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Salem history published in 100-page book — copies are available now

Includes happenings around Wolfsville dating back to the mid-1700's

As Salem United Methodist Church, organized in 1819 in Wolfsville, began planning the celebration of its 200th anniversary, Salem member Fonda Gormer offered to compile a series of articles for Salem's monthly church newsletter, *The Mountain Shepherd*.

The purpose was to expand upon the short version of Salem's history, introduce the people who helped prosper the church, explore the neighborhood around it, and tell some of the interesting events that shaped the congregation.

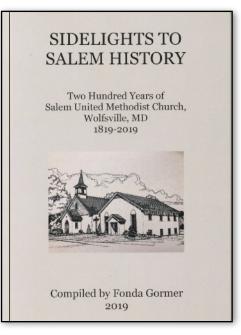
The series would serve to remind some of that history, and to explain to our young people and those new to the area how the church grew to share the word of God.

Using church records, area newspapers, diaries, personal anecdotes, pictures, and internet searches, Fonda was able to piece together the roots of the Hoover family and much about the Wolfsville community relating to Salem.

The series began in the December 2018 issue of *The Mountain Shepherd*, with plans to write thirteen chapters. However, one of Fonda's friends advised that 13 was an unlucky number, and Fonda realized that she had a few more interesting items to share. So, the final chapter appeared in January 2020.

Judy Zech, Associate Editor of the local newspaper, *The Valley Citizen*, asked if she could print the series in the newspaper. Permission was given.

Then, Marlene Grossnickle Young, who grew up in Salem, thought the research/ articles should be compiled into a single volume for historic preservation and asked if she could have the articles printed in book form. The book, titled "Sidelights to Salem History" has been published thanks to the generosity of Marlene and Mike Young, who donated the printing costs.



At the end of the book, Marlene wrote "It goes without saying that the spiritual roots of Salem Church, spanning two centuries, go deep in the community and beyond. I'll praise God for this little church that is inspiring, not just because it is a place of beauty and serenity, but it is holy ground because of the One who inhabits it who is the same yesterday, today and forever. To God be the glory."

Here's how to obtain a copy of the book 14 chapters - 102 pages

Contact Fonda Gormer 301-293-2436 fonda.gormer@comcast.net

\$10 each

Proceeds from sales go to Salem's Building Fund for the planned building addition.

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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

Salem Website:

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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 Stottlemyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$2,460
2.	Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	45
З.	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
	United Methodist Board of Child Care Christmas Offering	
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
	Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	
12.	Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	456
13.	Hero's Club after school ministry	4,500
	World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	
	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 Projects No. 3 & 5

Salvation Army Stockings & Salem Food Pantry

Dear Salem United Methodist Church:

We at The Salvation Army would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your hard work and time that you gave filling stockings this Christmas season. This year, the Stocking program assisted 1,178 children in Frederick County. Thank you again for helping those in need. May you and your families have a wonderful new year.



— Morrisa Travers, Social Service Director Dear Salem United Methodist Church:

On behalf of the Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk, it is our privilege to provide \$225.16 for the Wolfsville Community Food Pantry at Salem.

The Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk had indicated its desire to earmark a portion of its income for your food pantry ministry. Thank you and God bless you for all you are doing in your community to help those in need. *— Church World Service*

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

6-7 am

9 am - Noon

Sunday___

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

Monday (day off)

6-7 amDevotions (at home)9-11 amPlanning Time (at home)5-6 pmHero's Club (at church)

Noon - 1 pm Lunch 1-5 pm Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office Saturday

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Devotions (at home)

Parsonage Office

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.



Salem Board of Trustees

Spring Cleanup set for Saturday, March 28

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

By Sue Ellen Stottlemyer, Chair Salem Board of Trustees

Church and Parsonage Grounds

Salem is located in the heart of Wolfsville and one of the first things people see as they turn the corner going north on Rt. 17.

We all know first impressions are everything. So, the Salem Board of Trustees have scheduled a Spring Cleanup Day for Saturday, March 28.

We need your help to make our church a beautiful and welcoming spot for all.

Plans include cleaning up debris (sticks, leaves and trash), mulching, and planting some flowers, around the parsonage and church buildings.

