



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

Food Pantry
OPEN
TUESDAYS
6:30-7:30 pm

**The FOOD PANTRY
at Salem
is OPEN
every Tuesday
6:30 p.m.
to
7:30 p.m.**

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Salem reaches out to the community with its "Food Pantry" ministry

Although the church building has been closed since March 13, Salem's Food Pantry has remained open to help local families who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

■ By Jennifer Gormer

It seems like everything around us is changing. Some of these changes are normal and expected, like warming temperatures, spring flowers and the greening of the mountain trees. Others are changes to our everyday routines brought on by a pandemic no one predicted.

One thing that has continued throughout all of these changes is Salem's Food Pantry ministry and the tremendous community support it receives.

My frame of reference for all of this is March 13, the last day of school for Maryland students.

Since that time, the Food Pantry has provided food to 25 families, ranging in size from 1 to 9 people per family.

Many of them have visited the food pantry before, but 7 are new families with needs brought on by the pandemic. Some have been visiting more frequently, as their needs have increased.

We have heard stories of lost jobs and lack of contact with loved ones. We have prayed with, and for, our food pantry families. They are all so grateful for this ministry.

Procedure Change

We have changed our procedures to meet the challenges of social distancing.

We no longer allow our families into the food pantry to select their food. Instead, we pre-package bags for them with a variety of healthy items for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We wear our



masks, and liberally use hand sanitizer.

Since we are giving out pre-packaged bags, our needs are somewhat different than they have been in the past. It has been easiest for us to purchase items in bulk from stores like Sam's, Walmart or the Dollar Store.

Community Support

The outpouring of community support for the food pantry has always been, and continues to be, wonderful.

There have been generous monetary donations from individuals and from community businesses, and nearly every Tuesday when we arrive at the church, there are donated goods waiting. There have been phone calls asking "What do you need?" and "How can I help?"

If you know of a family in need in our community, please let them know that the Salem Food Pantry is still open, every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30.

If there are specific needs, such as transportation issues or health issues, that prevent someone from coming to us, please call either Jennifer (310-667-9509) or Patrick (301-508-7165) and we will make arrangements to get food to those who need it.



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Current Membership: 244
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Parsonage built 1974–75

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

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

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

Go **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. 12
Compassion International - Sponsored Child in Tanzania

Letter from Barnaba Ezekiel Haule, Age 7
Tanzania, East Africa

March 28, 2020 — Barnaba has one sibling. Other extended family members who live with him are his grandma (with whom he spends most of his time), grandpa, uncle and aunt, Adam and Samuel. They live in a town and his grandma prepares most of their meals. Barnaba and his family are thankful for a wonderful Christmas. They are currently in their rainy season and Barnaba says the water has created ponds and damaged some houses and bridges.



OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

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

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

Salem's High School & College Graduates

Salem is proud to honor its high school and college graduates. Dennis Leatherman, Salem's Lay Leader, will present each high school graduate with a Life Application Bible, and the college graduates with a monetary gift in recognition of their achievements.



Madison Elsbach

Graduating from Middletown High School. She will be attending Salisbury University, studying Social Work.

Joshua Koons

Graduating from Middletown High School. He will be attending Frederick Community College, studying Psychology and Music Composition.

Maggie Mueller

Graduating from Middletown High School. She will be attending Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, PA, studying Engineering.

Ali Robinson

Graduating from Middletown High School. She will be attending University of Delaware, studying Biology.

Maggie Williamson

Graduating from Frederick Community College with an Associate in Arts degree. She will be transferring to Towson University, studying Elementary Education and Social Work.

Liz Waite

Graduating from McDaniel College in Westminster with a Masters in Social Work.

Marshall Truitt

Graduating from University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.

Hannah Rouzee

Graduating from Hood College with a Masters in Educational Leadership.

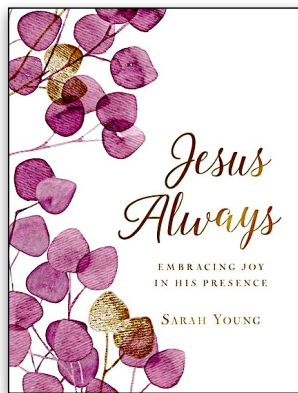
Ladies Bible Study on Wednesday evenings

■ By Debbie Irons

Thinking about joining a Bible Study Group? Our Ladies Bible Study is staying very active. We are ZOOMING Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. with 10-15 ladies joining us each week.

