



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville



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At Wolfsville Elementary School

All Pro Pancake Breakfast is Stacked with Salem Support

By Patrick Boyton

Salem Mission Project No. 4

What's better than free pancakes? How about free pancakes served with a positive message and support from the community? That's exactly what the students and families of Wolfsville Elementary receive at the All Pro Family Breakfast.

For the past several years, Salem Church has been sponsoring the monthly meal for Wolfsville Elementary's PTA. The breakfast is affiliated with *All Pro Dad*, a national non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening relationships with our kids while connecting with our community. And while *All Pro* appreciates the important roles dads play in the lives of our Wolfsville students, the breakfast also invites moms, grandparents, siblings, and other caregivers to join in.

Along with the aforementioned pancakes – which are delicious, by the way – guests are also served bacon, sausage, French toast, orange juice, muffins and fresh fruit. There is even hot coffee for the adults!

At the end of every breakfast, a short inspirational video is shown, followed by family discussions about that month's topic.

Recent topics have included service, contentment and creativity. For an added bit of fun, small raffle prizes are then given out to parents and students.

So who's volunteering their time to serve this monthly breakfast? In addition to a dedicated group of Wolfsville parents and staff, members of our very own church have been giving their time and energy to the event. These include Pastor Bob Snyder, Donna Snyder, Patrick Boyton, Denny Leatherman, Donald Stottlemeyer and Gary Barkdoll.

A lot of work goes into putting the breakfast together, but the Wolfsville Elementary School Counselor, Chris Tressler, thinks it's all worth the bacon grease, saying, "The All Pro Breakfast is a special part of the



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family culture in Wolfsville. At a time when it's easy to lose sight of what's important, it provides a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to enjoy fellowship and instill important values for our children."

If you have kids at Wolfsville Elementary or know friends who do, help spread the word about the All Pro Breakfast.

It's held on the second Friday of each month during the school year, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. But be sure to get there early. The bacon goes fast!

For more information, contact Patrick Boyton at patrickboyton@gmail.com.



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 244
2020 New Members: 0

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.



2020 MISSION PROJECTS

2020 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 2020	\$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. 14
World Vision - Sponsored Child in Colombia

YURLEY PAOLA, age 16
This year Yurley participated in and benefited from:

- Bible Study - I studied the Bible and learned about the good news of Christ's love.
- Health Education - I know what the common health risks in my community are and how to address them so I can live a healthy life.
- Reading/Writing Workshop - I am being supported and my confidence is growing in my reading and writing skills.
- Child Protection Awareness - I feel safer because I live in a community that knows how to protect and care for children.



Salem sends \$35 each month to World Vision for Yurley's support.

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

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

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.

Serving the Lord in Wolfsville

Salem Church Leaders for 2020

Church leaders are nominated by Salem's Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, and then elected at the annual Church Conference, September 29, 2019.

Church Council:

Chair of Church Council – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader – Dennis Leatherman
 Chair of Board of Trustees – TBD by Trustees
 Chair of Evangelism - Dennis Leatherman
 Chair of Finance Committee – Bill Burrier
 Chair of Nominations & Leadership Development Committee - Bob Snyder
 Chair of Mission and Outreach - Tom Marenic
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Robin Haupt
 Chair of Worship Committee – Pastor Bob Snyder
 Church Communications Coordinator – Bill Burrier
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Dennis Leatherman
 UMW/Bee-lievers President – Fonda Gormer
 Secretary of Church Council – Theresa Haupt
 Sunday School Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Young Adult Member - Holly Irons
 Youth Member – Noah Taveras
 Member-at-large – Amy McCormick (2020)
 Member-at-large – Dennis Draper (2021)
 Member-at-large - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (2022)

Annual Audit: Meredith Harshman

Board of Trustees:

Bill Buhrman (2020), Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (2020)
 Justinn Irons (2021), Dan Lafferty (2021), Mike Irons (2021)
 George Harne (2022), Donald Stottlemeyer (2022),
 George Stottlemeyer (2022)

Building Committee Chair - Rotating among committee members

Caregiving Team Leader - Susie Stottlemeyer

Children's Coordinator - Caroline Buhrman

Choir Director (Adult) – Sandy Lewis

Choir Director (Children) – Michele Kline

Church Organist - Sara Weitzel, Susan Koons

Custodian - Amy McCormick

Family Ministries Leader - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Food Pantry Leader - Jennifer Gormer

