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Salem Mission Project No. 2



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Turning "shoe boxes" into Christmas gifts for children

Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.

By Barbie Stottlemeyer

We will once again be participating in **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**, in which we fill shoe boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

HOW TO PACK YOUR BOX

We are asking anyone wishing to participate in this program to fill their shoe boxes at home and bring them to the church on or before **Sunday, November 17th**.

Your shoe boxes should be packed for children ranging in ages from 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, or 10-14 years old.

Some shoe boxes have already been wrapped and are available outside the sanctuary, or you can wrap your own shoe box. Labels are available at church to place in the box, identifying if the items inside are for a boy or girl, and the appropriate age group.

Boxes are due by Sunday, November 17, 2019

Once we have filled our boxes, we will take them to a local distribution center where they will then be sent to another distribution center in North Carolina, and then will be sent out to the children.

POSTAGE is \$9.00

There is a \$9.00 postage charge for each box. Place the postage amount in the donation envelope and place the envelope on top of the gift items inside the box so it is clearly visible.

Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child.

If you are unable to pay the postage, Salem will pick up this cost from our Mission Project No. 2.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Filled Stockings are due by Sunday, November 17, 2019

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS are available at church again this year. As in the past, the stockings will be available for boys or girls of various age groups.

Each stocking contains a list of suggested items to purchase for the appropriate age group.

Please return your filled stockings by Sunday, November 17th. The stockings will be taken to the Salvation Army in Frederick for distribution to less fortunate children within Frederick County. The Salem contact is Theresa Haupt.





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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. 13

Hero's Club After School Ministry (Monday's when school is open)



Handpicked by God

Pictured at left is the current Hero's Club bulletin board in Salem's social room.

Salem member Holly Irons is our new Hero's Club Director.

24 children are enrolled in the fall semester which began on October 7th.

Notice each student's first name is printed on the 24 pumpkins.

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

Sunday
7am - 1 pm Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church)
6 - 7 pm Bible Study (at church)

Monday (day off)
6-7 am Devotions (at home)
9-11 am Planning Time (at home)
5-6 pm Hero's Club (at church)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
6-7 am Devotions (at home)
9 am - Noon Parsonage Office
Noon - 1 pm Lunch
1-5 pm Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office

Saturday
7-9 am Final touches on Sunday's sermon (at home)

Also, Pastor Bob will be at church or in homes to attend meetings or check-in on evening activities at the church. He will make hospital visits and other visits as situations arrive. He will be working at home in Myersville, at the parsonage office, or elsewhere, as needed.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday, November 27, 7 p.m., at Garfield

The annual Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. This year's service will be hosted by Garfield United Methodist Church, 13628 Stottlemeyer Road.

This is a Wolfsville community event which is hosted on a rotating basis among five local churches. Everyone is invited to attend to "Give Thanks to the Lord."

Give Thanks to the Lord

Rotating Schedule for the Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service

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

Family & Friends "Game & Puzzle Night" set for Saturday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m.

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Salem invites you and your family and friends for an evening of fun with board games, card games and jigsaw puzzles.

Come and join us for an evening of fellowship. Please bring your favorite board game or card game to share and teach some how it is played. Or bring a favorite puzzle and see how quickly it can be put together.

All ages are invited from the youngest of youth to adults. Plan to meet in the church social hall around 6:30 p.m. Drinks will be provided for the evening. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!



Salem Mission Project No. 1

Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

Dear Folks at Salem Church:
October 1, 2019

We sincerely appreciate you praying for us, for your friendship, and for your continued financial support for us. It means a lot to us and helps us. Thank you!

We have been doing okay health wise; nothing serious as far as we know. We tire more easily, and we have the aches & pains that go along with getting older.

There's not much different in the things we do regularly. Nancy continues to visit a number of widows either in their homes or in nursing homes. She helps in the church nursery, distributes copies of letters from missionaries, and she folds and puts together in sizes, hundreds of plastic bags for the Hagerstown Rescue Mission's thrift store. She does some sewing and mending for friends, and other things.

Frank continues to be bookkeeper/treasurer at our home church, prepares a weekly prayer request list and announcements

for the church bulletin, helps with mowing at the church, makes copies of letters from missionaries, keeps files of missionaries, and serves on the board of the church.

