



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

CELEBRATING
200 YEARS
of ministry in Wolfsville
1819-2019

OUR SALEM HISTORY
Part 11
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Thank You to the Wolfsville Community

Large crowd attended Salem's 60th annual Lord's Acre Festival

Photo by Marilyn Leatherman



Auctioneer Robert Wilson (left) describes the featured quilt before the bidding began at the 6:00 p.m. auction. The quilt, which sold for \$425, was designed and sewed by Salem's Bee-lievers Women's Group.

■ By Bill Burrier

The Lord's Acre Festival is an event that has been blessed by God for 60 years. Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting our annual event.

Someone once told me there are 4 major holidays in a year . . . Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, and "Lord's Acre."

At Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving, we enjoy the time with family and friends.

Likewise, at Lord's Acre, we enjoy the time with family and friends, plus our friends and neighbors from the local community and beyond.

We know there were folks here from at least six states... Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida... and perhaps more.

When the Florida car pulled into the

parking lot, the driver was very friendly and joking a bit, so I said to him, jokingly, "Did you drive all the way from Florida just to attend this event?" He said, "Yes, I did." Then he said, "Well, actually, we are on vacation and staying at Ole Mink Farm."

At Lord's Acre, we often see people we haven't seen for a while which generates great conversation. Everyone seemed to be enjoying each others company.

Although the Lord's Acre is Salem's major fundraiser, which has allowed us to improve and update our physical facility over the years, it is an event that brings the community together, which, to me, is just as important as the profits.

Turn to page 3 for this year's income from sales and contributions.



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

Salem Physical Facilities:
Church built 1847
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Parsonage built 1974–75

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

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

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

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

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$2,460
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	45
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs)	1,180
4. Wolfsville Elementary School PTA - "All Pro Families Breakfast"	900
5. Wolfsville Community Food Pantry at Salem	1,180
6. Mary E. (AIM - France)	1,320
7. United Methodist Board of Child Care Christmas Offering	750
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	300
9. Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	300
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)	780
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	600
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	456
13. Hero's Club after school ministry	4,500
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	420
TOTAL GOAL for 2019	\$15,191

Here's how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.
3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.
If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES

Salem Mission Project No. 4
Wolfsville Elementary School PTA "All-Pro Families Breakfast"

Salem supports the cost of the Wolfsville Elementary School PTA "All Pro-Families Breakfast."
The breakfast is held once each month when school is in session.
The purpose of the breakfast is to promote family values and parent/student relationships.
Along with breakfast food there is a meaningful program for parents and students.
Salem supports this project twice a year, spring semester and fall semester.
Salem member Patrick Boyton is a member of the PTA and is helping conduct the monthly All-Pro Families Breakfast.

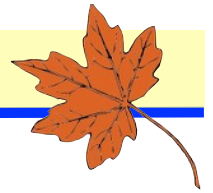


OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

Sunday 7am - 1 pm Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church) 6 - 7 pm Bible Study (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
Monday (day off) 6-7 am Devotions (at home) 9-11 am Planning Time (at home) 5-6 pm Hero's Club (at church)	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.

Lord's Acre Festival *roundup*



OUR PURPOSE must always be to present the Lord's Acre Festival in such a way as to glorify God. We pray that we do.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Fifty-nine years ago, in 1960, Salem's young student pastor, Rev. John Schildt, proposed a fundraising idea to the Salem congregation called Lord's Acre.

A few small country churches in the south were already holding Lord's Acre events to raise money for their ministries.

Farmers set aside an "acre" of land to grow a vegetable crop that could be donated and then sold to benefit the church. Some farmers even raised livestock to donate. Those who did not farm made fancy needlework or craft items to donate.

Salem's first Lord's Acre included fresh and canned produce and fruit, fancy needlework items, food, live music, and an auction of unsold items at the end. The youth fellowship made posters and signs to advertise the event and decorated the old Wolfsville School building with colored leaves, corn shocks, pumpkins, etc.

Forty-nine years ago, in 1970, the event was moved to the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. Being smaller then, everything fit under the large pavilion.

The move to the park, being mostly outside, as opposed to being in the heated schoolhouse, caused the date to be moved from early October to early September.

The first few years at the park, the starting time was 5 p.m.; the same as it had been at the old schoolhouse. As the crowds increased though, and began arriving earlier, it was harder to hold people off from buying earlier, so the start time was moved up to 4 p.m. And with the larger crowds, more parking was provided on the ball field at the park. Prior to that, they parked in the small lot and along the road, and were lined up, down the road, on both sides.