Hero's Club Director - Holly Irons

Local Lay Servants:

Wanda Barkdoll, Gary Barkdoll

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee:

Pastor - Bob Snyder (Chair)
 Lay Leader – Dennis Leatherman
 Camilo Barkdoll (2020), Justinn Irons (2020), Susan Koons (2020)
 Mary Cline (2021), Donald Stottlemeyer (2021),
 Joyce Weaver (2021)
 Tom Marenic (2022), Lora McGraw (2022), Sandy Miller (2022)

Salem Iron Men Leader - Bill Weaver

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader - Dennis Leatherman
 Dennis Draper (2020), Michael Burrier (2020),
 Susie Stottlemeyer (2020)
 Caroline Buhrman (2021), Robin Haupt (Chair) (2021),
 Jennifer Gormer (2021)
 Debbie Irons (2022), Michele Kline (2022),
 Linda Marenic (2022)

Sunday School:

Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Sunday School Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Librarian – Brandon Leatherman
 Pre-K Teacher – Caroline Buhrman
 Kindergarten through Second Grade Teachers –
 Jennifer Burrier, Michael Burrier
 Third Grade through Fifth Grade Teachers – Patrick Boyton,
 Melissa Thornton
 Middle and High School Teacher – Fonda Gormer
 Young Adult Class Teacher - Dennis Leatherman
 Adult Discussion Group Teacher – Bill Burrier
 Men's Class Teachers – Bobby Fogle, George Harne,
 Meredith Harshman
 Women's Class Teachers – Mary Cline, Darlene Burrier

Women's Bible Study Leader - Debbie Irons

Worship Committee

Chairperson - Pastor Bob Snyder
 Bulletins - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Michael Burrier
 Communion Steward (Prepare) - Amy McCormick
 Communion Stewards (Serve) - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer,
 Susie Stottlemeyer
 Communion Steward Assistant (Serve) - Darlene Burrier
 Computer System Coordinator - Michael Burrier
 Computer System Operators - Bill Burrier, Michael Burrier,
 Sarah Burrier
 Contemporary Service Representative - Jim Laky
 Flower Coordinator - Barbie Stottlemeyer
 Recorded Music - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Prayer List - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Members - Bill Burrier, Theresa Haupt, Dennis Leatherman,
 Sara Weitzel

Youth Group Leader:

Wanda Barkdoll

Serve the Lord with enthusiasm.

—Romans 12:11b

Attendance Offerings

November 2019

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Nov 3 -	80	\$2,433.50	58	\$322.50
Nov 10 -	75	1,957.02	40	132.75
Nov 17 -	94	3,292.13	57	90.00
Nov 24 -	68	1,671.00	46	115.50

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$840.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$200.00
- Pavilion Fund: \$80.00
- Building & Imp. Fund: \$255.00
- Building Addition: \$200.00

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

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Nov	79	50
Oct	79	45
Sept	81	49
Aug	81	43
July	97	48

Average Attendance Jan-Nov 2019

Sunday Worship: 84
Sunday School: 48

United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers"

Soup & Sandwich Sale set for March

By Fonda Gormer

Has the winter weather got you down? Would you like to have some of those good Lord's Acre soups and sandwiches? The Bee-lievers have the answer!

The ladies will have their Soup and Sandwich Sale in March. Orders must be placed by Sunday, February 2, with pick-up on Saturday, March 7 from 4 - 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 after services.

Soups include bean, vegetable, turkey noodle and turkey corn at \$5.00

per quart.

Available sandwiches are country ham for \$3.50 and turkey salad for \$2.50.

Order forms are also available in the church hallway. Please return completed orders to Fonda Gormer or Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer.

Orders may also be made by contacting Fonda at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net, or Sue Ellen at ses1313@comcast.net.

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.

◆ FOOD SALE ORDER FORM ◆

Give orders to Fonda Gormer or Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer by February 2, 2020.