We [Black Rock Bible Church] are in the process of trying to expand the sanctuary of the church. Frank keeps contact with the architect who is a friend. We, as a church, would appreciate prayer that we can get the approvals, contractor, and finances for this project.

Frank continues to help at least one day a week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. There are times of real blessing and encouragement when we see God really change lives through the resident program.

But, there are disappointing times when men leave the program before they are ready to be on their own, or those who have to be removed for various reasons. It is encouraging that several more men joined the program recently.



Photo by Bill Weaver

Installation Service

On October 6, 2019, an Installation Service was held for our new District Superintendent, Rev. John Wunderlich III, at the Hancock United Methodist Church.

It was an honor for Salem member Noah Tavares, to be invited by Rev. Wunderlich to read scripture at the service, providing the Old Testament reading Exodus 13:17-22.

In the above photo, from left, are Bishop La'Trelle Easterling, Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church; Noah Tavares, and Rev. Wunderlich, the new District Superintendent for the Cumberland-Hagerstown District of the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

As far as our children, Lynn & Wanda (Harney) both continue to serve at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission.

Eric & Wendy returned to Senegal and were back in the village teaching the Bible to the Badyaranké people until last Saturday when they returned to the U.S. for a month for a family wedding.

Rebecca continues in her ministry among the Badyaranké people, teaching them to read in their own language, having them read Scripture portions in their language, and visiting throughout the village. She also serves as a literacy consultant to help other missionaries in Senegal and other West African countries.

Gary, Lisa, & family continue to serve at the New Tribes Mission retirement center for missionaries in Florida doing grounds keeping, cooking, interacting with the retired missionaries, etc.

Joyfully in Christ,
Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

Attendance Offerings

September 2019

	Worship*	Sunday School
Sept 1 -	86 \$1,606.00	52 \$336.00
Sept 8 -	77 2,096.82	54 147.00
Sept 15 -	92 2,059.50	47 69.00
Sept 22 -	72 2,074.50	40 85.00
Sept 29 -	78 1,750.00	52 45.28

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

Average Attendance	
Worship	Sunday School
Sept	49
Aug	43
July	48
June	45
May	51

Average Attendance Jan-Sept 2019

Sunday Worship: 85
Sunday School: 49

- Missions: \$1,315.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$125.00
- Pavilion Fund: \$100.00
- Building Fund: \$400.00
- Building Addition: \$250.00

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

Final Report

2019

Lord's Acre Festival

September 14, 2019

----- Financial Report -----

Sales:

Produce	453.00
Needlework & Crafts	387.25
Flea Table & Plants	346.00
Youth Activities & Games	34.00
Silent Auction	692.00
Auction	1,460.00
Soup, Sandwiches, etc.	3,374.10
Baked Goods	1,381.50
Ice Cream	342.00
Total Sales	8,469.85

Contributions:

UMW Bee-lievers	6,000.00
Individuals	4,650.00
Total Contributions	10,650.00

Total Income 19,119.85

Total Expenses 1,788.31

Net Profit 17,331.54

Net profit placed in Salem's Building & Improvement Fund, to be used for maintenance of our buildings and grounds; equipment purchases, repairs, equipment maintenance and future building addition.

Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting this annual event.



At the recent Building Committee meeting, architect George Harné presented the following information:

Septic System

We have received the TRIAD Engineering "Existing Conditions Site Plan," updated for our use in reviewing septic system requirements for the Frederick County Health Department.

The next step will be to make an appointment with Ms. Kim Dillman at the Health Department.

Kitchen

The kitchen plan has been updated and a new set of kitchen equipment specifications has been compiled and is ready for the kitchen committee to review.

Site Plan

The committee reviewed the parking concept plan, relative to the proposed drop-off point to enter at the new vestibule, and the revised parking lot layout recommendations.

Unless the Lord
builds the house, those who
build it labor in vain.

—Psalm 127:1

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.



November

Calendar of Events



- Sun 3 Daylight Saving Time ends**
- Sun 3 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Thu 7 Board of Trustees Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 7 Bee-lievers Women's Group Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 14 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 16 Family Game Night** - 6:30 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 17 "Operation Christmas Child" Shoe Boxes due** - bring them to church
- Sun 17 Salvation Army Christmas Stockings due** - bring them to church
- Wed 27 Community Thanksgiving Service** - 7 p.m. at Garfield UMC

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 210 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.



