer, Sr., by his family.

Brian Lee Stottlemeyer, son of George and Barbara Stottlemeyer and brother of Matthew, passed away in 2006 at the young age of 32. In loving memory of Brian, his family and friends donated the beautiful stained glass window above the interior front doors of Salem's sanctuary. The window incorporates the shooting-star logo of Brian's employer, Frederick County Public Schools. Brian was a great-great-great-great-grandson of John and Susannah Hoover.

For many years two large maple trees shaded the front of the church, but they eventually needed to be removed. Their shade was missed. Two flowering cherry trees were planted in their place in 2008 by George Harne, in memory of his mother and father, Catherine Delauter Harne and Milton Harne. Catherine was a great-great-granddaughter of John and Susannah Hoover.

## The 2010's

In 2012, the Linda M. Kline Memorial Pavilion was constructed to the rear of the church building. The pavilion was a gift from the Kline family and members of the community who made memorial contributions to Salem in memory of Linda (April 22, 1948-December 15, 2002). Linda was a great-great-great-granddaughter of John and Susannah Hoover.

Currently there are plans for memorial stained glass windows. And as Salem looks ahead with plans for expansion, there will be opportunities for other memorials.

Everyone is invited to help celebrate Salem's 200th birthday at services on July 28, 2019. The traditional worship service will be at 9 a.m., followed by Sunday School for all ages at 10:15 a.m. The contemporary service starts at 11:15 a.m.

A rededication service will start at 3 p.m., followed by a pilgrimage to the Hoover barn about 4:30 p.m.

The day concludes with a catered meal and ice cream social at 5:30 p.m. at the pavilion. Plan to attend any or all of these events!

The next installment of this series will look at how music has played a part in Salem's history.

Faithful Servant of the Lord



## A Tribute to Philip W. Koons — April 11, 1965 - June 10, 2019

Funeral services for Philip W. Koons, 54, were held at Salem on June 13, 2019. The following are excerpts from Pastor Bob Snyder's remarks at the funeral.

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

Phil was born on Palm Sunday, April 11, 1965, in Prince George's County, Maryland. He was the son of the late Eugene and Donna Koons. And he is survived by a brother, Kevin, his wife Kari and their children.

As a child, Phil's family moved several times in Prince George's and Calvert Counties. Phil graduated from Northern High School in Owings, MD.

And then he was off to college at the University of Maryland where he majored in business and was a member of the Terrapin Marching Band where he played the cymbals.

Eventually, Phil's family moved to Walkersville, getting him within range of Susan. She heard about Phil through a pastor. So she went and checked him out at the Bible Study at Thurmont United Methodist. That first night they didn't talk.

Susan was playing the organ at Eyer's Valley Chapel in Emmitsburg. She played on Sundays and for weddings. And soon after that first encounter at Thurmont United Methodist, Phil showed up in the back pew at Eyer's Valley. This time Susan went back to him to talk and the rest is history.

They were married right here at Salem. Joann Leatherman played for their wedding on November 2, 1991. Phil and Susan were married over 27 years.

Susan observes that the weather on their wedding day foretold the journey they were about to embark upon. That November day started cool, then got sunny, then got windy, then rained. Finally, by nightfall, it was snowing. She says, "It's been a rollercoaster ride and I wouldn't trade it for anything. I was blessed."

After the wedding, they embarked on married life. In his spare time, Phil liked to follow sports and he always liked doing the family finances. Phil was a "numbers guy," really good at remembering numbers and facts and figures. And right from the start, Phil and Susan made God and church a priority, and throughout their whole marriage they have been very active members and contributors of Christ's

I know You're able [God]  
and I know You can  
Save through the fire  
with Your mighty hand.  
But even if You don't  
My hope is You alone.  
I know the sorrow, I know the hurt  
Would all go away  
if You'd just say the word.  
But even if You don't  
My hope is You alone.  
It is well with my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
—"Even If" by Mercy Me

church here at Salem.

As long as he could, I remember him singing in the choir and serving on committees and turning out for Bible studies and all the major events here at Salem. Most recently, he's been an active member of the "Salem Iron Men" men's group and he's inspired us with his quiet, humble strength and courage.

Back to Phil and Susan. It came time in their marriage for children. Both sets of grandparents liked the name Mark, so when their first son came along they agreed – Mark was a good name. Joshua's name was a bit more challenging. Susan was very much "with child" and more than ready to deliver and time was starting to run short. Phil arrived home with yet one more book on ideas for children's names. Now about to have the baby, Susan's interest shifted away from the importance of choosing a name and shifted more towards just delivering this baby! Nevertheless, a good name was chosen, "Joshua," and it's been a good name ever since.

Both Mark and Joshua carry their father with them in their names. Mark's middle name is Philip and Josh's is Wesley, the same as Phil's middle name. To the end of their lives, Phil will always continue to be with Mark and Josh in the love he shared with them and the ways he taught them.

Phil had various jobs. Most recently, he work for the U.S. Postal Service. He's always been a hard worker and has

persevered, amidst many health obstacles, to always provide for his family. A plaque on the wall of their home defines his name. The name "Philip" means "Strong in Spirit." It was a good name for Phil. He was strong in his spirit, his faith, and his love of Susan and the boys.

All of them remember the notes he'd write to them. Telling them he loved them and was proud of them, and sometimes encouraging them in some way. There's something very good about a note writer – they have to take the time, they have to be thinking about you, they have to make an effort to put their feelings and thoughts into the right words. A note left for them when they arrived home, a note on a special occasion. These were expressions of Phil's love.

Other words capture who Phil was: compassionate, loyal, kind, faithful, honest, integrity, intelligent, considerate, strong-willed, and patient.

Most of his adult life, Phil suffered with illness. Diabetes, chronic abdominal issues, in the last ten years progressively worse liver disease. Nine years ago he underwent a 12.5 hour surgery, really it was four separate surgeries done at the same time. He spent a month in the hospital recovering. These were tough, debilitating illnesses that he lived with for decades.

I could have started out my message with his illness, it was certainly a major part of Phil's life and the families'. But I didn't start with his illnesses because they didn't define who Phil was. He rose above them.

Outside of family, for most of us, because of the way Phil approached life, it wasn't apparent that Phil lived with such serious issues and with so much discomfort. Whenever I was with him, he was positive and optimistic, and kind and thankful. And he remained faithful.

Sometimes such chronic illnesses can harm a person's faith in God, but through to the day I last spoke to Phil, his love for and faith and hope in God did not waver.


  
**Heavenly Humor**

*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"



"On second thought, Mr. Smith, the King James Version may be just right for you."

*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

Use your voice for kindness,  
your ears for compassion, your hands for charity,  
your mind for truth, and your heart for love.

People who wonder whether  
the glass is half full, miss the point.  
The glass is refillable.

Negativity and hate are  
contagious. But so are  
positivity, kindness & courage.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

**The Mountain Shepherd**

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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