Your Name _____ Phone _____

SOUPS	How many?	Amount \$
Vegetable \$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Corn \$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Noodle \$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Bean with rivels \$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
SANDWICHES		
Country Ham \$3.50 each	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Salad \$2.50 each	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL amount due at pick up		\$ _____
PICK UP (check one) Sat Mar 7 (4-6 p.m.) _____ Sun Mar 8 (a.m.) _____		



January

Calendar of Events



- Thu 2 Board of Trustees Meeting** - 7 p.m. at Salem
Thu 2 UMW Bee-lievers - 7 p.m. at Salem
Sun 5 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Fri 10 Remove Christmas Decorations - 6 p.m. at Salem
Sat 11 Family & Friends Game & Puzzle Night - 6:30 p.m. at Salem
Sat 18 Church Council Retreat - 8:30 a.m. to Noon at Salem
Sat 25 Ping Pong Tournament - 6 p.m. meal, tournament play at 7 p.m.
Wed 29 Building Committee Meeting - 7 p.m. at Salem

Recurring Events: Salem Iron Men - 2nd and 4th SUNDAY 7:00 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
 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

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.

Building Committee Update

December 18, 2019 — One of the priorities of the Building Committee is to determine whether the current septic system is viable when an addition is added to the educational building.

A water meter will be installed to determine the amount of water usage. This record is required by the Health Department for our upcoming septic perc test process. The meter will be read on a weekly basis to collect the necessary water usage data.

George Harne, Architect, reported that his office will file the septic system perc test application with the Health Department on behalf of the church.

Applications will be accepted beginning January 2nd. Perc tests are conducted between February 3rd and April 15th of each year.

The next meeting of the Building Committee will be Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at 7 p.m. at the church.

Next Meeting Thursday, January 2, 2020

Bee-lievers Women's Group Seeking Members

The Salem "Bee-lievers" needs members! Over the years, we have lost our older members and have not replaced them. The Bee-lievers women's group was established to support the ministries of the church, and has done so in a variety of ways.

Many activities seem to involve food. We prepare and serve the Wolfsville Ruritan Club dinner four times a year. We hold a Soup and Sandwich Sale in the winter and the Plant and Food Sale on the Saturday before Mother's Day. We prepare soups and sandwiches for the Lord's Acre Festival. If the need arises, we plan funeral luncheons and conduct food sales at auctions.

Other activities include sending

Sunshine cards to the women of the congregation who may need cheering up, making items for the Wolfsville Elementary School Christmas sale, occasional craft projects, and making a substantial cash donation to the Lord's Acre Festival each year.

We appreciate the support of congregation members when we have these activities, but would like to have more women become involved in the planning by attending our monthly business meetings. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the church social hall at 7 p.m. In addition to the business portion of the meeting, there is a time for devotions, food and fellowship. Our next meeting will be on January 2, 2020. Hope you can join us!

At Ole Mink Farm

Men's Retreat set for January 31, February 1 & 2

- By Bill Weaver, Salem Iron Men

The 2020 Men's Retreat will be held Friday through Sunday, January 31st, February 1st and 2nd at Ole Mink Farm Campground. The rate this year will be \$140 to cover our lodging and all our meals.

The theme this year will focus around the study "Alter Ego" by Craig Groeschel. You are not who you think you are. Why? Because you are who God

says you are. Until you understand the concept of your identity, you won't become who you are meant to be in Christ. (Acts 17:24-25)

Please register online using this link: forms.gle/1BjQVUxFoMk3vFP18.

The Link for the camp is: oleminkfarm.com/meeting_space.html

Last year we had a very good turn out of Salem Iron Men.

Who's Doing What, When?

JANUARY

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Readers 5 - Gary Barkdoll 12 - Dennis Draper 19 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 26 - Jennifer Gormer	Ushers 5 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 12 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 19 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 26 - Dan Lafferty & Brandon Leatherman	Music 5 - Sara Weitzel 12 - Praise Band 19 - Sara Weitzel 26 - Sara Weitzel
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Greeters 5 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 12 - Robin & Theresa Haupt 19 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 26 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family	Acolytes 5 - Loralli Snyder 12 - Patrick Waite 19 - Nadia Lebowitz 26 - 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 Jan 12 - Works in Progress Praise Band Jan 26 - Works in Progress Praise Band
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It's Your Day!

January Anniversaries

- 1 - Donald & Susan Stottlemeyer
- 2 - Kyle & Leann Crutchley
- 16 - Charles & Christi Beall
- 21 - Charles & Dawn Brown

January Birthdays

- 6 - Patty Weagley
- 7 - Dwayne Ledford
- 8 - Nora Haupt
- 19 - Bill Buhrman
- 19 - Elizabeth Beall
- 19 - Della Hager
- 20 - Bradley Flook Jr.
- 21 - Joann Leatherman
- 22 - Lora McGraw
- 27 - Carley Weagley
- 29 - Blake Wagaman
- 31 - Chase Woods

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

Country Churches Christmas Tour Salem Decorations Enjoyed

More than one hundred people stopped by Salem on December 21 for the 4th annual "Country Churches Christmas Tour," sponsored by the Myersville-Wolfsville Area Historical Society. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated for Christmas to welcome visitors.