The study is Sarah Young's "Jesus Always" Series. The series is unique, in that you can join anytime, as each lesson is independent.

We would love to have you join us and be blessed by the study and fellowship. If you would like to join us, please call or email to get the Zoom connection link. Contact: Deb Irons 301-271-7012 or mdirons@oleminkfarm.com



How to give tithes and offerings while the church building is closed

■ By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

Salem's ministry is continuing even though the church building is closed 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 plate, 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.

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)

It's Your Day!

June Anniversaries

- 4 - Jamie & Amber Breneman
- 7 - Tim & Mary Brown
- 8 - Kenneth & Dianna Poling
- 19 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman
- 22 - Mark & Sarah Koons
- 25 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

June Birthdays

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| 1 - Emily Burrier | 19 - George Harne |
| 2 - Richard Freysz | 22 - Hunter Hebeisen |
| 2 - Bob Stup | 23 - Seth Hipkins |
| 3 - Andrea Palmer | 23 - Jeremiah Sowers |
| 3 - Barbara Palmer | 24 - Casey Weddle |
| 6 - Jonathan Gormer | 26 - Christi Beall |
| 11 - Joyce Weaver | 26 - Justin Brown |
| 12 - Petie Stup | 26 - Paul McCormick |
| 13 - Cheyenne Leatherman | 27 - George Stottlemeyer |





Message from the Pastor and Worship in June

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

Lately, I've been reflecting a lot about how God views all the goings on connected with COVID-19. I imagine God cried out, "Oh no!" when the virus first entered a human. I can see him crying every time a person dies.

I know God is loving and caring for family members in their time of loss and encouraging medical workers as they risk their own safety to save others.

I can see God giving that same care to all those serving us on the front lines and being pleased as the best of humanity shines through.

I can see God feeling sad for all those who have lost their jobs and are struggling with everyday necessities.

I can see God not being pleased with anyone taking advantage of the situation we're in. I hear God saying to all leaders, "Seek my will."

I can see God reassuring church families like ours, "It's ok that you can't sing, my ears hear you singing in all of your efforts to worship me and every time you love and care for each other. That's music to my ears."

Over the last three months a lot has changed. One thing that hasn't is God. God still hears and sees us. God still laughs and cries with us. God still loves us and wants to help us. And that, above all, is what will get us through this.

Please join us in June as we continue to worship God and serve one another. God Bless. —Pastor Bob

June 7 Trinity Sunday "But Some Doubted" Matthew 28: 16-20

Matthew 28:17 - "When they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted."

The use of a semi-colon usually signals something is coming to add meaning or emphasis. In this case, the words added are "but some doubted."

Jesus had risen and appeared to them. He had told the disciples to go to the mountain where they were now and, once again, Jesus was there to meet them just as he said he would. Even so, some still doubted. What did they doubt? That he had risen? That he was the Savior? That worshipping him could make a difference for them? Jesus directly addressed their doubts: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (V.18), "therefore, go and make disciples" (V. 19), and know that "I am with you always to the end" (V. 20).

Our risen Lord is encouraging them and us, "Forget the last three letters in doubt; forget 'ubt.'" Just focus on 'do.' Go and do. Go and make disciples. I'll be here to help you."

June 14 "The Workers are Few" Matthew 9: 35-10:8

Matthew 9:37 - "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

Jesus was about to send out his disciples to minister. He equipped them and encouraged them. Jesus had himself been engaged in a lot of ministry lately, "going through all the towns and villages - teaching, preaching, and healing" (V. 35). He modeled for the twelve the ministry he was calling them to do. He was hoping from the twelve that more would follow him and that more would answer his call to engage in their own ministry.

It is the same with us. The church, to be the church, needs all believers to be engaged in ministry. Sometimes a core group is left to carry the burden that all should be sharing. Every church family,

including Salem, needs more workers. For those willing to do the work of the church, the peace and joy and fulfillment that is experienced is unmatched. Why wouldn't it be? We're working for God himself!

June 21 Father's Day "Keep God First" Matthew 10:24-39

Matthew 10:39 - "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It's Father's Day, a special day that we set aside to honor our earthly fathers. A good father takes care of his family. And, like the popular praise song communicates, God is the "Good, Good, Father," the one who takes care of his global family.