Salem Cemetery

We also plan to go to the cemetery to tidy it up as well. If time and resources are available, we will level off gravesites and plant grass seed where needed.

The Day will Start with Breakfast

To energize the crew, we will start the morning with breakfast.

Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. in the social room, and the cleanup will start at 9:00 a.m.

We can get so much done in a short amount of time with your help.

Please sign-up on the sheet in the church hallway to ensure we have enough breakfast food for everyone.

So grab your lawn tools, come out for breakfast and fellowship, and help make Salem shine in our community!

Rain date is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th.

Salem Iron Men to Begin New Series

By Bill Weaver

In February, we completed our six session video series "Kingdom Man" with Tony Evans. March will be our kick-off for Tony's sequel, "Kingdom Men Rising - No More Excuses".

This is an excellent opportunity to invite your buddies and co-workers to dig into God's Word and get serious about being the men God made us to be.

 Sun March 8 - 5 pm for Men's dinner and viewing of the film "Kingdom Men Rising" • Sun March 22 - 7 pm to begin the eight part video series "No More Excuses"

SALEM IRON MEN ends 27:17

	Average Attendance				
	Worship	Sunday School			
an	88	53			
ec	83	45			
ov	79	50			
ct	79	45			
pt	81	49			

Average Attendance Jan 2020

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.





Newsletter Distribution

 E-Mail — We are currently notifying 207 of our readers via e-mail when our newsletter is posted online. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.
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.

Buildings and Grounds

Trees Trimmed — On February 17th, Baker Tree Services, Thurmont, trimmed the two cherry trees and the dogwood in the church's front yard.

Septic Line — The intermittent issues with the septic line from the church to the septic tank have been solved. Using a plumber's camera inserted into the line, a misaligned pipe connection was discovered which impeded the flow at the connection point. The pipe was dug up and repaired.

Perc Test — Salem has submitted an application with payment of \$225 to the Frederick County Health Department to conduct a perc test. The results will determine the septic needs for a future building addition.

Turner's Dual Lanes

Duck Pin Bowling set for Sunday, March 22

By Sue Ellen Stottlemyer

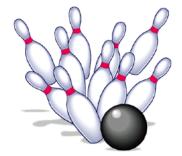
Salem Family Ministries is planning an afternoon of bowling on Sunday, March 22nd at 1:30pm.

This will be great fun for all ages, so please invite your friends.

Salem will be covering the cost of the lanes (including bowling shoes) for 2 hours of bowling.

We are bowling duck pins (smaller balls) so anybody and everybody can bowl. There will be gutter bumpers on some lanes to help those that can't roll a straight ball; I might just be one of those people!

Bowling will take place at Turners Dual Lanes, 1350 Dual Highway, Hagerstown MD.



Please sign-up on the sheet located in the church hallway so we can ensure we have enough lanes reserved. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wolfsville

St. Mark's welcomes new pastor

The Salem congregation is pleased to welcome to the Wolfsville community, Pastor Eric Moser who recently began serving as pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wolfsville. Pastor Eric comes to Wolfsville from Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, where he served the Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. We look forward to working together in service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL W	MARCH		
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Greeters 1 - Dennis Leatherman 8 - Dennis Draper 15 - George, Barbie & Matt Stott 22 - Bill & Joyce Weaver 29 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & I	-	Acolytes 1 - Loralli Snyder 8 - Patrick Waite 15 - Nadia Lebowitz 22 - Valentina Barko 29 - Valentina Barko	doll

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.

It's Your Day!

March Anniversaries

- 8 Monty & Phyllis Beall
- 18 Sam & Jane Zimmerman

March Birthdays

- 5 Sarah Haddock
- 5 Richard Harshman
- 6 Jane Zimmerman
- 7 Joshua Koons
- 8 Madison Elsbach
- 11 Dawn Nelson
- 12 Jennifer Harne
- 13 Joshua Gormer
- 14 Donna Snyder
- 15 Vicki Robinson
- 16 Ken Poling
- 17 Audrey Tolland
- 17 Audrey Iolland
- 19 Bobby Doyle
- 19 Ralph Wright
- 24 Allison Adams
- 24 Pastor Bob Snyder
- 28 Shelby Leatherman

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

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



Youth Sunday celebrated on February 16

Each year at Salem, the Sunday following the ROCK Youth Retreat is designated as Youth Sunday, and on February 16th, Salem's youth conducted the entire service at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

In the photo at the top, Patrick is reading the morning scripture, and in the photo below, Loralli is presenting the children's message. Liz recorded a video of ROCK activities and during worship, seven of Salem's youth spoke about what they learned at ROCK and what they will do with what they learned.