USE OF LORD'S ACRE PROFITS

We have accomplished a lot since that first Lord's Acre 59 years ago. The profits from this annual event have allowed us to enhance the ministry at Salem and support the Wolfsville community.

Over the years, profits from the Lord's Acre have made possible the

Photo by Marilyn Leatherman



educational building (1967), the parsonage (1974-75), the parking lot and its many improvements and additions (1968, 1993, 1998, and 2007), and many smaller maintenance and improvement projects to our existing buildings and grounds.

During the last 20 years, air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary; an elevator, handicap restroom, storage rooms, and new flooring were installed; the church steeple was restored; interior and exterior painting was completed; repaired sanctuary floor understructure; repaired and waterproofed classroom walls; renovated the parsonage; purchased new refrigerator and freezer for the kitchen; replaced stucco on sanctuary exterior walls; constructed new concrete floor under the sanctuary; replaced windows in educational building and parsonage; replaced spouting on parsonage; installed central air and additional insulation in the parsonage; updated the sanctuary sound system; replaced kitchen floor in parsonage; and renovated the social hall with new carpet, painted walls, and new window treatment; purchased classroom bulletin boards; replaced microwave and other kitchen items; replaced church phones; installed Wi-Fi Internet access in the church and educational building; installed central air in the social room and church kitchen; and made numerous repairs and improvements.

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

As of this writing, this year's income totaled \$19,019.85. With some expenses yet to be paid, a full report, indicating the amount of profit, will be published in next month's newsletter. Profits will be placed in Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.

2019 Lord's Acre Income:

Produce: \$453.00
 Needlework/Crafts: \$387.25
 Flea Tables & Plants: \$346.00
 Youth Sales/Activities: \$34.00
 Silent Auction: \$692.00
 Live Auction: \$1,460.00
 Soup/Sandwiches/Drinks: \$3,374.10
 Baked Goods: \$1,381.50
 Ice Cream: \$342.00
 Contribution from Bee-lievers: \$6,000.00
 Contributions from Individuals: \$4,550.00
Total Income: \$19,019.85

Silent Auction Items

- By Amy McCormick
- Picture "Baker Park, Frederick" \$50
- Ship Model \$3
- Middletown Hat \$20
- Middletown T-Shirt \$10
- Middletown Sweatshirt \$20
- Lamp Shades \$10
- Silver Cross Necklace \$15
- Buffer/Polishing System \$8
- Coin Set 1981 \$6
- Coin Set 1976 \$15
- Black Hills Gold Necklace \$10
- Planter \$25
- Bird Picture \$5
- Dog Gift Basket \$30
- Pendleton Blanket \$30
- Precious Moments \$5
- Brass Items \$5
- Record/CD/Radio Player \$53
- Cross-stitched "Last Supper" \$28
- Advent Calendar \$15
- Soup Gift Basket \$40
- Canning Jars \$10
- Bath Gift Set \$10
- Carry-On Bag \$25
- Pen Set \$6
- Longaberger Basket \$17
- Ceramic Bowl \$30
- Scenes of Wolfsville Picture \$20
- Ice Cream Gift Basket \$50
- Jelly Basket \$10
- Vase & Bowl \$50

Major Items Sold at the 6 p.m. Auction

- Robert Wilson, Auctioneer
- Featured Quilt \$425
- Log House \$85
- Corner Shelf \$25
- Stool \$22.50
- Rocker \$25
- Table \$45

Attendance Offerings

August 2019

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Aug 4 -	72	\$1,546.50	43	\$322.00
Aug 11 -	83	2,710.50	54	89.31
Aug 18 -	80	2,165.00	30	95.00
Aug 25 -	88	2,504.00	46	103.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

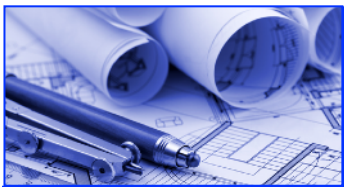
- Missions: \$615.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$160.00
- Pavilion Fund: \$70.00
- Building Fund: \$230.00
- Building Addition: \$200.00

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

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Aug	81	43
July	97	48
June	84	45
May	79	51
Apr	95	50

Average Attendance Jan-Aug 2019

Sunday Worship: 86
Sunday School: 49



BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee is meeting monthly and work is ongoing toward the potential building project to expand Salem's education building.

