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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 244
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Educational Building built 1967
Parsonage built 1974–75

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

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

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

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

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

United Methodist Board of Child Care

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Each year, the entire offering received at Salem's Christmas Eve program is given to the Board of Child Care.

The Board of Child Care is an agency within the United Methodist Church that is dedicated to ministering to the needs of troubled children and their families.

They take care of children by providing long term places to stay and schools they can attend while there, as well as sponsoring children for adoption and day care.

Campuses are located near Baltimore and in Falling Waters, West Virginia.



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.

Celebrating Jesus' Birth

Christmas *at* Salem



Celebrate the Christmas Season with us . . .

❖ **Sunday Worship Themes** — 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

Sun Dec	1	"Mary"
Sun Dec	8	"Joseph"
Sun Dec	15	"Shepherds"
Sun Dec	22	"Wise Men"
Sun Dec	29	"You and Me"



❖ **Salem Christmas Party** — 5:30 p.m.

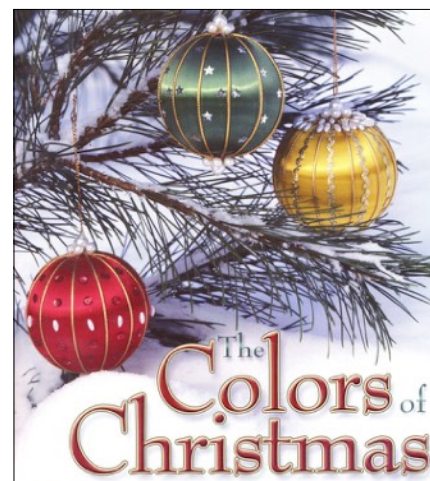
Sat Dec 7 Party includes potluck dinner, games and a visit from Santa.
All ages — Bring a wrapped gift under \$5 for the exchange game.

❖ **Country Church Christmas Tour** — 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Sat Dec 21 Visit Salem as well as other area churches (Snow Date: Dec 22)

❖ **Christmas Eve Program** — 7:00 p.m.

Tue Dec 24 Celebrating the Birth of Jesus



Adult Choir to sing Christmas Eve

■ By Sandy Lewis, Adult Choir Director

It is not too late to join Salem's Adult Choir as we prepare a musical to present on Christmas Eve.

This year we will be singing selections from Marty Park's musical "The Colors of Christmas."

One of the most appealing things about the Christmas season is the beautiful colors. The deep green of the Christmas tree, garland and wreaths; the brilliant reds of poinsettias, holly berries and bows; the gleaming gold of the star and lights all add to the excitement of the season.

Come join us as we sing songs that describe the colorful beauty of Christmas. We practice at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to come and sing with us.

Christmas Party set for Saturday, December 7, 5:30 p.m.

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Family Ministries Leader

You are invited to the annual Salem Christmas Party to be held at the church on Saturday, December 7, at 5:30 p.m. Come together as a church family for an evening of fellowship and outreach to the community. A potluck dinner will be enjoyed by all. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Fun activities are being planned for all ages. We will be playing the exchange game which is enjoyed by children, youth and adults — bring a small wrapped gift not to exceed \$5. There will also be a special visit from Santa.



Children's Choir to sing Christmas Eve

■ By Michele Kline, Children's Choir Director

The children's choir will be performing at the 7 o'clock Christmas Eve service this year. They are very excited about the two songs they are singing! All children are welcome to join us the last 15 minutes of Sunday school to rehearse (10:45). The songs are not too difficult to learn quickly! We will be singing "The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy" and "Go Tell It On The Mountain."



Operation Christmas Child & Salvation Army Stockings

Our thanks to everyone at Salem who participated in the "Operation Christmas Child" and "Salvation Army Christmas Stockings."

Advent begins December 1



Attendance Offerings

October 2019

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Oct	6	68	\$1,583.00	37	\$187.00
Oct	13	79	2,331.75	47	264.00
Oct	20	95	2,263.50	53	146.50
Oct	27	72	2,334.50	42	122.50

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$945.09
- Cemetery Endowment: \$100.00
- Pavilion Fund: \$80.00
- Building Fund: \$1,267.01
- Building Addition: \$14,200.00

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

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Oct	79	45
Sept	81	49
Aug	81	43
July	97	48
June	84	45

Average Attendance Jan-Oct 2019

Sunday Worship: 84
Sunday School: 48



Pendants



Magnets

Bee-lievers make Craft Items for Wolfsville School

The Bee-lievers Women’s Group made craft items for the Christmas sale at Wolfsville Elementary School at their meeting in November. Forty pendants and more than 70 magnets were put together. The school has a sale in December for the children to purchase Christmas gifts for family and friends, and the Bee-lievers have been providing gift items for several years as part of their mission to serve the community.

