



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 re-opens the sanctuary for worship on June 28 - live broadcast online also

A Series of "Firsts"

■ By Bill Burrier

In the last three months, since mid-March, our lives have been full of "firsts" and life-style changes predicted by no one. Our lives have seemingly been turned inside out. Where did our routines go? A routine in any form would be a comfort. We are used to making lists and then checking them off.

Attending worship in Wolfsville was a weekly inspiring routine, and then on March 13th, for the first time, our church was ordered closed along with all United Methodist churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

The Church left the building

For the first time, Salem had become an online church.

Every day, Pastor Bob prepared his Words of Encouragement and sent it to 80 families via email and to nearly 50 families via recorded telephone message.

Every Sunday, Pastor Bob wrote a sermon and, for the first time, on March 15 & 22, distributed it via email along with an Order of Service for families to worship at home, and provided paper copies to pick up at church.

For the first time, on March 29, the Salem congregation worshipped together using an online application called Zoom.

For those who have computers, Zoom allowed members of the congregation to see one another, speak to one another, and provide prayer requests.

The Church returns to the building

On June 28, Salem opened its doors once again for worship in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for one service only.

Due to state guidelines, those attending worship are wearing masks and observing social distancing.

Salem sanctuary



Also, for the first time, Salem is able to do a "live" broadcast from the sanctuary, thus allowing the service to be seen at home for those who are at high risk or do not feel comfortable in a group setting.

New equipment needed to be purchased and Salem was fortunate to receive a \$1,000 technology micro grant from the Baltimore-Washington Conference to purchase the necessary broadcast equipment (video camera, laptop and accessories). Persons who are viewing online at home will be heard in the sanctuary and are encouraged to offer prayer requests.

Someone greater to lead us through

We have learned a few things from this experience. Our expectations, our perspectives, our routines, our lists, may need to change.

We have learned that we do not have complete control. And we have learned the feeling of helplessness, perhaps the need to surrender.

Surrender does not always mean to throw in the towel, or to give up, or to feel defeated.

To surrender can be a positive thing, a way of letting go of worry and stress and, most importantly, accepting the fact that there is "Someone" greater than all of this that will lead us through.

With God's help along the way, let's surrender ourselves to the journey.



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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.

Go **2020 MISSION PROJECTS** 2020 Goal

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| 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. 10

The Least of These Ministries - Dominican Republic

June 8, 2020 —

We report on a recent activity conducted in Batey 9 by our Dominican staff along with some volunteers. After learning that elderly and other vulnerable residents had become fearful of Coronavirus in their community, Ricardo and his team wanted to do what they could to help protect these people while also helping to ease their fears about the virus. While in the matey for the food distribution, the team met with elderly residents, pregnant women, and others at higher risk for the virus.



Pastor Ramón and Wilton gave encouraging Bible-centered talks to the group, and Ricardo talked with them about the importance of personal hygiene, proper use of face masks, and physical distancing to help protect themselves. Face masks and hygiene kits were distributed to over 60 residents. —Marty Hogan, Executive Director

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.

Who's Doing What, When?

July 2020

9:30 A.M. SANCTUARY & ONLINE ZOOM WORSHIP

Lay Readers

5 - Gary Barkdoll
12 - Mary Cline
19 - Dennis Leatherman
26 - Donald Stottlemeyer

Pianist/Organist

5 - Sara Weitzel
12 - Sara Weitzel
19 - Sara Weitzel
26 - Sara Weitzel

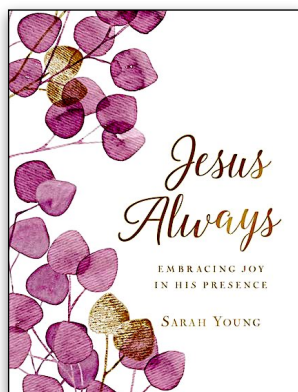
Ladies Bible Study on Wednesday evenings

■ 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



News & Notes

July Activities Cancelled due to COVID-19

The Wolfsville Community **Vacation Bible School** has been cancelled and will be held at Salem in 2021. Also, Salem's **Ice Cream Social** has been cancelled.

Annual Conference to be held online September 12

The 236th annual session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be held online, Saturday, September 12. This move to a virtual Annual Conference Session is made necessary by the coronavirus pandemic and the need for social distancing as the church seeks to be safe, especially among its vulnerable members.

The Clergy Session will be held at 9:30 a.m. The Laity Session will be held at a date to be announced soon. The essential business of the Annual Conference, which will include the consideration of the 2021 budget, will be conducted in the afternoon and the Service of Ordination and Commissioning will follow.

Three ways to give tithes and offerings

■ By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

After a 3-month closure, worship in Salem's sanctuary began again on Sunday, June 28, adhering to safety protocols.