State Highway Administration

George Harne, Architect, reports that the State Highway Administration will not require roadway improvements as part of the building project since "no additional trips" would be generated based on the proposed improvements.

Septic System

In order for the County to evaluate the church's existing septic system, a repair order must be submitted to the Frederick County Health Department. The Health Department requires that a "base map" be submitted with the repair order, prepared by an engineering firm, that notes the location of the existing septic system along with every structure on the site and the location of the flood plain in relation to those improvements.

The Health Department will also need a "gallons per day" assessment of water usage based on actual usage of the facilities. The Building Committee, at their August meeting, approved a proposal from Triad Engineering of Hagerstown, to prepare the base map.

Triad Engineering completed its field survey work of the church property on September 17, and will deliver a completed base map within 10 days.

A repair order will then be filed with the Frederick County Health Department to begin the process of determining the viability of the church's existing septic system. The Health Department will schedule a date to have the existing system opened and inspected using a backhoe.

Proposed New Kitchen

George Harne, Architect, provided a proposed layout for the new kitchen, including appliances, equipment, and an estimated cost budget.

Salem's Women Group "Bee-lievers" will review and finalize the kitchen plan.

Once the existing septic system is evaluated and direction received from the Health Department, a "gallons per day" assessment must be completed.

The sanitarian, a Health Department employee, will complete the assessment based on the number and type of events held on the premises and the size/layout of the proposed commercial kitchen.

Site Plan

An engineering firm will be needed to do site plan work for the addition.

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.



October

Calendar of Events



- Thu 3 Trustees Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 3 Bee-lievers Women's Group Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 6 Installation Service for John Wunderlich** - 3-5 p.m. at Hancock UMC
- Tue 8 Adult Choir Practices begin** - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 10 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 12 Salem Iron Men Breakfast Meeting** - 8 a.m. at Salem
- Wed 16 Building Committee Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Mon 21 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner** - 2 p.m. prepare, 7 p.m. serve, at Salem
- Wed 23 Caregiving Team Meeting** - 7 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 26 Salem Iron Men Breakfast Meeting** - 8 a.m. at Salem

Recurring Events: Youth Group meets second and fourth SUNDAY 5:00-6:30 p.m. at Salem
 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 at 7:00 p.m. at Salem
 Praise Band practices every THURSDAY at 7:00 p.m. at Salem
 The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week

Newsletter Distribution

- 1. E-Mail** — We are currently notifying 208 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.

Adult Choir Notes



■ **By Sandy Lewis**
 Adult Choir practice will begin on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the church sanctuary. We will be practicing to sing at morning worship services this fall, and also for Thanksgiving and Christmas. All singers are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there! "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High." Psalm 92:1

Looking Ahead . . .

Community Thanksgiving Service

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

Sunday School Move Up

■ **By Kathy Laky**
 A new Sunday School year began September 1 at Salem. Move Up Day was Sunday, September 8th.
 Moving up from Carolyn Buhrman's Nursery Class (Pre-K) to Mike and Jennifer Burrier's Kindergarten Class (Grades K-2nd) are Shelby Leatherman and Blake Wagaman.

Moving up from Mike and Jennifer Burrier's class to Kathy Laky and Melissa Thornton's class (Grades 3rd-6th) are Will Boyton and David Lebowitz.
 Congratulations to all our Move Ups. Let's have a great 2019-2020 Sunday School year!



Wolfsville Community Harvest Festival at Salem

Plans are underway for this year's Wolfsville Community Harvest Festival and Trunk or Treat at the Salem Church pavilion.

The date of the October event will be announced soon in the Sunday worship bulletin, social media, and the Salem website.

CROP Walk helps stamp out hunger



■ **By Fonda Gormer**
 Twenty-nine walkers and one dog participated in the annual Wolfsville-Myersville CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 22.
 Starting at Salem, the walk followed 5 miles of local roads on a rather warm 86° fall day. Walkers from four churches took part. At this time, \$2,070 has been pledged.
 This is the 50th year of CROP walks in the United States, and the local area has been involved in at least thirty-two of those years.

Monies raised are sent to Church World Service to be used to fight hunger through emergency assistance, food programs, education, job development, health care and clean water projects.

Twenty-five percent of the funds raised are returned to local hunger programs— the Middletown Food Bank, the Salem Food Pantry and the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs.