The Bee-lievers will not meet in December. Their next meeting will be Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the church social room. We welcome anyone to join us as we plan activities to support the missions of the church. —Fonda Gormer

Worship Through Giving — Tithes & Offerings

■ By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

The scriptures tell us we will be blessed by our giving ministry and God will be pleased (Deuteronomy 15:10).

Giving tithes and offerings is a part of our spiritual worship. We don’t give in order to get. We give to make an impact; we give to make a difference in people’s lives; we give to further the ministry of Christ (2 Corinthians 9:7).

..... WAYS TO GIVE

◆ Worship Services Plate Offering

Give by cash or check during any of our worship services. If you give cash and would like it to be reflected on your year-end giving statement, please use an offering envelope.

◆ By Mail

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

◆ Electronically Online (Safe & Secure)

Salem is now offering the convenience of online giving. Go to our church website and select GIVE. Create an account on the secure server at Vanco Payment Solutions, a United Methodist endorsed service. You may set up recurring giving, e.g., weekly, monthly, or give one time. Funds will be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. No more checks to write and you may change your giving amount at any time. This is a personal choice. Salem members who have already signed up for electronic giving are pleased with the service.



Calendar of Events

December

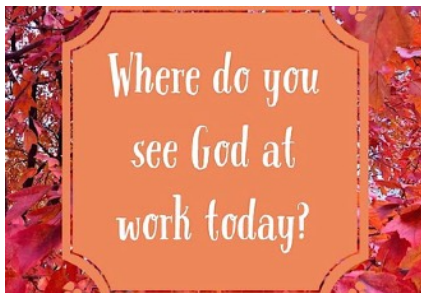
- Sun 1 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Sun 1 Poinsettia Orders Due**
- Thu 5 Board of Trustees Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 7 Christmas Party** - 5:30 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 12 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 21 Country Churches Christmas Tour** - 1:00-5:00 p.m.
(Snow date: Sun Dec 22)
- Tue 24 Christmas Eve Program** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Recurring Events: Children's Choir every SUNDAY 10:50 a.m. in social room
 Hero's Club After School Ministry is held every MONDAY when school is in session
 Adult Choir every TUESDAY 7:30 p.m.
 Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Women's Bible Study every WEDNESDAY 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

Note: No Bee-lievers meeting in December.

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.



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. 5

Wolfsville Community Food Pantry



Photo from Grossnickle COB Facebook Page

"... for I was hungry and you gave me food..." —Matthew 25:35

In late October, the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren held their fall food pantry drive. The above photo of donations, at the Grossnickle COB sanctuary altar, shows the generosity of the Grossnickle congregation, offering great support for Salem's food pantry. At Salem, food and other items are distributed weekly to needy families with Myersville, Smithsburg and Sabillasville addresses. The food pantry at Salem is open every Tuesday evening 6:30-7:30 p.m. Salem also wishes to express appreciation for donations from numerous other local churches and community residents.

Who's Doing What, When?

DECEMBER

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Readers 1 - Wanda Barkdoll 8 - Janice Harshman 15 - Mary Cline 22 - Dennis Leatherman 29 - Donald Stottlemeyer	Ushers 1 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 8 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 15 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 22 - Dan Lafferty & Brandon Leatherman 29 - Bill Buhrman & Dennis Draper	Music 1 - Sara Weitzel 8 - Praise Band 15 - Sara Weitzel 22 - Sara Weitzel 29 - Susan Koons
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Greeters 1 - Dennis Leatherman 8 - Dennis Draper 15 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 22 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family 29 - Michele Kline & Joy Barkdoll	Acolytes 1 - Loralli Snyder 8 - Patrick Waite 15 - Nadia Lebowitz 22 - Valentina Barkdoll 29 - Valentina Barkdoll
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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 Dec 8 - Works in Progress Praise Band Dec 22 - Works in Progress Praise Band
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It's Your Day!

