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Coronavirus pandemic closes church buildings for seven weeks

Closed March 15 through April 26

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and selfdiscipline. —2 Timothy 1:7

The month of March 2020 has been unlike any we can remember. A new virus, known as Coronavirus or COVID-19, which originated in China, has spread worldwide and the World Health Organization has declared a Coronavirus pandemic.

As cases began to appear in the United States, officials began to take action to attempt to protect the health and safety of American citizens. Citizens were instructed to wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer, practice social distancing (6 feet apart) and shelter in place.

As this relates to church, on Sunday, March 8, at Salem, worshippers were instructed to not shake hands during times of greeting and use special precautions when serving communion.

By Sunday, March 15, Governor Hogan had declared a state of emergency in Maryland. Subsequently, Bishop Easterling announced the closure of all United Methodist churches in Maryland through April 26.

Salem's Ministry Continues

Although the church building is closed, Salem's ministry continues. Pastor Bob is continuing to provide pastoral care as usual.

On March 15, he provided a written sermon and bulletin which was sent to parishioners via email (paper copies were placed at the church for pick up by those without internet).

On March 22, for the first time, Pastor Bob connected with parishioners via Zoom, an online video application, and Salem families viewed the service and shared



The Food Pantry at Salem will remain open every Tuesday evening 6:30-7:30.

prayer requests.

Salem will continue to use Zoom each Sunday, as long as the closure continues. The congregation is encouraged to tune in on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Bob will provide the address link in advance of Sunday worship. Paper copies of Sunday worship resources will be available on the hallway table at church by 10 a.m. on Saturdays.

Pray Every Day

These are fearful times for many. But we must remember that God is in control even when it doesn't seem like it. He is able to take bad things and make good things come from them. Hopefully families are connecting and being strengthened by spending more time together. How many folks have restarted their prayer lives?

We need to pray for an end to this crisis. We need to pray every single day for our leaders; for our fellow citizens who are affected in very harsh ways. We need to pray for corrections officers, the first responders, and those in the health care industry.

Please join us as we pray for peace and for God's guidance and comforting arms to embrace us and our nation.

-Bill Burrier, Editor

Online worship services will be held at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday through April 26. Paper copies of Sunday worship resources will be available on the hallway table at church by 10 a.m. on Saturdays.

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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:

www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

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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 Project No. 10

The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)

Dear Salem United Methodist Church:

Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. -Psalm 113:2-3

The Christian church in the Dominican Republic takes these verses to heart. If you have served on one of our mission teams, you may recall hearing the music of local worship services before the sun comes up. As you travel through the city during the day, it is common to pass several churches that are alive with praise. And any night of the week, you can easily find a church to join in praising God.

Your support is an instrument of praise to God. We are grateful for the role in which you serve, helping to lift up the families in the bateys. As families are lifted up by receiving physical food, our prayer is that they are drawn to God to receive His living water.

In Christ alone, Marty Hogan, Executive Director

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

6-7 am

Sunday____

7am - 1 pmPrep, worship, Sunday
School (at church)6 - 7 pmBible Study (at church)

Monday (day off)__

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

9 am - Noon Parsonage Office Noon - 1 pm Lunch 1-5 pm Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office Saturday

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Devotions (at home)

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.

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- Cemetery Endowment: \$190.00 • Building Addition: \$560.00
- Stained Glass Windows: \$200.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

\$10.00 each

Salem history published in 100-page book

In honor of Salem's 200th anniversary, Fonda Gormer compiled a series of 14 articles for Salem's monthly newsletter The Mountain Shepherd.

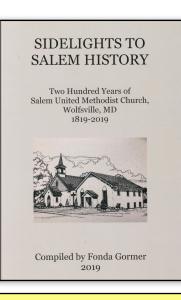
The articles expanded upon the short version of Salem's history and introduced the people who helped prosper the church; explored the neighborhood around the church; and told some of the interesting events that shaped the Salem congregation.

Fonda used church records, area newspapers, diaries, personal anecdotes, pictures, and internet searches 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



Cemetery Account: \$506.09

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.

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.

2020

	Average Attendance								
	Worship	Sunday School							
eb	89	48							
an	88	53							
ec	83	45							
ov	79	50							
Oct	79	45							

ance Jan-Feb 2020

Sunday Worship: 88

Sunday School: 50

How to give tithes and offerings during 7-week closure: March 15 through April 26

By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

Salem's ministry will be continuing during the 7-week closure due to the coronavirus pandemic. The pastor continues to work, writing sermons, pastoral care, etc. The usual utilities and other expenses continue.