Music

Mar 8 - Works in Progress Praise Band Mar 22 - Works in Progress Praise Band

Holy Communion

Sunday, March 8, 2020 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Note: Communion will be held the 2nd Sunday in March, rather than the 1st Sunday.



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.





A Lenten Prayer - How to Fast

Fast from judging others: Feast on the Christ dwelling within them. Fast from anger: Feast on patience. Fast from complaining: Feast on appreciation. Fast from pessimism: Feast on optimism. Fast from negatives: Feast on Affirmatives. Fast from worry: Feast on trust. Fast from bitterness: Feast on forgiveness. Fast from words that pollute: Feast on phrases that purify. Fast from self-concern: Feast on compassion for others. Fast from facts that depress: Feast on truths that uplift. Fast from lethargy: Feast on enthusiasm. Fast from unrelenting pressures: Feast on unceasing prayer. Fast from emphasis on differences: Feast on the unity of life. Fast from discontent: Feast on gratitude. Fast from hostility: Feast on nonviolence. Fast from suspicion: Feast on truth. Fast from discouragement: Feast on hope. Fast from idle gossip: Feast on purposeful silence.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

His Love

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By Colette Fedor
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His love is like the sunshine, Releasing rays of light, To guide us through this temporal world, He's with us day and night. So never fear the storms of life, That each of us must face, His love will rend the darkest cloud, And see us through with grace.

Godliness with contentment is great gain.



RECIPE

Irish Soda Bread

INGREDIENTS:

DIRECTIONS:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour 2 tablespoons brown sugar 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1/4 teaspoon salt

3 tablespoons butter or margarine 2 eggs 3/4 cup buttermilk 1/3 cup raisins

In a bowl, combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly. Combine 1 egg and buttermilk; stir into flour mixture just until moistened. Fold in raisins. Knead on a floured surface for 1 minute. Shape into a round loaf; place on a greased baking sheet. Cut a 1/4-in. deep cross in top of loaf. Beat remaining egg; brush over loaf.

Bake at 375 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown. Yield: 6-8 servings.

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Spring in My Heart

By Shirley Hile Powell

The grass will soon be turning green And new leaves shall soon appear. It's then I'll know within my heart That Spring is nearly here.

My heart yearns for the colors And the sweet fragrance that flowers bring. The birds will be returning home And the streams will once again sing.

The sun will no longer hide behind The clouds of Winter's snow. It will bring us warm and sunny days As it highlights Spring's new show.

Thank you, God, for sending us The season of the Spring. It's an offering of Your love for us Through the beauty and pleasure it brings.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, Most High. —Psalm 92:2

Dear Heavenly Father, as we walk through life, help us to honor You in all we do.

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face And the rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

An Irish Blessing

May pleasure walk with you, May luck smile upon you, And may joy be at home in your heart.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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. -Louise Lee Winchip



Message from the Pastor and Worship in March

By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

appy March. On Wednesday, February 26, we began the fortyday Season of Lent. Let us take advantage of the opportunity Lent affords us – a season of self-reflection, repentance and restoration, and recommitment to living in Christ.

This Lent, let us draw close to God, practice our spiritual disciplines (worship, prayer, Bible Study, Holy Communion, growing and serving together), and open our hearts to receive the life-changing love and care God offers. God Bless. *—Pastor Bob*

March 1 – Lent 1 "Struggles" Matthew 4:1-11

Matthew 4:1 – "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil."

Denny Leatherman will be our worship leader today. On this first Sunday in the forty-day Lenten Season, we take up the subject of life's struggles.

Jesus had times of struggle. The Bible records that at the very start of Jesus' ministry, immediately following his baptism, Jesus was tempted by the devil.