December Anniversaries

- 3 - Ron & Amy Ellis
- 12 - Bob & Petie Stup
- 23 - Jon & Fonda Gormer
- 24 - Dennis & Ruth Draper

December Birthdays

- 3 - Joe Hawkins
- 4 - Judith Harne
- 4 - Dottie Hager
- 6 - Cody Blickenstaff
- 8 - Sara Weitzel
- 9 - Theresa Haupt
- 9 - Mark Koons
- 11 - Amber Breneman
- 12 - Laura Colbert
- 17 - Holly Rippeon
- 18 - Holly Brashears
- 23 - Bill Burrier
- 25 - Stuart Tolland
- 28 - Lavena Jenkins
- 29 - Jackson Haddock
- 30 - Keagan Mellott

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

Lay Readers Needed

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

Janice Harshman recently volunteered, so we now have 13 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.



B Haley, the drummer for TobyMac, has been selected as the guest speaker for the ROCK Youth Retreat in February 2020. He will bring a testimony of transformation, unity, and hope.

Holy Communion

Sunday, December 1, 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



A Message at Christmas

By Grace Bush

I would light a Christmas candle of peace
to burn within your heart,
To cheer you with its gentle glow
whenever we're apart,
That you may be given strength and calm
and courage for each new day,
A peace that the world could never give
and cannot take away.

I would light a Christmas candle of faith
to burn with steady light,
To keep your faith in God secure
through even the darkest night,
That His care and His love surround your path
and you may always know
Your trust in Him shall never fail,
wherever you may go.

I would light a Christmas candle of love
to burn so clear and strong,
To shine with an unfailing light
and bring to your heart a song,
For the Prince of Peace came down to earth
from His radiant heaven above
On that Christmas long ago, to bring us
His Father's love!

Winter's Snow

By Shirley Hile Powell

The trees are bared in Winter
As the leaves turn brown and die.
Tangled roots entwine on frozen ground
As sounds of wind give sigh.

God sends a gentle falling snow
That covers the barren ground.
The wonders that my eyes behold
Find God's beauty all around.

I'm thankful for the wintertime
That brings me untold pleasures
And for the days of silence,
Another of God's unique treasures.

The earth becomes a wonderland
As it glistens in the moonlight's glow.
God sends another masterpiece
With the pristine Winter snow.



RECIPE



Chocolate Candy Cane Kiss Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups all-purpose flour	1 1/2 cups sugar, divided
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder	1 large egg
1/4 teaspoon fine salt	1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened	One 10-ounce package of Hershey's Candy Cane Kisses

DIRECTIONS:

1. Stir together flour, cocoa powder and salt. Using an electric mixer, beat butter and 1 cup of sugar until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add egg and vanilla and gradually stir in flour mixture.
2. Chill dough until firm, then roll dough into approximately 1-inch balls and toss in extra sugar to coat. Place one inch apart on parchment-lined cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 5-6 minutes. Remove from oven and lightly press a candy cane kiss into the center of each cookie. Then bake another 2-3 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack. Yield: 40 cookies

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



The Gentle Time of Christmas

By Lee Simmons

Christmas is a gentle time;
Of peace and wondrous love,
A tiny stable stall illumined
By one bright Star above.

Of lowing cattle, curious sheep,
Of Wise Men standing by,
Of humble shepherds kneeling there,
Of one small Baby's cry.

Of one sweet, soothing lullaby
As one young mother sings,
And fluttering, just whisper-soft,
Of guardian angel wings.

We pray within our worried world
Of conflict and of greed
That we might pause to realize
What is our greatest need.

Then quietly, with reverence,
Survey the manger birth,
The gentle time of Christmas
When God sent peace to earth.

Jesus — the greatest gift of all!

Address Correction

The new address for Meredith and Janice Harshman is 401 S. Georgia Avenue, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

(In last month's newsletter, your editor inadvertently printed Georgia "Street" rather than Georgia "Avenue.")

Sounds of Christmas

By Esther York Burkholder

These are the sounds of Christmas . . . the chime of bells on the frosty air . . . sleighs jingling over the snow . . . happy shouts of "Merry Christmas!" . . . fires crackling on the hearth . . . corn popping in the pan . . . the clatter of children's feet down the stairs on Christmas morning . . . the gay din of excitement around the tree . . . warm words of welcome between reunited loved ones . . . voices raised in the old sweet carols . . . and in the heart the clear sound of the angel's message: "Unto you— a Savior!"



Message from the Pastor and Worship in December

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

The first four Sundays in December make up the Advent Season this year. Advent means “arrival” or “coming.”

During the Advent Season, we are invited to pause each day, remember why Jesus came into the world, and give thanks and praise to God.

On the four Sundays of Advent this year, we’ll experience the Christmas story from people who were there that first Christmas: Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, and the Wise Men.