Lay Servant Ministry

Salem member Wanda Barkdoll has been named Co-Director of Lay Servant Ministry in the Cumberland-Hagerstown District of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Wanda is serving with Co-Director Joe White.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		OCTOBER
Lay Readers 6 - Robin Haupt 13 - Gary Barkdoll 20 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 27 - Donald Stottlemeyer	Ushers 6 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 13 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 20 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 27 - Dan Lafferty & Brandon Leatherman	Music 6 - Sara Weitzel 13 - Praise Band 20 - Sara Weitzel 27 - Sara Weitzel
Greeters 6 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 13 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer 20 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 27 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family	Acolytes 6 - Loralli Snyder 13 - Patrick Waite 20 - Nadia Lebowitz 27 - 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 Oct 13 - Works in Progress Praise Band Oct 27 - Works in Progress Praise Band

It's Your Day!

October Anniversaries

- 6 - Brett & Kendra Haupt
- 9 - Josh & Trista Wright
- 9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
- 14 - George & Barbara Stottlemeyer

October Birthdays

- 1 - Mary Brown
- 3 - Henry Wright
- 4 - Charlie Beall
- 4 - Justin Fogle
- 5 - Tim Brown
- 6 - Ron Ellis Jr.
- 9 - Brandon Ferris
- 13 - George Hawkins
- 17 - Jamie Lafferty
- 18 - Adam Robinson
- 18 - Tyler Ferris
- 20 - Dennis Draper
- 25 - Laura Snyder
- 26 - Bailey Blickenstaff
- 29 - Riley Mellott
- 31 - Jason Buhrman

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

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.

United Methodist Women

Bee-lievers to Review Plans for New Kitchen

By Fonda Gormer

At the October 3 meeting of the Bee-lievers, there will be a review of the plans for the kitchen in the proposed addition to the Salem educational building.

Appliance needs, number of food events and number of patrons served at each will be discussed.

Anyone with an interest in the new kitchen, or who may be involved in its operation, is invited to attend the meeting at 7 p.m. in the social area of the church.

We will also be planning for the October Ruritan meal and evaluating the recent Lord's Acre Festival.

The Bee-lievers' mission is to support the activities of the church. We invite all women of the congregation to join us for our meetings. We have a brief devotion time, a business meeting and a time for refreshments and fellowship.

Enthusiasm gets things done!

Holy Communion

Sunday, October 6, 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



Meaning of Autumn

By Bertha R. Hudelson

Autumn is the haunting call
Of wild geese in the sky,
The purple haze of smoke-filled air,
A crisp wind passing by.

Autumn is the good-bye note
Of songbirds southward bound,
The slowing chant of crickets and
A gold leaf-covered ground.

Autumn is the wizardry
Of frost with chilling hand,
A deep dust road, grass-hidden paths
And browning pasture land.

Autumn is the sleeping time
Of summer's lovely things
Beneath warm blankets pieced of leaves
And edged with snowflake wings.

Tell Them Today

By M. Elaine Fowser

Is there someone needing a word of cheer
Who is living with a heavy heart?
Perhaps only you have the words he needs...
Words of comfort only you can impart.

We know there are those who want to hear
Their burdens need not be endured alone,
That we will be there through thick and thin,
For this is the way that love is sewn.

But if family member, friend or neighbor
Or stranger met along the way,
They all could use an encouraging word;
Don't wait 'til later. Tell them today.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Birth Announcement

On September 3, 2019, Maria Barkdoll gave birth to Emmanuel Gabriel Barkdoll. Emmanuel weighed 7 pounds., 2 ounces.

Graduation

Stu Tolland graduated from Naval Flight Training and has received his Naval Aviator wings.

Lieutenant JG Tolland will report for duty to Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL, on November 11th. He will be piloting MH60R helicopters.



RECIPE



Cream Cheese Bars

INGREDIENTS:

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|--|-----------------------|
| 2 8-oz. cans crescent rolls | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 2 8-oz. packages cream cheese softened | 1/2 cup butter |
| 1 1/2 cup sugar | 1 tablespoon cinnamon |

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Unroll 1 can dough. Place in bottom of ungreased 13x9-inch (3 quart) glass baking dish. Stretch to cover bottom of dish, firmly pressing perforations to seal.
3. In medium bowl, beat cream cheese and 1 cup of the sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Beat in vanilla. Spread over dough in baking dish.
4. Unroll second can of dough. Firmly press perforations to seal. Carefully place on top of cream cheese layer. Pinch seams together.
5. Pour melted butter evenly over top. Mix remaining 1/2 cup sugar with the cinnamon, and sprinkle evenly over butter.
6. Bake 30-35 minutes or until bars appear set when gently shaken. Cool slightly, about 30 minutes. Refrigerate for easy cutting. Cut into 4 rows by 3 rows. Cover and refrigerate any remaining bars.