Some have asked how they can give their offering during this time. For electronic givers, your offering continues as usual.

For those of you who normally place your cash or check in the Sunday morning offering place, may we suggest two alternatives during the closure period:

♦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)

You may give electronically by viewing our website (SalemChurchWolfsville.org) 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.

***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)

Easter Sunday — Alleluia!

[Simon Peter] saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, went in, and he saw and believed. -John 20:6-8

We can only imagine this moment for the apostles Peter and John: they finally understand that Jesus has stripped away the burial clothes and walked out of the tomb, alive!

It had been easy for them to believe in Jesus as the Messiah when he was with them.

But after watching him suffer and die a shameful death— something they never thought the Messiah would do— their belief was shaken . . . until this moment when it was proved by the empty tomb.

We have it easier than the apostles. From the beginning, we have known that Jesus is the Messiah, but our faith is still shaken by suffering and death at times.

And we know the end of the story! But truly, the end of the story— Jesus' glorious resurrection— is just the beginning for the apostles and for us.

It is not enough to bask in this moment of proven belief. We must actively live it for every moment and every day of our lives.

In this way, we bring the rejoicing to the world.



It's Your Day!

April Anniversaries

- 2 Clay Waite & Jennifer Gormer
- 2 Bill & Darlene Burrier
- 10 Michael & Jennifer Burrier
- 23 George & Judith Harne
- 25 Robert & Mary Cline

April Birthdays

- 1 Travis Keller
- 4 Joey Hawkins
- 4 Paula Main
- 9 Melanie Adams
- 9 Sophie Wagaman
- 10 Emily Stottlemyer
- 11 Sue Ellen Stottlemyer
- 12 Charlotte Wisner
- 13 Mason Crutchley
- 16 Adam Stottlemyer
- 17 Delphine Zimmerman
- 17 Judy Hamilton
- 18 Dennis Leatherman
- 20 Ali Robinson
- 22 Richard Kline
- 23 Craig Brown
- 24 Jennifer Gormer
- 24 Vernon Stottlemyer
- 24 Barbara Stottlemyer
- 24 Jase Wesley Haddock
- 29 Karen DeLauter30 Payton Robinson

News and Notes

Pastoral Appointments of Local Interest

Rev. Katie Bishop has been appointed as lead pastor at Middletown United Methodist Church in Middletown, from the Greater Brunswick Charge in Brunswick.

Annual Conference Postponed

The Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore has cancelled all groups meeting at its venue through May. As a result, the 236th session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, scheduled for May 27-29, has been postponed.

Current plans call for a one-day session, which is expected to be held sometime between September and November at a site to be determined. At that session, the 2021 proposed budget, nominations, and candidates for ordination and commissioning will be addressed.

General Conference Postponed

The United Methodist General Conference which was scheduled to meet in May at the Minneapolis Convention Center has been postponed.

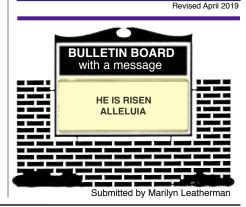
This 10-day conference, which meets every four years and includes the world-wide United Methodist Church, will likely be postponed until 2021. Our Lord has written the promise of Resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime. -Martin Luther

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.





Easter Prayer

Dear Lord, we offer You our thanks Upon this Easter day, For the miracles You have wrought And blessings You send our way. We thank You for our blossoming world, For eyes with which to see, Created by Your blessed hands . . . Our Lord of humility. And every where we may go, In all we say and do, Let our deeds be such that they Reflect the spirit of You!



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

After the Winter . . . God Sends the Spring

By Helen Steiner Rice

Springtime is a season Of hope and joy and cheer. There's beauty all around us To see and touch and hear. So, no matter how downhearted And discouraged we may be, New Hope is born when we behold Leaves on a budding tree, Or when we see a timid flower Push through the frozen sod And open wide in glad surprise Its petaled eyes to God, For this is just God saying, "Lift up your eyes to Me, And the bleakness of your spirit, Like the budding Springtime tree, Will lose its wintry darkness And your heavy heart will sing" -For God never sends the Winter Without the joy of Spring.

His Love

By Colette Fedor

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.

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Within His Care By Grace E. Easley

Another new day in the dawning, Another clean slate to begin, Another eight hours demanding Their due in this world of men. Another rough cross to carry, Another steep hill to climb, Another sweet consolation, In placing my hand in Thine. Another strong reason for trusting, Another long mile to Thee, Another deep joy in believing Thou walkest the way with me.