There was a historical display in the social room and ornaments featuring the 200th Anniversary were given to attendees.

Fonda and Jennifer Gormer provided Salem history, and Patrick Waite assisted with set-up.

This was an opportunity to introduce Salem to the surrounding community and other areas.



Holy Communion

Sunday, January 5, 2020
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



Ring On, O Happy Bells

By Joy Belle Burgess

Ring on, O bells of gladness
With your message of good cheer;
Peal forth the merry tidings
In cadence sweet and clear.



Ring out the old year fading,
With its failures, let it go;
Ring in the joy and promise
Of a new year's rosy glow.

Chime forth your skyborne music,
With its intervals of mirth,
Arouse the aspirations
And hopes of all the earth.

Ring on, O bells of gladness,
With the joy you now impart;
Ring on and on, O happy bells,
And bring a song to every heart.

The Meaning of the Snowflake

By Holley Gerth

Every new snowflake comes to earth
as a picture of our Savior's birth,
because they are sent from up above
and remind us of God's care and love.



Each one is so intricate and small
because Christ sees the details of us all,
and just as two are never the same,
the Lord knows and calls each by name.

Snowflakes gently cover the world in white
and hide what's unlovely from our sight,
showing us how He covers our sin
and gives us His grace when we come to Him.

So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind
and in every bit of white may you find
a reason to celebrate anew
and a reminder of His love for you.

Submitted by George & Barbie Stottlemyer who received this poem in a Christmas card from an Amish family they know in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Happy New Year



RECIPE



Shrimp Log

INGREDIENTS:

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| 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened | 2 tablespoons chopped green onion |
| 1 cup minced cooked shrimp | 1 teaspoon lemon juice |
| 2 tablespoons chili sauce | sliced stuffed olives |
| 2 tablespoons chopped stuffed olives | |

DIRECTIONS:

1. In bowl, stir cream cheese until smooth. Blend in cooked shrimp, chili sauce, olives, onion and lemon juice. Shape into a log and garnish with sliced stuffed olives. Chill thoroughly. To serve, spread on Pepperidge Farm Hearty Wheat Crackers. Makes about 1-1/2 cups.

Barbie Stottlemyer made this for last year's Bee-lievers recipe exchange.



Look on the Sunny Side

By Helen Steiner Rice

There are always two sides,
the good and the bad.
The dark and the light,
the sad and the glad—
But in looking back over
the good and the bad
We're aware of the number
of good things we've had—
And in counting our blessings
we find when we're through
We've no reason at all
to complain or be blue—
So thank God for good things
He has already done.
And be grateful to Him
for the battles you've won,
And know that the same God
who helped you before
Is ready and willing
to help you once more—
Then with faith in your heart
reach out for God's Hand
And accept what He sends
though you can't understand—
For Our Father in heaven
always knows what is best.
And if you trust in His wisdom
your life will be blest.
For always remember
That whatever betide you.
You are never alone
For God is beside you.

A Resolve for Every Morning of the New Year

- I will this day try to live a simple, serene and sincere life;
 - Repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity and self-seeking;
 - Cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence;
 - Exercising economy in expenditures, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust;
 - And a child-like trust in God.
- Bishop John H Vincent (1909)

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman from an early 20th century New Year's resolution post card.

Biding a goodbye to the last year
And welcoming the new year
Let us be grateful for the past
And hopeful for the future
And live our best lives each day.

God's wind is constant—
You must hoist your sail.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in January

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Happy New Year!

What a wonderful Advent and Christmas we have just experienced. It has refreshed us for the New Year that is now upon us.

And what a great year we had in 2019 celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Salem Church.

As we enter our two hundred and first year, we do so with renewed enthusiasm for serving the Lord.

In January, we have two fellowship opportunities, "Game Night" on January 11th and the "Ping Pong Tournament" on January 25th.

Both are great opportunities to build relationships within our church family and to invite guests to join us. It's a great way to break up the colder, darker days of winter.