During the closure, the pastor continued to work, writing sermons, pastoral care, etc. The usual utilities and other expenses continued.

For those at sanctuary worship, an offering plate will be available for those not already giving online or by mail.

Those not yet feeling comfortable to attend sanctuary worship may continue to worship at home, and may use the following two offering methods during this transition:

◆ 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!

July Anniversaries

4 - Michael & Mandy Mellott
10 - Robin & Theresa Haupt
18 - Pastor Bob & Donna Snyder
20 - Randy & Karen Sowers
29 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll

July Birthdays

2 - Phyllis Beall
4 - Marlene Young
5 - Brett Haupt
10 - Randy Sowers
11 - Alyssa Fogle
13 - Patty Blickenstaff
14 - Tyler Zimmerman
18 - Amanda Hawkins
21 - Donald Stottlemeyer

24 - Pat Eccard
27 - Cyndy Weddle
28 - Kim Tolland
28 - Jennifer Burrier
28 - Austin Hebeisen
29 - Matthew Stottlemeyer
29 - Katy Hornbecker





Message from the Pastor and Worship in July

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

On June 28, we re-opened our doors for worship in our church building for those who desired. Others decided to wait and continue worshipping online as we began broadcasting services over the internet from our building.

While COVID-19 has placed many restrictions on our lives it has also afforded us opportunities to serve God in new ways.

Whether worshipping in the building or online, the teachings of God continue to move us.

On July 5th, our puppet friends, Stella and Barney, will help us celebrate the 244th birthday of the United States of America.

Also, on July 5th, your pastor will be on vacation and Salem member Bill Burrier will lead worship and present a message from Romans 7, about spiritual warfare that conflicted the apostle Paul. We'll learn how to control the sinful nature that dwells within every one of us.

On the remaining three Sundays in July, we'll also look at several of Jesus' parables. These are stories Jesus used from everyday life to teach about living in the kingdom of God.

These teachings are as relevant now as ever and I hope they'll be meaningful and helpful to us as we continue to grow and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Have a great July!

God Bless. —Pastor Bob

July 5

"Tug of War"

Romans 7:15-25

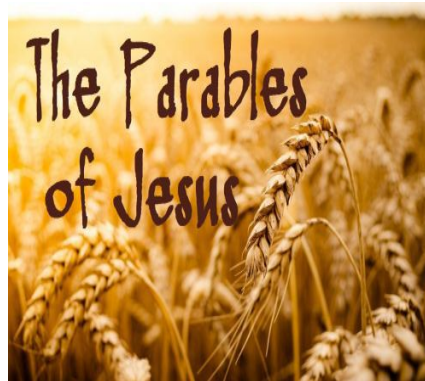
Guest Speaker: Bill Burrier

Children's Time: Patriotic Puppet

Play titled "Birthday of our Country"

by puppets: Stella & Barney

Romans 7:21 "It seems to be a fact



of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong." (NLT)

There is one struggle that all of us as Christians have. It is the struggle between knowing what is right and doing what is right. In other words, it is the conflict between good and evil. Believers have the ability to sin because of the legacy from Adam (Genesis 2).

The conflict Paul is talking about in Romans 7:15-25 is a form of spiritual warfare. It is like the game of tug-of-war.

As we learn to say "no" to sin and "yes" to God, we are given a renewed spirit, vigor and understanding.

The apostle Paul talks about this struggle with good versus evil in his own life.

July 12

"A Good Crop"

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Matthew 13:23 - "But the one who hears the word and understands it ... He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Many families in the greater Wolfsville area have farming roots and understand what it takes to produce a good crop.

People living in Jesus' day understood this also.

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus takes producing a good crop and compares it with living a Godly life.

He teaches that we need to be ready to receive him, that we need to commit ourselves to follow Jesus, and that we need to work with him to resist the world's temptations. Then we are able to live a Godly life and produce a good crop.

July 19

"Weeds, Weeds, and More Weeds"

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Matthew 13:29-30 - "... while pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest."

We have some raised garden beds and in one of them we've been growing asparagus.

Sometimes the weeds get ahead of me and entangled with the asparagus plants and in pulling up the weed I'll disturb the bulb and roots of the asparagus.

In today's Bible story, Jesus draws the comparison of weeds that grow alongside wheat to people that are perhaps not good influences in our lives.

While we need to live alongside of all people and withhold judgement, Jesus tells us that at the end of time all will be judged by God.

July 26

"His Truth is Marching On"

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Matthew 13:33 - "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

In a courtroom trial, we hope for the truth to come out. That's the goal, although it doesn't always happen.

In Verse 33, Jesus witnesses that God's truth is ever advancing in the world, ever spreading like the yeast that the woman mixed into the flour.

The famous hymn "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" claims this fact: "His truth is marching on."

Sometimes we don't feel that we're advancing much as a civilization. Hatred and war seem more prevalent now than they ought to be at this point in human history.