Another rich harvest to gather, Another wide field to seed, Another dear reason to love Thee, ... Who knows the things I need.

Turn to God

By Harold F. Mohn

Within your moments of despair And in your sorrow too, Turn to God and you will find An inner strength anew.

In times that trouble breaks your heart And, too, in times of fear, Turn to God and you will find His helping hand is near.

Love is an unlimited resource don't limit its use!

Dawn to Dusk

By Alice Joyce Davidson

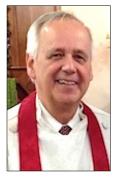
At the start of the day Take a moment to say A greeting to God with a prayer, Let your thoughts fill with love As you praise Him above For His Fatherly ways and His care . . .

Then all through the hours, Through sunshine and showers, Through smiles, as well as through tears, In all that you do He will stay close to you Doubling joys and dissolving your fears...

And when the day's through And you stop and review Each blessing and every event, Thank God with a prayer For His love and His care, And your day will end wonderfully spent!

> God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars. —*Martin Luther*

The day you plant the seed is not the day you eat the fruit.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in April

By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Wow, what a few weeks this has been! I give thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, calls, gift bags and more to our most vulnerable at this time while you continue to deal with all the uncertainty and adjustments you are making in your own lives.

I've been uplifted by your desire to help, creative ideas, and "can do" spirit. As I write, we've just learned today that schools will remain closed and our church building will remain closed through at least April 26th to help slow the spread of the coronavirus so our hospitals are not overwhelmed.

We're disappointed that we can't be together in person to celebrate Holy Week and Easter as a church family. Sometimes when things are taken from us temporarily we learn to value them even more when they return.

"Lord as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter this year help us to capture all that it means to be saved by you and cared for by you. Help us respond by drawing closer in love to you and each other. In Jesus name we pray, Amen."

> Have a blessed Easter! God Bless, —*Pastor Bob*

April 5 Palm Sunday "The Story of the Triumphal Entry" Matthew 21:1-11

Matthew 21:10 "When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?'"

Who is this? It is a question that people asked that day and all through the week. The following Sunday they would have their answer.

It takes each of us a while to answer this question for ourselves. We are taught about Jesus. We come to the point in our lives when we confess our belief in Jesus. But still, it may take us awhile (perhaps a lifetime) to understand the depth of who he is and what that means for the way we live. It's only in building a close relationship with God over the years that we really come to value Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

April 10 Good Friday "The Passion Story" Matthew 26:14 through Matthew 27:66

Matthew 4:1 – "After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him."

Jesus entered Jerusalem on Sunday. On Monday, he turned over the tables of the merchants and drove them from the sacred temple grounds, a holy place of prayer.

On Tuesday, Jesus was questioned by the religious leaders who remained unconvinced that he was the Messiah.

On Wednesday, Jesus kept on preaching his message while the religious leaders plotted his death. Judas, one of his own betrayed him.

On Thursday, the passion story begins. Jesus washed his disciples' feet and had a final meal with them and after the meal, he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.

On Friday, in the early morning hours, Jesus was arrested and later that day stood trial, was found guilty, and was put to death. "Who was this?" They still didn't know. Do we fully know what he offers us?

April 12 Easter Day "The Resurrection Story" Matthew 28:1-10

Matthew 28:6 – "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see

Even Jesus' closest disciples didn't fully understand before, but now they were beginning to and in the coming days their hearts would be overwhelmed with joy. Is there ever another day we feel joy like we do on Easter! Why? Because every Easter we embrace what is true for all believers, "We're forgiven and saved. We have eternal life. We have Christ to be our example and God, the Holy Spirit to lead us through life."

April 19

"We Are Resurrection People" John 20:24-31

John 20:31 - "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

"The two words "have life" are striking. We are alive, but do we "have life" – a good and full and meaningful life. We are resurrection people! Our freedom from sin and death has been bought and paid for by Jesus. We have hope for the future, enabling us to get on with the living of today.

We are free to boldly grow in our own faith and service to others, knowing that Christ is right here with us to help us along the way. There will be struggles in life, but nothing will ever be able "to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8: 39).

April 26

"The Character of Christ" Sermon Series Week 1: Love

John 3:1-17

John 3:16-17 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Jesus perfectly reveals God's love to us. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 describes God's love. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Jesus loved like this and we're called to strive to follow his example.

Salem Youth help with the

Potato Project at Bethel United Methodist Church, Chewsville











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)







Some thoughts to ponder . . .

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. God's peace is like a river because it reflects light on its surface, just as God's peace reflects light in our lives. Good manners are the backbone of life... the architecture of gratitude.

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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