In today's Bible reading, Jesus is sending out the twelve disciples to minister to the people. He is advising them that they will encounter challenges in their ministry but all will be well if they just remember to keep God first; to allow Christ to reign in their lives more and more.

When we were young we didn't always understand and agree with what our earthly father was advising us to do. But now that we're older we can see that it was good advice that we were being given. When we keep God first and obey him, everything else seems to fall into place.

June 28 "A Direct Link to God" Matthew 10: 40-42

Matthew 10:40 - "He who receives you, receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me."

Have you ever felt distant from God? Are you in need of coming close to God? Just welcome another person into your life and be kind to them and care for them and the link to God will be made.

"He who receives you, receives me." Verse 42 of today's Bible reading explains that acts of kindness and care for another are like "cups of cold water" offered to those who thirst.

We don't care for each other for the reward. We care because it's the right thing to do. But with the care comes the reward because we're sharing God's love.

Ever feel down in your spirit but rise to reach out and care for someone else? Doesn't it have the effect of making you feel better about your own situation?

Caring for others blesses all - the one being cared for and the one doing the caring. Try it, and experience again that direct link to God.



INSPIRATIONAL
Reading

Our Dad

Author Unknown

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring.

The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his Masterpiece was complete,
And so He called it... DAD.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Walk a Country Mile

By Mildred L. Jarrell

I like to walk a country mile
On a pleasant summer's day,
Enjoying the many sights and sounds
I find along the way.

I hear the song the meadow brook
Sings to me as I pass by,
And watch the birds so wild and free
Soar swiftly neath an azure sky.

I wander up a hillside trail
And see the fields below arranged
All crisscrossed lying o'er the earth,
So like a patchwork counterpane.

I pass a meadow, green and wide,
Where cattle graze in shaded space
And ducklings in the summer sun
Pass single file in measured pace.

I like to walk a country mile,
And no matter where I roam
My heart is filled with gladness,
For the country is my home.

Jesus, You're the source of true life, abundant and full. Help us seek fulfillment in You.



RECIPE



Strawberry Cheesecake Bars

INGREDIENTS:

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| 1 1/2 cups graham crackers,
crushed | 1 cup fresh strawberries, crushed
(or frozen, thawed) |
| 6 tablespoons salted butter, melted | 1 1/2 cups whipping cream |
| 1 tablespoon raw or white sugar | 1 cup powdered sugar |
| 1 (6 oz.) pkg. strawberry gelatin | 16 oz. cream cheese, softened |
| 3/4 cup boiling water | |

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small bowl combine graham crackers, butter, and sugar. Mix well. Press into a 9 x 13 baking dish and bake for 10-12 minutes. Cool.
2. In a small bowl combine gelatin and water, mix well and immediately add crushed strawberries. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.
3. In another bowl beat whipping cream until soft peaks form, then add powdered sugar. Set aside.
4. In a large bowl beat cream cheese until very smooth. Add slightly cooled strawberry mixture to cream cheese; beat well. Fold in whipped cream. Pour over cooled crust. Cover and refrigerate 8-12 hours. Cut into 2-inch squares and garnish with additional strawberries as desired. Yields 16-18 bars.

Selected from "A Farmer's Daughter" Recipes from a Mennonite Kitchen by Dawn Stoltzfus



**Flag Day is
Sunday, June 14**



Our Flag

By Bessie H. Hartling

It speaks in steadfast color:
The red, the white, the blue;
It tells us what to honor:
The brave, the pure, the true.

It guards our home of worship
And crowns our courts and schools,
Proclaiming the law of liberty,
The heart of freedom's rules.

It graces its staff with beauty,
Enlivens the languid air;
It drapes our country's heroes
And wafts a graveside prayer.

We stand at grave attention
To salute our nation's pride,
Our flag of cherished history
For which dear sons have died.

Train up a child in the way he should go -
but be sure you go that way yourself.

—Charles Spurgeon

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

—Ephesians 6:4

A Thought *from* Our Daily Bread

As we grow in intimacy with God, we can learn to trust in His timing and care.



 Our Daily Bread.

Selected from Salem's Facebook page

Heavenly Humor



"For Father's Day, I'm giving my dad an hour of free tech support."

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.

If today is the worst day
of your life, then you know
tomorrow will be better.

Remind me, Oh Lord, that faith
makes things possible, not easy.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Mountain Shepherd

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