Submitted by Michele Kline



Always a Sunrise

By Garnett Ann Schultz

There's always a sunrise
When night hours are through
Despite all the darkness
There are skies soft and blue,
Though oft we are weary
And hours seem so long,
We still find life's bonus
A right for each wrong.

Always a sunrise
As morning awakes,
One moment of glory
Rewards or mistakes,
We all have our problems
We accept day by day,
The watching and waiting
While going our way.

We look to the heavens
To God high above,
Through shadows and darkness
We find peace and love,
The twilight – the sunset
The day's wondrous end,
Then morning – a sunrise
God's mystical blend.

God is There

By Garnett Ann Schultz

God is there at break of day
Within the sunrise – breeze at play.
Atop the hill – in meadows bright
To add a touch of wondrous light,
The blue of sky – the golden sun
And little streamiest as they run.

God is there in afternoon
Keeping all His world in tune,
In the Springtime shining fair
Or the nippy Autumn air.
When the evening shadows creep
All of nature fast asleep—

Times of failure – those of fame
As we softly call His name,
Moments sweet or those of fear
Any season of the year,
Days of darkness – those quite fair,
All is well when God is there.

Love, compassion and kindness
are the anchors of life.

If you want the rainbow,
you must take the rain.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in October

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

During the first two weeks of October, we'll continue with our "Jesus" Sermon Series.

The goal of our series is to thrive in life by wanting and following Jesus more and more.

Then we'll begin a new sermon series the last two weeks of the month based on the book *Get Their Name*, written by authors Bob Farr, Doug Anderson and Kay Kotan.

Having looked at our own relationship with Jesus, we'll look at helping others want Jesus and follow him.

There is a mission field right in our own community and God is calling us to be twenty first century missionaries.

I'm striving to want Jesus and follow him more, and I'm striving to become God's missionary with you!

God Bless.
Pastor Bob

October 6
World Communion Sunday
Jesus Sermon Series
"Baptism to Resurrection"
Luke 19:1-10

Luke 19:10 – "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

What does it mean that Jesus chose common, ordinary people to minister with him?

What does it mean that Jesus taught and healed and sought out sinners like Zacchaeus, and you and me?

What does it mean that he challenged the status quo of the society of his time?

That he died for us and was raised from the dead?

How might following Jesus change our lives?



October 13
Jesus Sermon Series
"Resurrection to Return"
John 3:16

Revelation 21:1-4

Revelation 21:4 – "There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old order of things has passed away."

What does it mean that Jesus ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father?

That before he ascended, he commanded, "go and make disciples of all nations ...?"

What does it mean that he promised to come back again to restore all things?

What does it mean that he wants us to thrive in life and is with us right now to help us thrive?

How might following Jesus change our lives?

October 20
Get Their Name Sermon Series¹
"Find Your Own Faith Story and Share It"
John 4:1-26, 39-42

John 4:39 – "Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I ever did.'"

We have a challenge. With each passing generation over the last 100 years, church membership has declined.

Less and less young people are

being taught about their Savior and the support that exists for them in a church family.

Yet, all too many churches continue to have the mindset that "if we're here, people will just come."

They won't, and if our church is going to continue to exist and thrive, we are going to have to go out into our community and share Christ and church with the unchurched.

To do so, we'll need to find our own faith story and share it.

Jesus helped the woman at the well do this, and Jesus is standing by to help each one of us reach the unchurched too.

October 27
Reformation Sunday
Get Their Name Sermon Series
"Become a Twenty-First Century Missionary"

Acts 9:1-20

Acts 9:18 – "Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again."

Our typical view of a missionary is someone who goes off to a distant country across the ocean to meet people where they're at in life, help them with their needs, and bring Christ's love to them. That's still vital work that must go on.

In addition to this, there is a great need for missionary work right here in our own community. There is a great need for twenty-first century missionaries right here in our back yard.

Each time we exit the doors of Salem Church, we're entering the mission field that exists right around us.

Just before Jesus ascended, his final words were, "Go and make disciples of all nations."