To overcome the devil, Jesus turned to God his Father, and to God's word written in the Holy Scripture of Jesus' day: "Man lives on the word of God" (Deuteronomy 8:3), "Do not put the Lord your God to the test" (Deuteronomy 6:16), "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only" (Deuteronomy 6:13).

Jesus turned to God and God helped Jesus overcome his struggle with the devil.

When we turn to him, God gladly provides the help we need to overcome our struggles.

March 8 – Lent 2 Holy Communion "Feeling Distant From God" Matthew 27:45-50

Matthew 27:46 – "About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

In this moment, as he suffered on the cross, Jesus felt distant from God, even forsaken. But his actions spoke louder. In Luke, we're told that Jesus continued to pray to God, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). And he continued to serve others, "today you will be with me in paradise."

In John, Jesus (nailed to the cross) continues to be compassionate. He addresses Mary and the disciple John binding them together to care for one another, "here is your son, here is your mother." In his time of feeling distant from God, Jesus continued to live out his faith causing his last words to be, "into your hands I commend my Spirit" (Luke 23:46). Sometimes we feel distant from God. When we do, it helps to keep on acting in faith and to keep on giving ourselves over to God. Holy Communion allows us another opportunity to do so today.

March 15 – Lent 3 "Resisting Temptation" 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1 Corinthians 10:13 – "And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand under it."

It is part of the human experience that we are tempted to sin. That little voice on our one shoulder says, "Do it," while the other is saying, "Don't do it." Sometimes we give in and other times we have the strength to resist. Where does our true strength come from? Psalm 28:7 tells us, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me."

March 22 – Lent 4 "Navigating Conflict" Matthew 10:1-16

Matthew 10:16 - "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."

Conflict. Sometimes it seems to be all around us. Conflict in our national politics. Conflict in our denomination, the United Methodist Church. Couple this with the conflict that can arise at work, in the organizations we belong to, and in our own families, and conflict can weigh heavy.

How do we become good navigators of conflict? In Matthew 10:16, Jesus provides help. We're asked to be both wise and gentle. We're asked to seek God's truth, to be well-informed, and to be engaged. All the while, we're asked to continue to love God and others.

Conflict isn't necessarily bad. It just signals that people have different views on how to move forward. It's the way we behave in conflict that can harm others. Jesus knew this when he sent out the twelve. As we go out living our daily lives, Jesus' advice still speaks to us: be wise, be gentle.

March 29 – Lent 5 "Coping with Illness" Mark 2:1-5

Mark 2:3 – "Some men came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic, carried by four of them."

A lot of illness has occurred in the start of this year. Seven of our church family members have been hospitalized, another eight are continuing to receive care in a nursing home, or in their own homes or the homes of relatives. During "Joys and Concerns" each week, we pray for relatives and friends and co-workers who are ill. Some illnesses come and go fairly quickly. Others can bring long-term suffering. What is God's role in this?

First, God doesn't cause us to be ill and suffer. Second, God is present to help us in our suffering. Our turning to God and remaining close to God helps us. And our church family is here to help bring us to God. In Mark 2:5, friends brought the crippled man to Jesus on a stretcher. Each time we make a visit, make a call, send a card or flowers, we're a stretcher-bearer, bringing a loved one to Jesus.

Scenes from the

ROCK Youth Retreat - Ocean City Convention Center February 7-9, 2020





On the way to the ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City, the Salem group enjoyed a stop at Chick-fil-A Kent Island. From left are Stephen, Donna, Emma, Patricia, Patrick, Liz, Bob, Sue Ellen, Loralli, Valentina, Denny, Nadia, Savannah, Amy, Katie, Kathy, Paul and Wanda.





Stephen, Patrick, Nadia, Loralli and Valentina decided to do the Polar Plunge in the cold Atlantic.

Scenes from the **ROCK Youth Retreat -** Ocean City Convention Center February 7-9, 2020







Katie & Valentina with B. Haley

The Salem group enjoying their time at the Ocean City Convention Center.

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)







Submitted by Sue Ellen Stottlemyer

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Faith is the adhesive binding the uncertainty of now with the inevitability of forever. A joy shared is a joy multiplied, but a pain shared is a pain halved. Prayer takes our burdens to God. Faith compels us to leave them there. If you don't believe it's possible, no one will. Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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Address Services Requested

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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