Each of their experiences were different, each was life-changing, and each teaches us important lessons and provides help for our own lives.

I encourage everyone to come all four Sundays and be nourished and refreshed by our great faith story, the Christmas Story.

On Christmas Eve, we’ll focus our attention on giving special thanks and praise to God with scripture readings, Christmas carols, prayers, and performances by the Adult and Children’s choirs.

As the Christmas Story is read, the children will create a live nativity scene. Our service will end with “Silent Night” sung by candlelight.

Please take the opportunity this year to bring a guest along with you this Advent and Christmas. I pray all of you have a blessed Advent and Christmas Season, filled with hope, love, joy and peace! God Bless. —Pastor Bob

December 1
First Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion
“Mary”
Luke 1:26-38

Luke 1:38 – “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to

me as you have said.”

With this bold statement, Mary ended her encounter with Gabriel, God’s messenger.

But at the beginning of the encounter, Mary wasn’t so bold. In fact, she was filled with fear.

How did she go from being filled with fear to making her bold statement of faith, “May it be as you have said.” Wasn’t it because of God’s presence and help? Sometimes challenges in life leave us full of fear. By turning to God and receiving God’s help we, like Mary, can persevere.

December 8
Second Sunday of Advent
“Joseph”
Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew 1:24 – “When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.”

Joseph had initially felt hurt and anger. He thought he had been betrayed by Mary, with whom he was engaged to be married. He thought she had become pregnant by another man.

How could he go from the hurt he felt to the way he ended up loving and caring for Mary and Jesus, his adopted son? Wasn’t it because of God’s presence and help?

Sometimes we feel angry and hurt and betrayed. By turning to God and receiving God’s help we, like Joseph, can be restored.

December 15
Third Sunday of Advent
“Shepherds”
Luke 2:8-20

Luke 2:15 – “When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem

and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

The shepherds were looked upon as the lowliest in society. Being looked down upon by others all the time must have made many feel unworthy.

How was it, then, that God chose the shepherds to go and visit baby Jesus first? Isn’t it because God deems all women and men worthy and adores all.

Sometimes we feel unworthy. By turning to God and receiving God’s help we, like the shepherds, can become confident that God adores us.

December 22
Fourth Sunday of Advent
“Wise Men”
Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew 2:1-2 – “After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.’”

The three Magi (Wise Men) were Gentiles, non-Jews. Persia, where they lived, was a great distance from Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

Why did they make the journey? Isn’t it because the story of Jesus the Savior draws all humans to it?

They were captivated by Jesus. They had to go and see.

Like the Magi, God is calling us to him. To visit him frequently and receive the help he offers.

December 24
Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

Christmas Story and Carols, Nativity Scene, Performances by Adult and Children’s Choirs, “Silent Night” sung by candlelight.

December 29
“You and Me”
Isaiah 9:1-7

Isaiah 9:6 – “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

You and I are in the Christmas Story too. Long before Jesus was born, prophets like Isaiah were announcing the coming of the Savior. He’s our Savior.

In 2020, let us turn to God and receive his help like never before.

1819-2019**History of Salem United Methodist Church****Part 13 — An Anniversary Celebration and a Look Ahead**

CELEBRATING
200 YEARS
of ministry in Wolfsville

■ **By Fonda Gormer**

One Hundred Years Ago

"The one hundredth anniversary of the United Brethren Church at Wolfsville was celebrated yesterday.

"Morning, afternoon and evening services were held in the Hoover barn, the original meeting place of the congregation.

"Tin lanterns, used 100 years ago, supplied light for the evening service.

"Former pastors preached at the morning and evening service, and in the afternoon, Dr. C. I. B. Brane, one of the editors of the Religious Telescope, Dayton, Ohio, delivered an address.

"All of the services were conducted along lines of 100 years ago, and many of the worshipers brought lunch and spent the day at the barn. The old building is on the farm of A. E. Hoover, great-grandson of the original owner."

This description, from the *Baltimore Sun*, August 19, 1919, with a Frederick, MD byline of August 18, tells of the celebration of Salem United Methodist Church's 100th birthday.

110th Anniversary Celebration

On July 21, 1929, the 110th anniversary was celebrated with services at 9:30, 11:30, 2:00 and 7:30, and an afternoon pilgrimage to the Hoover barn.

Local people provided sandwiches and coffee for lunch. To accommodate the large audience, estimated to number 500, a large tent was added to the front of the barn. Newspapers from as far away as Hanover, PA and Staunton, VA, mentioned Hoover descendants who had traveled for the family reunion and church celebration.