Daylight Saving Time Ends
 Sunday, November 3 — 2 a.m.

Children's Time at Salem

Pastor Bob teaches the children every Sunday during worship at the 9:00 a.m. traditional service and the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service. Children are an important part of Salem Church and are welcome in both services.

Children's activity bags are provided for those who enjoy doing activities during the service.

Mission Project No. 12

Sponsored Child in Tanzania, Age 6

Salem has been sponsoring children through Compassion International for many years.

During the last two years, our sponsorship of \$38 per month has been for Barnaba Ezekiel Haule. Barnaba is now six years old and lives in Tanzania, a country in East Africa.

The following is a letter dated September 21, 2019, from Barnaba's advisor at the Child Development Center: Anglican Church of Chang'ombe.

"Barnaba greets you by saying shikamoo (the greeting used by young people to their elders). He hopes that you are doing well with good health. He is doing fine as well.

"In this month of September, he had a school break for two weeks and he went to visit his grandmother in Morogoro, and helped her in harvesting the rice. While there he spent time chasing the birds from the rice fields. There were so many people harvesting in their farms.

"After the break, on September 16th, Barnaba went back to school and he is now proceeding with his studies until December when he will have another long break. He prays for you and says bye."



Barnaba Ezekiel Haule, Tanzania

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		NOVEMBER
Lay Readers 3 - Dennis Draper 10 - Jennifer Gormer 17 - Steve Leatherman 24 - Fonda Gormer	Ushers 3 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 10 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 17 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 24 - Dan Lafferty & Brandon Leatherman	Music 3 - Sara Weitzel 10 - Praise Band 17 - Sara Weitzel 24 - Sara Weitzel
Greeters 3 - Joy Barkdoll & Michele Kline 10 - Denny Leatherman 17 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 24 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family	Acolytes 3 - Loralli Snyder 10 - Patrick Waite 17 - Nadia Lebowitz 24 - 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 Nov 10 - Works in Progress Praise Band Nov 24 - Works in Progress Praise Band

It's Your Day!

November Anniversaries

- 10 - Harry & Karen DeLauter
- 24 - Ronnie & Sue Kinna

November Birthdays

- 3 - Caroline Buhrman
- 4 - Darcy Gormer
- 9 - Bill Shankle
- 13 - Leah Tolland
- 13 - Fonda Gormer
- 13 - Betty Brandenburg
- 14 - Karen Sowers
- 16 - Polly Doyle
- 17 - Christopher Haupt
- 17 - Beth Snead
- 17 - Darlene Burrier
- 18 - Ben Swope
- 25 - Jadie Buhrman
- 26 - Mary Fogle
- 28 - Susie Stottlemeyer

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.

We currently have 12 volunteers who serve on a rotating basis.

During the service, lay readers have just two parts of the service, the opening prayer and the scripture.

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



Aaron Shust has been selected as the worship leader for the ROCK Youth Retreat in February 2020. His song "My Hope is in You" spent 14 weeks at No. 1 on the Christian music charts.

Holy Communion

Sunday, November 3, 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.

Revised April 2019



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Thanksgiving Observance

Author Unknown

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
 Count your gains instead of your losses.
 Count your joys instead of your woes;
 Count your friends instead of your foes.
 Count your smiles instead of your tears;
 Count your courage instead of your fears.
 Count your full years instead of your lean;
 Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
 Count your health instead of your wealth;
 Count on God instead of yourself.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Thanksgiving

By Ronald Eyrich

Our Pilgrim fathers
 Might have said
 That they deserved their daily bread,
 With swollen pride
 They might have thought
 That what they had their hands had wrought.

They might have chosen
 To profess
 That by their wits they won success,
 They might have claimed
 It was their skill
 That helped their granaries to fill.

Instead, they humbly
 Knelt in prayer —
 The multitude that gathered there,
 And thanked the Lord
 For gifts that He
 Provided so abundantly.

Praise Him

By Louise Lee Winchip

Praise Him in the morning
 Ere the sun shows forth its light,
 Praise Him in the noontime,
 When the day is at its height.
 Praise Him in the evening
 As the sun sets in the west,
 Praise Him through the night hours,
 And in His presence rest.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.