Highlights of worship this month are outlined below. All are encouraged to attend worship weekly to honor God, receive the love and care God offers at worship, and to be supported by church family members as we gather together.

Looking forward to growing and serving together with you in January.

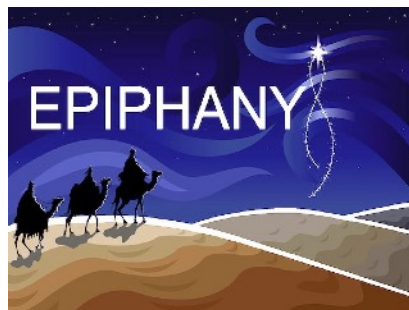
God Bless. —Pastor Bob

January 5 Epiphany Sunday Holy Communion "The Light" Isaiah 60: 1-6

Isaiah 60: 1 – "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."

In this verse, God speaks through the prophet Isaiah informing the people that a great light will shine on them to brighten their days.

What is this light that comes?



Psalm 72 tells us that the light will bring justice and righteousness.

In his letter to the church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul infers that the light has come to shine in the lives of all people (Ephesians 3:6).

When the Magi came to visit baby Jesus, they experienced "the light" (Matthew 2:1-12).

During worship on January 5, we'll experience how "The Light" shines on you and me to brighten our days.

January 12 Baptism of the Lord "Describing the Lord" Isaiah 42: 1-9

Isaiah 42:1 - "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations."

Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, God is describing what Christ is like.

It is good for us sometimes to pause and think about what Christ is like and what our Lord can do for us. It lifts our spirits and strengthens our trust in him.

In Psalm 29, King David describes God as being all powerful and everlasting (verses 1-10). Then, in verse 11, David captures what God does for

us, "The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace."

On January 12, come and hear what the Lord can do for you.

January 19 "Receiving Jesus" John 1: 29-42

John 1:41 – "The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus."

Andrew and his companions must have been anxiously anticipating the coming of their Savior because Andrew couldn't wait to tell his brother that he had "found the Messiah."

It is good for us to live with such anticipation of how Jesus is present in our lives and sharing the good news with others.

Come to worship on January 19 and let's explore together how we can see and share Jesus Christ more.

January 26 "Following Jesus" Matthew 4: 12-23

Matthew 4:21 – "Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets."

Like James and John, Jesus meets us where we're at and calls us to follow him.

Some follow immediately but for most of us it is a process.

In this reading we notice that Jesus called ordinary people to follow him. He had the power, God's power, to choose from the brightest, most talented, and most privileged of society, instead, chose people like you and me.

He wanted the world to see that every person is worthy and all have great things to offer.

At worship on January 26, come and be reminded that Christ has chosen you and called you by name to follow him.



1819-2019

History of Salem United Methodist Church

Part 14 — Miscellaneous History Tidbits Too Good to Exclude

CELEBRATING
200 YEARS
of ministry in Wolfsville

■ By Fonda Gormer

This last chapter of the history of Salem United Methodist Church looks at several tangential items of interest.

Correction to Part 10 of the History of Salem

The correction, in italics: “The village started its own ‘Academy’ in September 1913, for students above 7th grade. They met in the old Grove carpentry shop at the corner of current Black Rock and Wolfsville Roads, until March 1914, when the building was set on fire and destroyed. A replacement room was rented from Jacob Warrenfeltz, but it too burned in April 1914. *The students met in the old Marken house along the creek below St. Mark’s Lutheran Church (on the present Johnny Keller property, 12578 Wolfsville Road) for the remainder of the year.*”

In September 1914, the Academy classes began to meet in Baughman’s Hall, a meeting room above the general store on the northeast corner of the ‘square’ in Wolfsville.”

Salem and the Civil War

There are few Salem records from the time of the Civil War. The records that do exist make no mention of the war, but there are other records that tell of military activity around it.

When the personal property of Harry and Gladys Blickenstaff was sold at auction in 2002, one of the items sold was a Civil War cavalry sword and leather scabbard.

The note attached to the sword said, “Great-grandfather of George Blickenstaff. Lost and found during the Civil War on the farm of John Jacob Hoover, Wolfsville, MD. Saber has been on the farm since the Civil War.”

This would imply that there were soldiers near the church, possibly camping in the nearby meadow or on the lot across the road from the church.