Saul resisted responding to Jesus' call. He even persecuted followers of Jesus. But one day God helped the scales fall from Saul's eyes and he saw that he was being called by God to make disciples.

We're all called by God to go and make disciples, and it's time for the scales to fall from our eyes.

¹ Series and Sermon titles and content from the Get Their Name Sermon Series are taken from *Get Their Name: Growing Your Church by Building New Relationships* by Bob Farr, Doug Anderson, and Kay Kotan (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013).

1819-2019

History of Salem United Methodist Church

Part 11 — Working Together to Share the Gospel

CELEBRATING
200 YEARS
of ministry in Wolfsville

■ By Fonda Gormer

With three church congregations, Salem United Brethren in Christ, St. Mark's Lutheran and St. James German Reformed, worshipping within a mile of each other in Wolfsville after 1850, it was natural that some activities would be shared. Add in the churches within a few more miles, and there are a lot of shared events.

The Union Christian Endeavor Society

The Union Christian Endeavor Society was one such activity. Christian Endeavor began February 2, 1881, in Portland, Maine. Dr. Francis E. Clark had great concern for youth who made a clear decision to accept Christ, but were not involved in the church's activities. He formed a ministry that equipped young people to be committed leaders for Christ and the Church.

Christian Endeavor was introduced to the Wolfsville area by John W. Kinnaman of Myersville. Kinnaman operated a shoe, harness and saddle repair shop in Myersville, was burgess for several terms, and was recognized in his 1946 funeral notice as "a prominent religious leader."

The Wolfsville letter in "The Frederick News" often included activities of the Christian Endeavor Society, noting meetings at various local churches in the upper Middletown valley.

From the May 1, 1902, edition: "The C. E. meeting at the Lutheran church on Sunday evening last was led by Miss Ona M. Stottlemeyer in a creditable manner. Miss Delva Bowers recited a poem suitable to the topic. The following new members have recently joined the society: Irving R. Morgan, Joshua Longman, Sallie O. English, Ona M. Stottlemeyer, George R. Stottlemeyer, Delva Bowers, Minnie Hooper, Eva S. Warrenfeltz, Clyde H. Harp."

August 11, 1937: "Christian Endeavor will be held in U.B. Church Sunday, with Cecil Martin in charge. The Wolfsville Union Christian Endeavor Society will hold a camp fire service on Wednesday evening, August 25. Rev. G. I. Rider, pastor of the Grace U.B. Church, Hagerstown,

will be the speaker."

July 28, 1938: "Christian Endeavor will be held on the lawn of the U.B. Church with Margaret Kline as leader. It will be an open air meeting. Rev. Irving Stottlemeyer of Grossnickle's Church of the Brethren will give the address. It will begin promptly at 6:45 o'clock."

Cecil Martin, in his diary, mentions numerous meetings of this group, and noted that they contributed \$5 toward the installation of Salem's electric lights in 1938.

As individual churches formed their own youth ministries, the Union Christian Endeavor Society membership declined. Exactly when Wolfsville's group disbanded is unknown, but it was still in existence April 17, 1951, when it met at Salem at 7:15 p.m. and June 17, 1951, when it met at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 7:15 p.m.

Three-Week Revival in Wolfsville

Another group event that attracted much attention was the three-week revival held July 16-August 6, 1933.

This major undertaking by the churches of the area was organized by Rev. Irving Stottlemeyer. He contacted Rev. Dr. George W. Cooke, of Wilmington, Delaware, a well-known evangelist through his radio program called "What Are You Broadcasting?" Rev. Cooke agreed to come preach the old-fashioned gospel.

The evangelistic campaign was held in a large tent, able to seat 1,200 people; the tent was hauled to Wolfsville by Ernest Eccard in his milk truck and erected on the school house grounds behind Salem Church.

Rev. Cooke, his wife and three children, arrived in Wolfsville, along with his music director, Professor Harold M. Vigneulle.

Services were held each evening, except Mondays, with a half-hour song service preceding the old-fashioned gospel preaching.

Prof. Vigneulle assembled a union choir made up of community singers. He

also formed a children's choir. There were special nights when delegations attended from nearby towns, and when certain groups were recognized by seating them together. The Wolfsville Band played at some services.