RECIPE



Pumpkin Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups regular flour (not self-rising)	1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup pure pumpkin	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup shortening	1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup granulated sugar	1 egg
1 teaspoon baking soda	1/2 cup chopped pecans (optional)
1 teaspoon cinnamon	

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine and sift all dry ingredients.
2. Cream sugar and shortening, add egg, pumpkin and vanilla, mix thoroughly.
3. Add dry ingredients.
4. Bake at 350 degrees on greased cookie sheet for 12-15 minutes. Makes 3 dozen.
5. Ice with Buttercream icing or Cream Cheese icing.

Submitted by Joyce Weaver. Joyce served these cookies as snack for the Adult Discussion Group Sunday School Class. The recipe was given to her by a friend 30 years ago.



God's Tender Care

By Helen Steiner Rice

When trouble comes,
 as it does to us all,
 God is so great
 and we are so small —
 But there is nothing
 that we need know
 If we have faith
 that wherever we go
 God will be waiting
 to help us bear
 Our pain and sorrow,
 our suffering and care —
 For no pain or suffering
 is ever too much
 To yield itself
 to God's merciful touch!

Trust God

By Patricia Emme

There's never a teardrop
 that God doesn't see.
 He knows when a sparrow
 falls from a tree.
 There's never a moment
 when God doesn't care
 Never a time when He
 won't hear our prayer.

Wedding

Congratulations to Meredith Harshman and Janice Hammer who were married on Sunday, October 20, 2019. The couple will reside at 401 S. Georgia Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

Where There is Love

By Helen Steiner Rice

Where there is love the heart is light.
 Where there is love the day is bright.
 Where there is love there is a song;
 To help when things are going wrong.
 Where there is love there is a smile
 To make all things seem more worthwhile
 Where there is love there's a quiet peace;
 A tranquil place where turmoils cease.
 Love changes darkness into light;
 And makes the heart take wingless flight
 Oh, blessed are those who walk in love—
 They also walk with God above.

Father, help us to see
 how much you love us!



Message from the Pastor and Worship in November

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

On the first Sunday in November, we'll complete our "Get Their Name" Sermon Series. I hope this series will be the start of us building a culture of inviting the unconnected in our community to Christ and church.

The next two Sundays of the month, we'll focus on stewardship. Sunday, November 24, will be Pledge Sunday when we'll have the opportunity to pledge our offering for calendar year 2020. That Sunday is also Christ the King Sunday and Thanksgiving Sunday.

An important way we show our thanks and praise to Christ Our King is through the giving of our time, our talents, and our financial resources.

I ask that each of you spend time with God discerning your personal giving in the upcoming year.

God Bless. —Pastor Bob

November 3
All Saints Day, Holy Communion
Get Their Name Sermon Series
"Create an Outwardly
Focused Culture"

1 Peter 2:1-12

1 Peter 2:9 – "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Together, clergy and laity make up the priesthood of all believers whose responsibility it is to go out and share Christ with our communities.

God calls all believers to create an outwardly focused culture in our churches. God calls all clergy to set an example for their congregations, and God calls all worshippers to share their faith story and invite the unconnected to

Christ and church.

Salem's Mission Statement has three key words: Invite, Help, and Serve. Like a three-legged stool, Salem works well when all three are present and sturdy. But if the leg called "Invite" is not sturdy, Salem will not be the church God calls us to be. Let us all actively and enthusiastically participate in inviting others to Christ and church!

November 10
Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday
"God Blesses Generous Giving"
Mark 12:41-44

Deuteronomy 15:10 – "Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to."

When we're giving generously of our God-given time, talents, and financial resources at least three things happen: we please God, we make a positive difference in people's lives, and God blesses us.

People who tithe, give 10% of what they earn back to God, report that they experience freedom, peace, and joy. It is God's blessing. Are you giving back 10% or more of your financial earnings each year? If not, are you intentionally working toward achieving that goal? Are you generously giving back to God the time, talents, and financial resources God first gave to you? May we please God, may lives be made better, and may we be blessed through our generous giving.

November 17
"God Is Making a Difference
through Salem"
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

2 Corinthians 9:12 – "This service that you perform is not only supplying

the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." Your time, talents, and financial resources, applied to the ministries here at Salem are making a difference in people's lives and in our community.

Worship, Sunday school, choir, and Works in Progress provide the opportunity for people of all ages to give thanks and praise to God and to help one another grow in faith.