The current owners of the sword had it appraised. It was dated 1862, one of 10,000 cavalry swords produced for the Union Army by D. J. Millard Manufacturer, Clayville, New York.



THE CIVIL WAR SWORD and SCABBARD found on the Hoover farm in Wolfsville, circa 1864.

The appraiser noted that though it was made for the Union, it could have been smuggled to the South, or could have been captured by a Confederate soldier. There is no way to know who possessed it when it was lost in Wolfsville.

Another indication that soldiers were in the area of Salem is an entry in Howison E. Hoover’s “History of the Hoover Family.”

He speaks of marauding soldiers coming into the farming community to carry off wheat, corn, hay and livestock.

His father John W. Hoover, living just outside of Wolfsville, hid his horses one springtime by leading them about 1 mile to an opposing hill over the hard rock into a thicket so they would not be tracked. Other family members also were raided for their horses.

The following excerpts from “Wolfsville, Maryland, Occupied” by John A. Miller (southmountaincw.wordpress.com/2010/07/29/wolfsville-maryland-occupied/) describe Civil War troops

camping around Wolfsville.

Union soldiers used Black Rock for observation of General Robert E. Lee’s army during its retreat from Gettysburg in 1863. Union patrols of cavalry garrisoned out of Harper’s Ferry also traveled through Wolfsville to protect citizens against any Confederate raiding parties that might come into the area.

“On July 8th, 1864, while the Confederate Army crossed South Mountain, about fifty Confederate soldiers occupied Wolfsville, guarding General Jubal Early’s left flank as he encamped in Middletown that night.”

“On July 31st ...General George Crook’s force left Halltown, crossed the Potomac River at Sandy Point and marched directly to Burkittsville taking the direct route through Middletown.

“Marching past Middletown, Crook’s forces encamped near Wolfsville that night, covering some fourteen miles that afternoon. The intense summer sun was immensely hot for the footmen of Crook’s army. Many of the men suffered sun stroke and some even died from the horrendous weather conditions. Even the men of future President Rutherford B. Hayes’ brigade were in poor shape from the hot summer heat.”

“On August 1st, Crook’s men marched another four miles, halted on the road and camped in the woods near Wolfsville. During the day it was reported from High Rock, some ten miles away on the ridge of South Mountain, that Chambersburg was burned by the Confederates.”

“The next day Crook’s Department of West Virginia was still encamped in the woods as well as the fields surrounding Wolfsville. Pickets were thrown up while the soldiers found time to rest, relax, and even wash their cloths in the nearby creek. Many of the soldiers wondered why they were encamped at Wolfsville.”

“On August 3rd, General Crook ordered his command to leave camp at three o’clock in the morning and begin the

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march toward Frederick. His rested troops would encamp later that night along the banks of the Monocacy River.”

The Medal in the Vestibule Step

In the concrete step outside the vestibule of Salem’s sanctuary is imbedded a National Geodetic Survey benchmark.

These markers are placed to mark key survey points on the earth’s surface to indicate elevation. The markers are intended to be permanent, and disturbing them is generally prohibited by federal and state law.

The benchmark at Salem was originally located in a stone wall along Route 17, located diagonally across the intersection from Harne’s store.

It indicated an elevation of 1044 feet. In 1974, the Maryland State Highway Administration removed the wall to improve the intersection. The benchmark had to be moved and reset in a new permanent location and Salem was chosen.

While the elevation on the marker still indicates the old elevation, the current corrected elevation is noted on the National Geodetic Survey website as 1040 feet.

According to a local surveyor, there is a series of these markers set at various places along Route 17 to the Washington County line. Such survey markers are the basis for map-making across the world.

Landscaping the Old Wolfsville School

The four-room Wolfsville School opened in 1915. Charles L. Leatherman was principal and the high school teacher. In the spring of 1918, Mr. Leatherman went up on the mountain near Wolfsville and dug up eight young maple saplings. He planted the trees on the school grounds, six to shade the concrete pavement along the road, and one on either side of the front sidewalk leading to the school entrance. Older residents of Wolfsville will remember those trees as they shaded the front of the school and provided leaves to play in in the fall. Salem also had maple trees planted in front about the same time.

When the school was demolished in 1969, the trees along the road were



NATIONAL GEODETIC SURVEY BENCHMARK on the step outside of Salem’s vestibule. The benchmark indicates an elevation of 1044 feet above sea level.