200th Anniversary Celebration

Salem celebrated its 200th birthday with a full day of activities on Sunday, July 28, 2019, in a similar fashion.

The day dawned with sunny skies and the promise of typical hot July weather. Thankfully, the sanctuary is now air-conditioned, making for more comfortable worship than may have been experienced long ago.

At the traditional morning worship service, Rev. H. Ronald Ellis, former pastor



200th Anniversary July 28, 2019 — Children's Choir at the afternoon service.

at Salem from 1979-1989, spoke on the topic "I Can Only Imagine." The service included a puppet play, music by the Adult Choir, and prayer by Frank Stottlemeyer, Jr, a retired missionary who grew up in the Salem congregation.

The contemporary morning service included a puppet play, music by Works in Progress Praise Band, and a message "Celebrating 200 Years" by current pastor, Rev. Robert Snyder.

At 3 p.m., worshipers gathered again in the sanctuary, with a prayer by pastoral son, Rev. Marvin Kline.

Special music was provided by the Children's Choir and Marlene Young, who also grew up in Salem's congregation.

Rev. John W. Schildt, pastor from 1956-1961, presented the message, "The Ripple Effect."

Bill Burrier shared a time capsule cassette tape, prepared by the 1977 Youth Fellowship, that he had converted to video format. Many of the young people featured on the tape were in attendance as adults with grown children of their own.

And then, off to the barn!

Bill and Joyce Weaver provided period music in the barn while



200th Anniversary July 28, 2019 — Rev. John W. Schildt giving the afternoon message titled "The Ripple Effect."

worshipers were walking through Wolfsville, from the current house of worship to one of the original places of worship in 1819. That date is still evident in the Hoover barn's cornerstone.

The barn, currently owned by Jeff and Patty Hurwitz, has been restored and

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History of Salem United Methodist Church

Part 13 — An Anniversary Celebration and a Look Ahead (continued from page 9)

CELEBRATING
200 YEARS



200th Anniversary July 28, 2019 — Bill and Joyce Weaver opening worship in the Hoover barn.

people were again able to worship inside.

Rev. Snyder gave a brief history of Salem. Lori Williamson's solo, "I Can Only Imagine," echoed the morning message. What would things have been like 200 years ago, worshipping in Wolfsville?

The day ended with a picnic dinner catered by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant. Approximately 200 guests gathered in Salem's pavilion and under a tent rented from Totally Tents. Prayer was offered by Rev. John Wunderlich, Salem's new District Superintendent. Works in Progress provided music and there were games for the children.

As the sun began to set, ice cream from South Mountain Creamery was served. What a great way to end a day of worship, remembrance and celebration!

It is interesting to note, in reviewing the participants in the day's events, that many of them were descendants of John and Susanna Hoover, the first owners of the barn.



200th Anniversary July 28, 2019 — Riley, Neveah, Delillah and Shelby wait for Wanda and Vernon to dip their ice cream.

Looking to the Future

What does the future hold? Will Salem exist for another 200 years? Only our God knows the answer to that question. But we do have plans, and maybe if they are put into writing, they will come to fruition.

One of our primary goals is to help Salem United Methodist Church grow, bucking a trend of dwindling membership in mainline churches.

We plan to continue reaching out and welcoming community residents to come worship with us by getting to know their name and inviting them to join in church activities.

In the near future we hope to

expand our social hall, build a new kitchen, enlarge the entrance foyer, provide a designated Youth Group room, expand the space for the Food Pantry, and provide office space for the pastor and a church secretary. This will allow us to continue current activities for the whole community, as well as reach out in new ways. We are praying and seeking God's will as to how to do this.

There are plans to install memorial stained glass windows in the near future to honor members of Salem that have passed away. This will be a departure from the simplicity of our building, but will hopefully be a meaningful addition to worship.

We are optimistic. The Youth Sunday School class, under the direction of teacher Fonda Gormer, is preparing a time capsule to be opened in 20 years. It will be interesting to see what these young people are doing and what Salem is like at that time,

When this history project started in December 2018, the plan was to stop with the December 2019 installment.

However, the writer has been told that it would be unlucky to stop on #13, and there were bits and pieces of history that did not quite fit into the outline for the first thirteen.

So there will be another installment next month. And it will be the last!

Scenes from the
Wolfsville Community Harvest Festival at Salem

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll & Jim Laky



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



Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.

It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.

It's Christmas every time you let God love others through you . . . every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand. —*Mother Teresa*

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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December 2019