Lena Shepley, Rev. Stottlemeyer's step-daughter, described the services in an article in "The Citizen" on July 29, 1993. "Word spread and people began to arrive. They came out of the woods in different places. They were hanging onto the running boards of the cars. Some walked, some rode horseback, and others came in buggies.... People came out from Baltimore and Washington, usually on the weekends. They stayed at the Hoover House and at the Hayes house, on up toward the Lutheran church."

One night, during a very dry spell, a terrible storm came up. Wind swayed the tent and people held onto the poles to keep it from blowing away. Rain accumulated in the top of the tent, and men used poles to push up on the canvas to empty it. The thunder was so loud Rev. Cooke could not be heard, so the crowd started to sing "Showers of Blessings."

At the close of the three-week revival, nearly 2,000 people from the cities, hills and valleys tried to crowd into the tent. An estimated 350-400 people came forward to confess Christ. What a wonderful event!

Vacation Bible School

The Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School (VBS) is another event involving community churches.

The first VBS was held at Salem in 1957, at the suggestion of Rev. John W. Schildt, Salem's minister at that time.

Children from Salem, its sister church, Garfield E.U.B., and the surrounding community were invited to take part.

In 1958, the Wolfsville Ruritan Club joined with the churches to sponsor VBS. St. Mark's Lutheran Church was invited to take part.

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The first Vacation Bible School held in 1957 by the Wolfsville Charge — Salem and Garfield Evangelical United Brethren churches. Photo taken in front yard of Salem Church.

In 1959, the event was held in the old school house. The location of VBS has rotated between the various churches since that time. Salem and St. Mark's, with the continued support of the Ruritan Club, still hold VBS for the community. 2020 will be Salem's turn to host.

Wolfsville Community Worship

The annual Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving service is hosted on a rotating basis among five local churches—Salem UMC, Pleasant Walk UMC, Garfield UMC, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Grossnickle Church of the Brethren. Garfield UMC will be hosting in 2019 on Thanksgiving eve.

The Community Easter Sunrise service rotates among six local churches, including St. John's Lutheran Church at Church Hill with the five that host Thanksgiving services. Garfield UMC will host the 2020 service. The Wolfsville Ruritan Club provides refreshments for this sunrise service. Attendees can then attend regular Easter services at their home church.

CROP Hunger Walk

The CROP Hunger Walk is celebrating its 50th anniversary in the United States this year, and the Wolfsville community churches have been taking part for at least 32 of those years.

Sponsors support walkers to complete a 5-mile walk along area roads each September. (It was a ten-mile walk in the early years, but the hills around Wolfsville convinced planners to change the route.)

Funds raised go to Church World Service to provide hunger and disaster relief worldwide. Twenty-five percent of the money raised is returned to the local area, shared equally by the Salem Food Pantry, Middletown Food Bank and the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs. Last year, five churches participated.

Salem's Food Pantry

A relatively new activity in the community that has the support of many of the local churches is Salem's Food Pantry. Housed at Salem, the pantry

serves anyone in need of food living within the Myersville, Smithsburg or Sabillasville zip code areas. Families may get a supply of food once a month. The food, hygiene items and cleaning products available, or the money to purchase the same, are donated by numerous churches, the Wolfsville Ruritan Club, Wolfsville Elementary School, and individuals.

Without all these groups working together, the Food Pantry would not be possible.

When the churches in the greater Wolfsville area hold various special services throughout the year, there are often attendees from the other churches.

There is still a shared belief in God and His work in the community, and the congregations each support the others' efforts to minister to the church and unchurched.

Salem's outreach to the greater Wolfsville community will be discussed in the next installment of Salem's history, in the November issue of *The Mountain Shepherd*.

Lifelong Resident of the Wolfsville/Myersville area



A Tribute to Annabelle L. Martin — April 11, 1927 - August 31, 2019

Funeral services for Annabelle Martin, 92, were held at Salem on September 5, 2019. Burial was in the Salem United Methodist Cemetery. The following are excerpts from Pastor Bob Snyder's remarks at the funeral.

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

Every Sunday Annabelle, with very few exceptions, was here worshipping at both our traditional and contemporary services, here with her church family, praising and giving thanks to God, and experiencing her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The way she modeled the Christian life is a wonderful example for us as we continue to build our own relationship with God; as we continue our own journey of faith.

Annabelle was 92, and was very independent until these last few years. She was born on April 11, 1927, in Ellerton, Maryland. She was the daughter of the late Elmer and Carrie Leatherman. Her husband, Charles S. Martin, preceded her in death on December 12, 1986; that was 33 years ago. She came from a big family, ten children in all, 6 boys and 4 girls. She went to the school that still stands up on Churchill Road, above St. John's Lutheran Church.