It's good to watch for glimpses of God at work in our lives and in the world. Doing so reminds us that His truth is ever marching on.



Summertime Residence

By Ruth Gillis

Give me the shade of a lively oak,
A grassy carpet to lay my frame,
The twitter of birds and the frog's croak,
And there each summer I'll stake my claim.

Give me a glass of pink lemonade
A sighing breeze to cool my face,
A glimmer of sun that is Heaven made,
And I'll be certain I've found my place.

Add a daisy scent wafting on the breeze,
A butterfly lazily drifting by,
A simple book to read with ease,
And there I'll stay 'til night is nigh.

Oh! Thanks for the wonderful great outdoors,
The open space and the grassy sod,
A place where the mind with contentment soars
And the soul's in touch with the heart of God.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Nature's Garden

By Avis H. Baxter

There's a garden by the roadside
With flowers free for all,
Unfettered by white pickets
Or by a garden wall.

A garden where God's blossoms
Nod to each passerby
A friendly, happy greeting
Beneath summer's sunny sky.

Black-eyed Susans sway like fairies,
Nearby is meadowsweet,
While massed in soft confusion
Are daisies at my feet.

There are gardens rare and lovely
By manse or cottage wall,
But God's garden by the roadside
Is, I think, the best of all.

When an American says that he loves his country, he means not only that he loves the New England hills, the prairies glistening in the sun, the wide and rising plains, the great mountains, and the sea. He means that he loves an inner air, an inner light in which freedom lives and in which a man can draw breath of self respect. —*Adlai Stevenson*



RECIPE



Blueberry or Blackberry Buckle

INGREDIENTS:

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| 3/4 cup sugar | Cream together thoroughly |
| 1/3 cup butter or margarine | |
| 2 eggs | Add, beating until fluffy |
| 1/2 teaspoon vanilla | |
| 1 1/2 cups flour | Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | |
| 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon | |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg | |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves | |
| 1/2 cup milk | |
| 2 cups fresh blueberries or blackberries | Fold in. Spread batter in greased 8 x 12-inch baking dish |

CRUMBS:

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| 1/2 cup brown sugar | Mix together until crumbly. Sprinkle over top. |
| 1/2 cup flour | |
| 3 tablespoons butter or margarine | |
| 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon | |

DIRECTIONS:

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream. Yield: 9 servings

Selected from "Mennonite Country-Style Recipes" by Esther H. Shank



Fourth of July Celebrations

By Betty W. Stoffel

Let there be prayers as well as great parades,
Let hymns combine with patriotic songs,
Let there be leaders of the future days,
With heroes of the past amid the throngs.



Let reverent silence punctuate the noise,
Let God be praised for this great land of ours,
Let sober meditations balance joys
And grave humility mark crucial hours.

Let statesmanship grow from this nation's need,
Let citizenship be equal to these days,
That Godly men who gave their lives indeed
Be not betrayed by dull, indifferent ways.

Let joyfulness, not wildness, mark the free,
That God may find us worth our liberty!

These are the times that try men's souls. —*Thomas Paine Dec. 23, 1776*

A Thought *from* Our Daily Bread

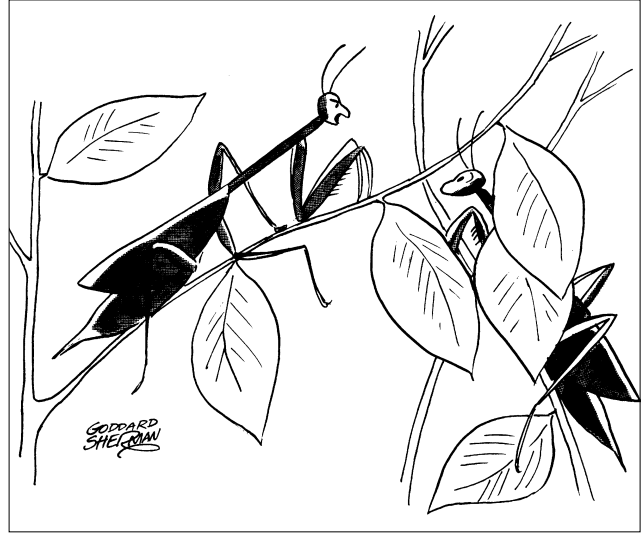
Help me to seek Your help
and guidance in resolving
the challenges before me.



 Our Daily Bread.

Selected from Salem's Facebook page

Heavenly Humor



"I can't help it . . .
I just don't feel like praying."

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

One flag, one land, one heart,
one hand, one nation evermore!
—Oliver Wendell Homes

Faith is taking the first step
even when you don't see
the whole staircase.

When I stop to pray, I realize God
is already 10 steps ahead of me,
waiting for me to catch up.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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