WOLFSVILLE SCHOOL 1959 — Mr. Leatherman, Principal and high school teacher, planted the maple trees as saplings on the school grounds in 1918— six to shade the concrete pavement along the road, and one on either side of the front sidewalk leading to the school entrance as seen in the above photo.

preserved. They continued to shade the front lawn of the new parsonage, providing comfort for ice-cream socials on hot July Sundays. The trees began showing their age with dying branches and other signs of poor health, and were gradually removed. In March 2008, the

last two surviving trees, standing on the Salem parsonage lawn, were felled by lumbermen.

What events in Salem’s history these trees witnessed in their 90-year lifetime! New trees have been planted and will bear witness to Salem’s future.

Salem Mission Project No. 1



Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

Dear Folks at Salem Church:
December 13, 2019

Thank you for your friendship, prayers, and financial support over the years; we sincerely appreciate them.

We trust that you will have a wonderful Christmas season celebrating the birth of Jesus. He is indeed God's "unspeakable gift"! What amazing love, mercy, and grace that God would send His only begotten Son to give His life that we could have everlasting life! That should certainly cause us to "rejoice with joy unspeakable"!

We are thankful for good health that has made it possible for us to keep busy. There's not much change from year to year in the things we do. Although Nancy no longer volunteers at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission, she still does some things to help with the mission's thrift store. She regularly visits several widows and other

shut-ins. She still helps in the church nursery, does some sewing for friends, and we both do yard work for some widows. And, of course, she does many things here at our home, including flower beds during the summer.

Frank still helps with various things at least one day a week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. He serves on the board of our home church where he is also bookkeeper/treasurer. He prepares a weekly list of prayer requests and up-coming events for the church and he helps with other things at the church another day each week. He enjoys doing some carpentry work and other jobs for friends. We have a small garden that he cares for, and he helps with flower beds, repairs, etc. at our home.

As far as our children, Lynn & Wanda both serve at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. Eric & Wendy minister to

the Badyaranké people in Senegal where Eric does the Bible teaching. Rebecca also serves there & her main ministry is literacy. She also helps as a literacy consultant for West Africa. Gary, Lisa, & family serve at the NTM retirement center for missionaries in Florida.

We have eleven grandchildren; four of our grandchildren are married. We have six great grandchildren, but unfortunately for us, four of them are in California and one in Florida so we don't get to see them. We do occasionally get to see the great grandson who lives in Pennsylvania. We are so thankful for our family.

We trust that you will have a very special Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Joyfully in Christ,
Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

Salem Mission Project No. 6

Mary ministers to immigrants in France



December 17, 2019

This Sunday, December 22, we are hosting a church service and meal to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We have invited many friends from the community, and at least 13 of my friends have said they plan to come.

Please pray for the Gospel to be clearly communicated, people to feel loved and welcomed, and for cultural misunderstandings to be kept to a minimum. With people from North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East all gathered in one place, the range of cultural differences is both exciting and challenging.

Several of our guests don't know Jesus. Please pray for open hearts and that God would speak to them clearly and personally, both through this service and through our relationships.

Last year I started studying the Bible with a young Christian Frenchwoman. As we talked, studied the Bible, and prayed together, I have had the joy of seeing her faith deepen and her love for Jesus grow. She's now encouraging another young woman in the faith. Praise God!

We meet less often now, but please pray that we could continue to go deeper in the Word and in our friendship.



Mary with Africa Inland Mission in France.



I've started meeting with 4 Christian university students from Ghana, West Africa. They want to learn how to bake cakes, as well as a few other savory dishes.

Once a month for the last three months they have come over to my apartment. I have snacks laid out, hot chocolate ready to be put on the stove, and the ingredients ready for whatever menu we had decided on for that day. There is a lot of cooking, eating, laughing, games, and a Bible study in between.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit would guide our times together, and that He would show me how to reach out to

them effectively. Pray that God would grow them in Christ.

I am so thankful that He never wants us to learn to live life on our own without Him, but He wants us to seek Him more and more.

I am so thankful for you and your participation in this ministry through your prayers and support.

May Christ's light shine bright in your heart in this Christmas season, but also on the days that follow, when the decorations are taken down and the anticipation fades.

May we find our true joy and delight in living each day with Jesus.

Blessings & Joy, —Mary

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: *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 . . .

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

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

We are responsible for the effort, not the outcome.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Mountain Shepherd

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9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Contemporary



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