

The  Newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

The Mountain Shepherd

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Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

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

Sunday Worship
 9:30 a.m.

in Salem's sanctuary
 or at home using ZOOM.

If worshipping in the sanctuary, wear a mask and observe 6' social distancing. The service is broadcast "live" from the sanctuary for those worshipping at home.

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CROP Walk is cancelled but you can still contribute to efforts to address hunger locally and worldwide

■ By Fonda Gormer
 Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Coordinator

For many years, Salem has hosted the Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk. Funds raised by walkers were sent to Church World Service, which in turn returned 25% of those funds to our local agencies – The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, the Middletown Food Bank, and the Salem Food Pantry.

Due to COVID-19, there will be no physical CROP Hunger Walk this year. Sponsors are encouraged to contribute to efforts to address hunger locally and worldwide in one of the following ways:

Church World Service

- To give online to the CROP Hunger Walk, go to crophungerwalk.org/myersvillemd. Select "Donate", then "General" rather than an individual or team. Provide name and payment information as requested.
- Checks made payable to CWS/CROP may be mailed to our walk treasurer, Michael Burrier, who will then forward them to Church World Service. His address is:
 Michael Burrier
 28 Pleasant Acres Drive
 Thurmont, MD 21788-1731

Local Hunger Agencies

- Donations can be made directly to the local agencies, if desired.
- The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs (RCEHN)
 27 DeGrange Street
 Frederick, MD 21701
 RCEHN also provides emergency shelter, homeless prevention, assistance with prescriptions and acute dental care. Online at: thereligiouscoalition.org/support-us/donate/



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- Make checks payable to "Middletown Valley Food Bank" and mail to:
 MVFB Treasurer
 Evangelical Lutheran Church
 107 W. Main Street
 Middletown, MD 21769
- Make checks payable to "Salem United Methodist Church", write "Food Pantry" on memo line and mail to:
 Salem Food Pantry
 c/o Salem UMC Treasurer
 P. O. Box 144
 Myersville, MD 21773-0144

Please continue to fight hunger in our communities and our world, and pray that we may again walk for hunger in 2021. Thank you in advance for your support.

"Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." —Harriet Tubman



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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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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**

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 - Barnaba Ezekiel Haule

July 1, 2020 —
Barnaba Ezekiel Haule, age 7, our sponsored child through Compassion International, has moved. Still in Tanzania, he is now living on the plains of Chamwino, and therefore will attend a Compassion student center in Chamwino.



Barnaba

Salem’s sponsorship (\$38 per month) allows the staff to provide Barnaba with Bible teaching, medical checkups, tuition, tutoring, school supplies, field trips and recreational activities. The center staff also provides health education and opportunities for involvement of Barnaba’s parents.

Barnaba is doing well according to a recent assessment. He is meeting expectations in three areas, spiritual, cognitive, and physical; and he exceeded expectations in the socio-emotional area. As a result, Barnaba is moving up to a new class.

Salem’s sponsorship gives Barnaba hope for a brighter future.

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.

Who's Doing What, When? September 2020

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

Lay Reader

- 6 - Mary Cline
- 13 - Donald Stottlemeyer
- 20 - Robin Haupt
- 27 - Michael Burrier

Acolyte

- 6 - Loralli Snyder
- 13 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 20 - Loralli Snyder
- 27 - Valentina Barkdoll

Organist

- 6 - Sara Weitzel
- 13 - Sara Weitzel
- 20 - Sara Weitzel
- 27 - Sara Weitzel

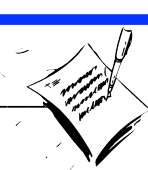
Computer

- 6 - Michele Kline
- 13 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 20 - Camilo Barkdoll
- 27 - Lori Williamson

Camera

- 6 - Camilo Barkdoll
- 13 - Robin Haupt
- 20 - Lori Williamson
- 27 - Michele Kline

News & Notes



Salem Financial Audit Completed

Our thanks to Meredith Harshman, CPA, for conducting the audit of Salem's 2019 financial records. The church's financial records were found to be in proper order and the audit report has been sent to the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Local churches are required to have their financial records audited every year, with the resulting audit report due on June 30th of each year.

2020 Annual Conference set for September 12

The 236th session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be held online, Saturday, Sept. 12. Pastor Bob and Dennis Leatherman will be representing Salem.

Clergy and lay members must have registered before Aug. 23, in order to be eligible to attend the webinar and to vote. People who did not register can watch through a live feed, which will be provided by Good News TV.

On Sept. 12, the gathering time begins at 9 a.m. with a short worship service at 9:10 a.m. The Clergy Session will be held at 9:30 a.m. The essential business of the Annual Conference, which will include the consideration of the 2021 budget, will be conducted in the afternoon beginning at 1 p.m. The Service of Ordination and Commissioning will be held at 6 p.m.

The Laity Session, retiree celebration, and other conference-related events will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Conference Session, originally scheduled for May 29-31, was postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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 slow transition back to sanctuary worship, the pastor continues to work, writing sermons, pastoral care, etc. The usual utilities and other expenses continue.

Offering Plate in Sanctuary

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.

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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.

It's Your Day!

September Anniversaries

- 8 - David & Sharon Harshman
- 11 - H. Ronald & Judy Ellis
- 13 - Bill & Joyce Weaver
- 16 - Charles & Yvonne Reeder
- 17 - Steve & Joann Leatherman
- 20 - Mark & Hallie Burrier
- 26 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman
- 30 - Adam & Vicki Robinson

September Birthdays

- 2 - Dawn Brown
- 3 - Delores Myers
- 6 - