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Plans underway for Lord's Acre Festival

Always the Second Saturday in September



LORD'S ACRE
Festival
Saturday
September 14, 2019
Wolfsville Ruritan Park
Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.
Live Auction: 6:00 p.m.

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



Food (2:00-6:00 p.m.)

Homemade soups (beef vegetable, ham bean & turkey noodle), sandwiches (country ham, turkey salad, hot beef, hot dog, chili dog, kraut dog & pulled pork), french fries, baked goods (cookies, pies, cakes, more), hand-dipped ice cream (South Mountain Creamery), soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and water.

Crafts & Fancy Needlework (2:00-6:00 p.m.)

A wide variety of handmade fancy needlework and craft items will be on sale.

Produce (2:00-6:00 p.m.)

Fresh produce, fruits & vegetables.

Flea Tables (2:00-6:00 p.m.)

Household items and books.

Children & Youth Activities (2:00-6:00 p.m.)

Games & other activities with prizes.

Silent Auction 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Donated items.

Music 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Live Auction 6:00 p.m.

Robert A. Wilson, Auctioneer

Lord's Acre Featured Quilt

The quilt will be on display at the Lord's Acre, Sept. 14, beginning at 2 p.m. and will be the last item sold at the auction which begins at 6 p.m.

Local community get-togethers in August

First Saturday in August
August 3, 2019

Garfield Church Picnic

Garfield Picnic Woods at corner of Garfield and Brandenburg Hollow Roads, Wolfsville

Second Saturday in August
August 10, 2019

Mt. Bethel Church Picnic

Corner of Stottlemeyer and Ridenour Roads, Foxville

Third Saturday in August
August 17, 2019

Wolfsville Picnic

Smith's Picnic Woods, Md. 17, Wolfsville
Sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Sunday School in Wolfsville

A tradition in Wolfsville and surrounding areas.



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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.



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. 11

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

As we celebrated Independence Day, I was reminded of the words of Jesus in John 8:32: "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Our clients come to the center bound by brokenness, fear, rebellion, and more. It is our desire to introduce them to Jesus, the One who frees them by His truth.

Thank you for financially partnering with us to ensure that our doors are open to serve our clients. So far this year, we have had spiritual conversations with 103 clients, shared the Gospel with 44 clients, and prayed with 56 clients. Please pray that each client will know Jesus and His freedom.

Blessings, —Linda King, Executive Director



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)
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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.

Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School teaches “God is Good”

■ By Fonda Gormer

VBS TEACHES GOD IS GOOD

When life is unfair...
When life is scary...
When life is changes...
When life is sad...
When life is good...GOD IS GOOD.

These were the power points for the Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School held July 8-12.

Fifteen different children and ten helpers enjoyed music, Bible stories and activities, crafts, games and snacks each evening. Even the heat did not dampen the enthusiasm of the group. Some are already planning for next year's VBS!

The offering of \$106 will be given to “Middletown Valley People Helping People” to serve the needs of local valley residents.



“I’m trusting You God...You are good!” ROAR!

The children sing and dance during opening devotions at the Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School held July 8-12 at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. Thank you to the leaders and children who attended from Salem, St. Mark’s, and the community. (Excuse the blurry photo. The children just couldn’t stop moving to the music.)

VBS has been a cooperative effort of Salem Church, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, and the Wolfsville Ruritan Club since the 1950’s.

We thank the members of the Ruritan Club for their continued support, and the parents and volunteers who helped these children learn about God’s goodness.

MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES

Salem Mission Project No. 8

Potato Project — Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA

In 2019, through June, the Potato & Produce Project has distributed 2,955,271 pounds of fresh produce in 86 events, with 1,291 volunteers.

They have distributed food donated by 10 farmers and packing houses to hungry people through 211 feeding agencies.

They salvage tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that are rejected by commercial markets or potato chip factories due to slight imperfections in size, shape, sugar content, or surface blemishes.

Usually, these rejected loads end up at local landfills. Through the Potato and Produce Project, the Society of St. Andrew is able to redirect these 40,000-45,000-pound loads of fresh, nutritious produce to food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries, low income housing areas, local churches, and other hunger agencies for distribution to the poor.

In 2018, the Potato and Produce Project collected and distributed 6,848,020 pounds of fresh produce.

Because this produce is donated, the Society of St. Andrew pays only for the transportation and packaging of the food—an amazingly low 9 cents per pound!

That means they can provide food to the nation’s hungry for about 3 cents per serving!

Why it Works

The Potato & Produce Project is successful and extremely cost-effective for two simple reasons:

First, the food they receive is donated. This food is not marketable for cosmetic reasons, but is perfectly edible. We do not buy the food we distribute. Their costs are for the transportation and packaging of the food we receive.

Second, they operate in conjunction with existing food distribution organizations, such as food banks. They avoid duplication of effort in order to gain efficiency and to cut costs.

Produce Drops

The direct delivery of food to the needy through the Potato and Produce Project includes Produce Drops, where a tractor-trailer load of fruit or vegetables is delivered to a church parking lot or other location.

Volunteers then process the load by bagging the produce, if necessary, and delivering the food to local hunger relief



agencies.

It is important to keep in mind that Produce Drops are not the norm for the Potato and Produce Project. The majority of food handled by the Potato and Produce Project is delivered directly to agencies. That is because most of the donated food they receive comes to them on relatively short notice and they deliver it to receiving agencies as economically as possible.

For example, if a potato chip factory or a green bean packing house rejects a load of potatoes or green beans and donates it to them, it makes economic sense for them to try to find a place close by willing to receive the load rather than sending it to a food bank in a far-away state.

Attendance Offerings

June 2019

		Worship*	Sunday School
June 2	-	91 \$2,247.00	49 \$478.50
June 9	-	95 2,214.50	40 1.00
June 16	-	83 3,670.00	45 385.00
June 23	-	74 2,488.00	47 155.00
June 30	-	78 1,751.00	45 69.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$3,285.10
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$180.00
 - Building Fund: \$480.00
 - Building Addition: \$100.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

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

Average Attendance Jan-June 2019

Sunday Worship: 84
Sunday School: 49



BUILDING COMMITTEE

Melissa Thornton (Chair)
Michael Burrier (Secretary)
Gary Barkdoll
George Harne

Fonda Gormer
Kathy Laky
Anita Harshman
Bob Snyder

Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
Vernon Stottlemeyer (Ex Officio)
Denny Leatherman (Ex Officio)
Bill Burrier (Ex Officio)

■ By Melissa Thornton, Building Committee Chair

In honor of the 200th anniversary of Salem United Methodist Church, the offering at the 3:00 p.m. Service of Rededication on July 28, 2019, will be placed in Salem's Building Fund, designated for the proposed building addition.

The building committee continues to explore the prospect of expanding the education building to enhance Salem's ministries into the future, and the offerings made at this service will help make this possible.

In addition, the preliminary plans will be on display at the pavilion during the catered dinner, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The building committee invites you

to look at these plans to see the ideas for expanding our social hall, building a new kitchen, enlarging our entrance foyer, providing a dedicated youth group room, expanding the food pantry, and providing a pastor's office.

Building committee members will be present at the event, so please feel free to reach out to any member to ask questions.

Also, feel free to contact me by phone at 301-508-7165 or by email at mrthornton79@gmail.com, anytime you have questions or comments about the potential building project.

We hope to see you at the various 200th anniversary events on July 28, 2019!

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.

CROP Walk planned for Sunday, September 22

While the high temperatures at the time of this writing stifle any thoughts of a 5-mile walk, it is not too early to begin thinking about getting in shape for the annual Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk. The event is scheduled for Sunday, September 22, at 1:30 p.m. Registration begins at Salem at 1:00 p.m. More information and sponsor records are available from Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net. Details will appear in next month's newsletter.



August

Calendar of Events



- Thu 1 Bee-lievers Women's Group** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 3 Garfield Church Picnic - Picnic Woods, corner of Garfield & Brandenburg Hollow
Sun 4 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Thu 8 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 10 Mt. Bethel Picnic - Grove at corner of Stottlemeyer & Ridenour Roads, Foxville
Sun 11 Salem Iron Men - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 17 Wolfsville Picnic - Smith's Picnic Woods, Wolfsville Road
Sun 25 Salem Iron Men - Family Picnic, 5 p.m. at Ole Mink Farm

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

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.

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. —Ephesians 5:1-2

MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES

Salem Mission Project No. 10

The Least of These Ministries — Dominican Republic

I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. —Psalm 121:11-12 (NIV)



Dear Friends at Salem:

As believers, we know that we have an advocate, a friend, a helper, in the Lord. We know that He walks with us as we go about our days, and watches over us even as we sleep. We know that He knows our needs before we speak a word. Since the inception of our food distribution ministry, our team in the Dominican Republic has always pointed to Jesus as the source of the help (food) that was being provided. This will continue to be a cornerstone of our message when working with these communities.

We are grateful that you are allowing God to work through you by your support of The Least of These Ministries. It is always a privilege to join God in His work, and we are honored that you have chosen to partner with us in ministering to families in the Dominican Republic.

In Christ alone, —Marty Hogan, Executive Director, Westminster, MD



60th Annual

LORD'S ACRE
Festival
WOLFVILLE RURITAN PARK
SAT, SEPT 14, 2-7 PM

Who's Doing What, When?

AUGUST

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Readers

- 4 - Robin Haupt
- 11 - Dennis Draper
- 18 - Jennifer Gormer
- 25 - Steve Leatherman

Ushers

- 4 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
- 11 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt
- 18 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman
- 25 - Dan Lafferty & Brandon Leatherman

Music

- 4 - Sara Weitzel
- 11 - Praise Band
- 18 - Sara Weitzel
- 25 - Sara Weitzel

Greeters

- 4 - Dennis Leatherman
- 11 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family
- 18 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer
- 25 - Andrea Palmer

Acolytes

- 4 - Loralli Snyder
- 11 - Patrick Waite
- 18 - Nadia Lebowitz
- 25 - Valentina Barkdoll

11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.

Music

- Aug 11 - Works in Progress Praise Band
- Aug 25 - Works in Progress Praise Band

It's Your Day!

August Anniversaries

- 6 - Adam & Rachel Stottlemeyer
- 7 - Corey & Colleen Carter
- 22 - Lee & Lora McGraw
- 29 - Kent & Polly Miller
- 29 - Andrew & Sarah Haddock
- 29 - Richard & Anita Harshman

August Birthdays

- 3 - Susan Koons
- 6 - Jeff Harshman
- 9 - Sara Burwell
- 11 - Cathie Elsbach
- 12 - Matt Tolland
- 13 - Joey Lynch Jr.
- 15 - Danny Zimmerman
- 16 - Bill Weaver
- 17 - Timothy Doyle
- 17 - Colleen Carter
- 18 - Amy Burwell
- 18 - Jerry Draper
- 19 - Meagan Wagaman
- 21 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 24 - Rhea Poling
- 26 - Kenslie Buhrman
- 28 - Curtis Nelson
- 29 - Sandy Miller
- 30 - Camilo Barkdoll

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

Bee-lievers to meet August 1 and September 5

■ By Fonda Gormer

The next two regular business meetings of the Bee-lievers will involve planning for the upcoming Lord's Acre Festival.

In addition to attending the August 1 and September 5 meetings, all ladies are invited to assist with food preparation for the festival on the following dates:

Thursday, September 12:

Soup making at the Wolfsville Ruritan Park at 8 a.m.

Friday, September 13:

Fruit pie baking at Salem at 8:30 a.m.
Cream pie baking at 5 p.m. at the Ruritan Park

Saturday, September 14:

Make sandwiches at 7 a.m. at the Ruritan Park

Saturday, September 14:

LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL begins at 2 p.m. but help is needed most of the day. Please sign up for work stations on the hallway doors of the church.

Lay Readers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to be Lay Readers during the 9:00 a.m. traditional worship service.

If you would like to be added to the rotation, contact Pastor Bob.

Holy Communion

Sunday, August 4, 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

COURTESY IS OWED.
RESPECT IS EARNED.
LOVE IS GIVEN.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

Sunshine Days

By Clay Harrison

How sweet the summer roses
perfume the morning air,
And the lilacs by the window
hold me captive there.
The butterflies come early
to see what they can find,
And hollyhocks at sunrise
bring me peace of mind.



The sights and sounds of summer
bring carefree, happy days
As memories of childhood
evoke those childhood ways.
It's fun to build a treehouse -
run barefoot in the rain.
It's grand to build sand castles,
or stroll a country lane.

But the golden days of autumn
soon fade to pewter gray
As the sunshine days of summer
evaporate away.
We can't hold back the seasons
as day must follow night,
So God sends the sunshine days
to make our spirits bright.

*But the path of the just is as the shining light, that
shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

—Proverbs 4:18

A Touch of Love

By Alice Joyce Davidson

You can smell it in a flower,
You can see it in the sky,
You can feel it soft and gentle
As a summer breeze blows by—
The touch of love is in the air!

You can show it with a smile,
You will know it when you pray,
It's a gift that's all around you
And inside you every day—
God's touch of love is everywhere!

Be strong and of good courage,
fear not . . . because it is the Lord
thy God who goes with you;
He will not fail you or forsake you.

—Deuteronomy 31:6



RECIPE



Peach Upside-Down Cake

INGREDIENTS:

3/4 cup brown sugar, packed	2 teaspoons cinnamon
16 tablespoons butter	1-1/2 cups sugar
29-oz. can peach slices, drained	3 large eggs, separated
2-1/4 cups flour	3/4 cup milk
1 tablespoon baking powder	1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a saucepan combine brown sugar and 4 tablespoons butter. Melt over medium heat, stirring well. Spread into bottom of 9-inch square baking pan. Arrange peach slices over sauce.
2. In a small bowl combine flour, baking powder, and cinnamon.
3. In a large bowl beat remaining butter with sugar until creamy. Beat in egg yolks, dry ingredients, milk, and vanilla until well blended.
4. In small bowl beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Fold into batter. Spread batter over peaches.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 55-60 minutes. Cool and turn over onto serving plate.

Makes 10-12 servings.

Selected from "Lancaster County Cookbook"



Community

By Christopher Maricle

*"Deeply Rooted: Knowing Self,
Growing in God"*

Jesus creates a community of disciples, and they journey together with Jesus for years while learning about God. Jesus uses this model to teach us.

When I am disconnected from a community of faith, my own personal faith development slows down. Through my own experience, I have found two overarching characteristics of faith communities that help me grow closer to God.

First, the worship of the community must be vibrant, and, for me, music is central to that purpose. In fact, I'm not sure I would know how to worship God without music.

Second, the community has to feel warm and inviting. My worship community needs to be a place where I feel welcomed and encouraged to meet and form relationships with others.

*Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman
Marilyn comments "This is my Salem."*

When You Have God You Have Everything

By Leiby Acosta

Today I'm counting on a new beginning with a reason for living with a deeper meaning because God has blessed me with many good things.

I have been through a lot, but with God's help, I have been able to overcome my adversities. God is and always will be my everything. He has been my light in my darkest hours. He has pulled me from the fire more times than I can count. Now I'm surrounded by the comfort and protection of the highest power.

I love you and praise you, Lord Almighty. You are my strength and my song. You walk with me in this journey that seems so long, but with you by my side, surely everything will be alright. For I know goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life. I thank you and I love you forever more.

*Selected from Fahrney-Keedy
Chapel Service Bulletin*



Message from the Pastor and Worship in August

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

As I write this, we are just a few short days from our 200th Anniversary special day of celebration. Taking time to reflect on our past helps us see the faithfulness of those that have gone before us, inspiring us to stay focused on our own faith and trust in God.

The faith of all people across the ages is rooted in God's enduring faithfulness to humankind. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell of God's faithfulness through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It took four separate accounts to tell the complete story of Jesus.

During the four Sundays of August, we'll explore the different perspectives of each Gospel account.

Why would a person want to turn to Matthew or Luke for study or help? What does Mark or John emphasize in their accounts of Jesus life?

Answering these questions can help us be more familiar with our Bibles and help us turn to them more. As you do so, I believe you will be richly blessed. Journeying with you. —*Pastor Bob*

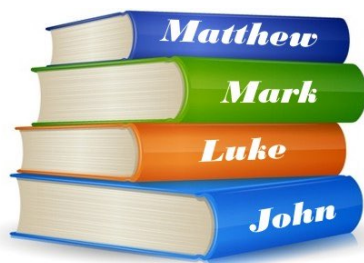
August 4 – Holy Communion “How Matthew Tells the Story” Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew 22:36 – “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Matthew wants us to know that Jesus is the Savior, promised to us by God. Jesus is the fulfillment of all that has gone before and has come to teach us how to live in God's kingdom.

Matthew is a good source to go to in those times when we need to be reminded of God's extraordinary love and faithfulness.

Matthew is also a good book to go to when we want to learn more about



how God wants us to live our daily lives.

It is believed that Matthew was written to the Jews of his day to expand and deepen their faith. The Gospel of Matthew continues to expand and deepen the faith of those who bring its truth into their lives.

August 11 “How Mark Tells the Story” Mark 10:35-45

Mark 10:43- “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.”

Mark wants to tell us that being a true follower of a Jesus requires us to be a servant to others. He shows Jesus to be a servant-leader, even to the point of suffering and dying for us.

Mark is a good source to go to as we're working on tasks with others, at home, in the workplace, as part of a church or other group, and when at play.

The true team-player seeks not to elevate self, but to elevate the whole team to do their best.

Mark is also a good book to go to when we need encouragement to take an action. Mark portrays Jesus as a man of action, teaching, healing, and seeking out the lost.

Jesus' example inspires us to take the actions we need to take in our daily lives.

August 18 “How Luke Tells the Story” Luke 19:1-10

Luke 19:10 – “For the Son of Man came to save that which was lost.”

Luke wants to tell us that all are worthy of God's love and care, including ourselves. In turn, God wants us to care for others, especially the least, the last, and the lost (Luke 7).

Jesus provided this example to us in his own life and ministry. When asked by an expert in the law “Who is my neighbor?”

Jesus responded with the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37). Jesus completed his conversation with his inquirer saying, “Go and do likewise.”

And those words ring true across the ages. Jesus continues to tell you and me to include all people as our neighbors, and to especially reach out to and care for the least, the last, and the lost.

August 25 “How John Tells the Story” John 20:24-31

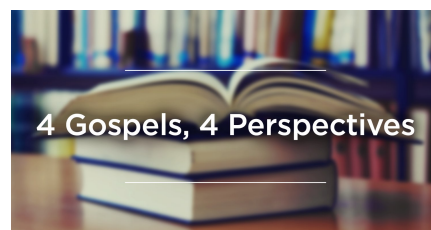
John 20:31 – “These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

This is John's statement of purpose. John is believed to have written his account of Jesus in the 90's, some 60 years after Jesus' death.

By this time, all the other Apostles were gone, the split between the Jewish Synagogue and Christian Church had occurred, and persecution of Christians was on the increase.

As their faith and trust in Christ was being tested, John wants to reassure the church, reminding them of who Jesus is, what Jesus can do for them, and how they should continue to live their lives as followers of Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of God.

John is a good book to turn to for new and seasoned believers alike reassuring us of who Jesus is, what Jesus can do for us, and how we should live our lives in the Kingdom of God.



1819-2019**History of Salem United Methodist Church****Part 9 — There's a Song in the Air**

CELEBRATING
200 YEARS
 of ministry in Wolfsville

■ **By Fonda Gormer**

Music plays an important part in the worship services of most congregations, and Salem United Methodist Church is no exception. But the type of music used in worship appears to have changed over the past 200 years.

Singing has always been a part of worship. Early ministers were often song leaders; they would sing a line of a hymn which would then be repeated by the worshippers.

In the 1800's, many protestant churches sang congregationally with no instruments, and preached against "praising God with machinery."

These evangelical denominations were careful to preach no other doctrine than what is plainly laid down in the Bible, especially the New Testament.

Since there is no mention of instruments being used to worship in the New Testament, they were not to be used by the church. This policy was also a protest against the practices of the Jews and the Catholic Church, which both used instruments in their services.

The Hoovers were Singers

The Hoover family had a history of good voices. Through the years, the family and other members of the congregation produced numerous individuals, trios and choirs proclaiming the love of God.

However, as to be expected, instrumental music was not part of the worship service in Salem's early years.

Howison E. Hoover, in his "History of the Hoover Family," described the music situation in early years, when he speaks of his father, John Wesley Hoover (1836-1928), a grandson of the stone house Hoovers. "He was early in life a member of the United Brethren in Christ, the ecclesiastical ark of his forebears; but because of the petrified sanctity of the day and membership which refused to admit the organ as an aid in song in the church, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church more liberal to new ideas and died a member thereof."

Apparently, John Wesley Hoover left Salem in 1879, when he withdrew from his



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position as chairman of the trustees.

Soon though, there was a change at Salem. According to "The Catoclin News," a weekly paper once published in Wolfsville, in 1888, Salem United Brethren Church made arrangements for the use of an organ for the summer.

Miss Gertrude Hoover, daughter of John Wesley Hoover, was the organist.

Salem's Early Pianos

According to the trustee minutes, Ary R. Kline collected money for a piano in 1935. This was the first mention of an instrument for Salem, though there may have been earlier ones.

Nothing more is known about this purchase, but a new Gulbrandsen piano was purchased in 1947 for \$684, and the old one was sold; in order to pay off the balance owed for the piano, the Women's Class paid what they had in their Birthday Fund, and Frank Warrenfeltz agreed to pay the balance.

Electric Organs

An electric organ was purchased from the Colonial Music Shop of Frederick, Maryland. At its dedication service on March 22, 1959, special music was provided by organist Mr. J. L. Wantz and harpist Bonnie Caplan.

The Women's Sunday School class was credited with raising almost half the purchase price of over \$2,700. This organ

served the congregation well for many years.

Ary Kline's daughter, Evelyn J. Kline Grossnickle was organist for most of that time, with assistance from Betty Martin Brandenburg, Joann Grossnickle Leatherman, Susan Shankle Koons, and others.

As repairs became more frequent for the organ, and tubes and other parts harder to find, the Youth Fellowship started an organ fund January 13, 1992. The new organ, purchased from Shockley's, was dedicated August 23, 1992, in memory of Evelyn Jane Kline Grossnickle.

After the Educational Building was completed in 1968, an upright piano was obtained from the Shuff family estate for \$15 and moved into the social room. When this upright piano was beyond repair, a new Yamaha piano was purchased for the sanctuary in 1984, and the old 1947 Gulbrandsen was moved from the sanctuary to the social room.

Music and Drama

Christmas Eve services at Salem often included cantatas involving many of the children, youth and a choir of the musically inclined.

These efforts were expanded when Mary Alice Shankle and Bill Burrier were working with the youth in the late 70s and 80s, and three contemporary musicals were performed.

"The Clown" was performed at Salem in November 1979, and was the first contemporary style musical presented by Salem. It was a forceful combination of drama and music and featured 12 actors, a choral group, and 9 original songs. The message was that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Marlene Grossnickle Young was the lead vocalist and played the part of the clown. David Brandenburg accompanied the entire musical on the piano.

"The Witness" was another contemporary Christian musical

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presented at Salem in September 1980. The story of Jesus was told and sung by Peter (the witness) and the other men and women who know him best. Bobby Fogle played the lead part of Peter. Other solos and a chorus told the story in 20 songs. David Brandenburg accompanied the entire musical on the piano.

"The Dreamer - What Really Happened to Joseph," also a contemporary musical drama, was presented in November 1984, by a 22-member special chorus and drama group of Salem members, assembled especially for this program.

It was the story of the life of Joseph, what he went through and what he became. Bobby Fogle played the part of Joseph. There were 17 songs, with many other solos and a chorus.

The musical accompaniment was a recorded professional track purchased by the church. It took 6 months of practice and memorization to present this program, under the direction of Stephen Brandenburg.



Today, contemporary Christian music is the focus of Salem's second worship service at 11:15 a.m. — every Sunday.

Not to be left out, the children, under the direction of Susan Shankle, performed the musical "Noah" about 1982, complete with costumes, painted sets, and many cardboard animals.

Salem continues to have a choir for special occasions, under the direction of Sandy Lewis. While Sandy is a member of Garfield United Methodist Church, Salem's sister church for a long time, she graciously leads our choir for worship.

Contemporary Christian Praise Band

And now, our forefathers are probably rolling in their graves!

Contemporary Christian music was introduced to Salem by the praise band "Aflame," composed of a group of youth under the ministry of Pastor Katie Bishop. Guitars were used!

The current praise band, "Works in Progress," plays for several services each month at Salem, and also performs throughout the community at various events. In addition to vocals and guitars, there are keyboards, and sometimes a flute. Oh, my!

Salem's contemporary worship service relies on contemporary Christian music, but the traditional service continues to use the older hymns accompanied by the piano or organ.

There continues to be a song in the air in Wolfsville for worship services, but the words, melodies and accompaniments are often very different than those used two hundred years ago.

The next installment of Salem's history will describe a new neighbor for the church in 1915 and how it became the house next door.

Photo by Jim Laky



SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019 — Children's Time at Salem's 11:15 a.m. contemporary worship service. At this family-friendly service, Pastor Bob told the children that God still has good things to accomplish at Salem and they will be a part of it.

Scenes from the Creation Music Festival

June 23 through 29, 2019

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



Sunday School Classes

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



Children, Infant to 4 years

Teacher: Caroline Buhrman

Children, Grades K to 2

Teachers: Michael & Jennifer Burrier

Children, Grades 3 to 5

Teachers: Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton

Youth, Grades 6 to 12

Teacher: Fonda Gormer

Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles

Teacher: Bill Burrier

Men's Class

Teachers: George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman

Women's Class

Teachers: Mary Cline & Darlene Burrier

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



Once you get your permit, learn to ride,
and prove yourself responsible,
we can discuss moving up
to a camel . . . Happy 16th, Bud.

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

If today is the worst day
of your life, then you know
tomorrow will be better.

Life is a bank account in God's hands.
Nobody knows the balance of remaining days.
Keep depositing with forgiveness, prayer and obedience.

A wise man
once said nothing.

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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