At Hero's Club, Sunday school is offered on Mondays to the children of our community. We've set aside a special room for our Middle and High School Youth Group to meet over at the parsonage, and we support their activities and events.

We offer a variety of activities for families like the Harvest Festival. Men's and Women's Bible studies are another opportunity for adults to grow in their faith. Our food pantry is open every week serving those in need and last year we formed a caregiving team to help those going through crises in their lives, especially our seniors. We are also supporting mission projects that help people beyond the Wolfsville area and around the world. Your giving is making a difference!

November 24
Christ the King Sunday, Pledge Sunday
"Christ the King"
Luke 23:33-43

Luke 13:43 – "Jesus answered him, 'I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.'"

This was Jesus' response to the criminal that hung on the cross beside him. The condemned man was asking Jesus to remember him when Jesus became king and Jesus reassured him it would happen that very day. This year in the life of the church comes to a close today.

Next Sunday, with the start of the Advent Season, we begin a new year. Today, we stop and pause and just reflect on all that it means to us that Christ is King. How he was present at creation, how he came to us here on earth and revealed God to us, what he taught us in his earthly ministry, his saving acts for our sake, his reign now as Lord of our lives, his personal love and care for us throughout our lives, his promise to return a final time to restore all things.

We celebrate all this today and can hardly take it in; hardly believe it is all true. Yet it is. God is for us!

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History of Salem United Methodist Church

Part 12 — Reaching Out into the Community and the World

CELEBRATING
200 YEARS
 of ministry in Wolfsville

■ By Fonda Gormer

New Ideas from a Young Pastor

In 1956, a young student pastor was assigned to the Wolfsville Charge of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He was responsible for services at the Salem, Garfield and Pleasant Valley churches, and for a time, the church in Big Pool. This young man was Rev. John W. Schildt.

Rev. Schildt brought several new ideas for ministries. One was Vacation Bible School, first held in 1957 and discussed in a previous article. He encouraged the Youth Fellowship to join in activities with groups from Hagerstown.

He introduced the concept of a Lord's Acre Festival, which would be a fundraiser for paying off the loan for purchasing the old Wolfsville School house and for future building plans.

Lord's Acre Project

The Lord's Acre program was developed in the southeastern United States as a means of raising funds in small congregations. A portion, or "acre," of a member's land was set aside to raise crops to be sold to benefit the church. Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other saleable talent they possessed. The festival is the sale of their donations. What comes in is a surprise to everyone.

Salem's first Lord's Acre Festival and auction was held October 8, 1960, in the recently acquired school house.

The women were responsible for preparing food to sell. The men were to fix up the school and grounds for the festival. The Little German Band was engaged for music. An auctioneer was obtained. All activities were held in the basement area of the school. The Youth Fellowship provided harvest-time decorations.

There were areas for the sale of produce and needlework, a food stand in the old cafeteria, grab bags for the children, and rows of chairs for watching the entertainment, the auction, and for visiting with friends.

It was agreed in 1961 to continue the festival, and for several years it followed the same format. The Little German Band



The Little German Band at the 1967 Lord's Acre Festival in the old schoolhouse.

provided music. The crowds grew larger and the school more dilapidated, and at the festival in 1968, someone's foot went through the basement floor. This helped with the decision to demolish the school in April 1969. The Lord's Acre Festival needed a new home!

The Wolfsville Ruritan Park had been developed by that time and the Ruritan Club graciously agreed to rent the park to Salem for the Lord's Acre Festival and the several days ahead, needed for preparations. The festivities continue to be held there on the second Saturday in September. Salem held the most recent festival and auction on September 14, 2019.

Lord's Acre: What comes in is a surprise to everyone!

About those surprising items donated? Some things that have been auctioned through the years include a calf, a pig, country hams, potatoes, jams and jellies, hot peppers, all kinds of produce, a baby cradle, tables and other wooden furniture, a painting of the Hoover cabin, and the annual quilt made



Painting of the Hoover cabin sold in 1984, at the Lord's Acre Festival.

by the women of the church. One quilt, featuring embroidered pictures of Wolfsville buildings, sold for \$5,000!

The proceeds over the years have paid for the educational wing, the parsonage, and annual upkeep of the property. Thank you, Rev. Schildt for the suggestion!