She met Charles through church. Soon after, they were married and started a family of their own. They had three daughters: Darlene, Barbara, and Kathy, all here today. Annabelle and Charles didn't have much starting out. They raised and sold ducks to pay the doctor to delivery their baby. They had an outhouse. They rented storage space in a freezer in Waynesboro for food that had to be frozen. They did what they needed to do.

Annabelle was a homemaker in the best sense of that vocation. In obituaries, we try to capture, in the few words we have, things we feel are really important about a person and their life. Annabelle's obituary says, "she dedicated her life to raising her children; cooking and baking; sewing, creative tailoring, quilting and fancy needlework, and gardening and canning."

She could draft her own patterns and then make clothing with a very keen eye for detail. Everything needed to be just right. That was also true too for the food she prepared. Deviled eggs, lemonade, biscuits and muffins, chicken noodle soup featuring her own homemade noodles.

Gentle Strength

It was a family tradition to be at Annabelle's home for Thanksgiving. When everyone arrived, she would have the whole meal prepared by herself and everyone would just sit down and eat, until these last few years when she needed more help. In helping, the family realized how much work went into serving that meal and how talented Annabelle was at doing it.

Annabelle also served others outside her home and family. Again, her obituary says it well, "She was a faithful member of Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville, where she taught the preschool Sunday School class for many years and was a member of the Women's Sunday School Class. She was a leader in the kitchen when serving meals at Salem for Wolfsville Ruritan Club meetings, and food for Salem's Lord's Acre Festival and other church events." "She aspired to help others and the community in various ways, including the SERRV (relief aid distribution center) in New Windsor, disaster relief trips, and 4-H as a leader."

I can remember her putting the binding on our Lord's Acre quilt each year and beautifully wrapping numerous shoe boxes every fall for the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box ministry. I can imagine a child in need somewhere around the globe receiving one of her shoeboxes and her beautiful Christmas wrapping bringing God's love to that child.

We mentioned right up front her strong faith in God and the example that provides us. I think she especially had a warm spot for young families and children. Her own children and grandchildren first, but then all of us too.

When Salem decided to start a Contemporary Worship Service geared toward young families, Annabelle purchased for us a wonderful keyboard. Every time it continues to be played here

at Salem or in the community, people experience God's presence and love. All through her 80's and beyond, she'd be standing with us singing three praise songs in a row not missing a beat. And we noticed and thought to ourselves, "I want to be like her."

We touched on how she strived for excellence in going about life's everyday tasks. Annabelle was also a patient and exacting teacher. Exacting not in a mean-spirited way but having you re-do a task to teach yourself how to accomplish things in an excellent way.

Annabelle was kind and thoughtful. Her brother-in-law Emory loved lemon pie, so she'd rise before church on Sunday, bake him a pie, and give it to him at the family gathering after church. Ernie loved peach, for Arthur we believe it was minced meat – Annabelle would make them their favorites and all the rest too.

She was resilient. The girls remember after their dad died in 1986 and her colon cancer in 1996. Yes, Annabelle was upset and on occasions, like this one, the girls might stay over with her but within a few days she'd be saying, "You need to get back home to your own family." At times like these Annabelle would also say, "Sometimes you just have to accept things." It must have been very hard for Annabelle to move from the home she loved in the town she loved and move into her room in the Bowman Center at Fahrney-Keedy. But she did so with the same gentle strength that we saw in her. And she continued to minister there too: re-introducing herself on the first day to a friend from school who also resided in the Bowman Center, tuning into WGTS and playing Christian music for residents and staff to hear, inviting and taking another resident with her to weekly worship services.

In the hours that led up to her death, staff streamed into Annabelle's room to say good-bye and encourage her on her journey home. In those nine months she made the best of her situation and continued to use the gifts God gave her as best she could to share God's love with others.

Scenes from the 60th annual Lord's Acre Festival

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Photos by Marilyn Leatherman & Wanda Barkdoll



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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)

Heavenly Humor



See Genesis 18:1-15

Abraham and I are not interested in a condo community . . . we need a place that would be nice for raising children.

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

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

Prayer takes our burdens to God. Faith compels us to leave them there.

Good manners are the backbone of life . . . the architecture of gratitude. —*Annie Potts*

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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