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CELEBRATING
200 YEARS



1987 Ice Cream Social on the parsonage front lawn.

Ice Cream Social

After the parsonage was constructed in 1974, the congregation began holding an ice-cream social on the front lawn on a Sunday evening in July.

This has grown into an event held in Salem's pavilion to which the community is invited.

We have extended invitations to the staff of the Wolfsville Elementary School, the Wolfsville Ruritan Club and the Wolfsville Volunteer Fire Company, in addition to friends and families of Salem attendees.

In 2019, this event was combined with our 200th anniversary celebration on July 28; approximately 200 people enjoyed the catered meal.

Ministry to Children

In 2006, Salem welcomed an associate pastor to assist Rev. Randy Reid in serving the charge.

This gave Salem an opportunity to have a contemporary worship service on Sunday mornings. The service attracts a different group of parishioners than the traditional one.

The associate, Rev. Kathryn J. "Katie" Bishop also came with ideas for ministry to children. Pastor Katie started a praise band to involve the youth in providing contemporary Christian

music for the congregation.

Hero's Club

She prodded us to evaluate our sanctuary and congregation for safety for our children. She introduced an idea to reach out to children in the area, and she called it "Hero's Club."

Hero's Club is an after school program held on Mondays for elementary school children during the school year.

At dismissal from Wolfsville Elementary School, registered children are escorted from the school to Salem Church.

Weekly activities include snack time, homework time, craft/activity time, chapel time, and outdoor playtime. Special events usually include a dinner for Hero's Club families, a field trip, and an end-of-year celebration.

Hero's Club is staffed by a paid director, and several adult and student volunteers. We often refer to Hero's Club as "Sunday School on Monday" as we bring the Word of God to the children who are not attendees at Salem.

Salem Mission Projects

Salem has a variety of mission projects that support Christian service around the globe.

Frank Stottleyer, Jr. grew up in Salem, and when he and his wife Nancy

became missionaries in Senegal, Salem helped support them for the 40 years they worked in Africa. They are now retired but continue to serve the Lord and Salem continues its support.

Mission work with Africa Inland Mission and The Least of These Ministries in the Dominican Republic are other projects.

Salem's youth initiated the idea of supporting children through Compassion International and World Vision; we currently support a boy in Tanzania and a girl in Colombia.

At Christmas time, Salem packs shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and stockings for the Salvation Army.

We support the Society of St. Andrew's Potato Project, with funds and manpower. This program redirects fresh nutritious produce that is rejected for market because of slight imperfections in size, shape or surface blemishes from the landfill to agencies that distribute food to the needy.

Salem's youth have helped bag truckloads of potatoes for regional food pantries.

The Board of Child Care is an outreach ministry of The United Methodist Church. The agency works with close to 1,700 children and their families affected by poverty, abuse, neglect, and developmental difficulties.

The children are given a variety of opportunities to participate in spiritual life activities that enrich their personal growth and provide comfort to them during times of personal distress and change. Salem's entire Christmas Eve offering goes to the Board of Child Care.

Within Frederick County, we are involved in several programs that support Christian values.

Salem supports the cost of the Wolfsville Elementary School "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.

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The Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Middletown High School also receives support. Students participating in this Christian organization meet at school and focus on equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick receives a monthly donation to aid in their support for women who are facing issues regarding their reproductive health.

Through each of these programs, the church body strives to fulfill Salem's 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.

The next installment of Salem's history will share our anniversary celebration and our hopes for the future.



Portion of the quilt which sold for \$5,000 at the 1984 Lord's Acre Festival. The embroidered squares contained Wolfsville community landmarks both present and past.

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DISH WITH THE BISH	& DIFFERENCES
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DEALING WITH LOSS	YOUTH LEADER TRAINING
DANGER SIGNS	REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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The next ROCK Youth Retreat will be held February 7-9, 2020, at the Ocean City Convention Center. As of this writing, 19 Salem youth and adults are planning to attend. The group will be staying at the Carousel Hotel where 8 rooms have been reserved. Wanda Barkdoll is on the ROCK planning committee for the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church and is coordinating the Salem trip.

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

Will you please pick up all your clothes?

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Thanksgiving isn't just a day...
it's a way we can live
our lives every day.

You never go wrong when you
take the high road —
it's less crowded up there.

In stressful times, seek God. In painful times,
praise God. In terrible times, trust God.
And at all times . . . thank God.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Mountain Shepherd

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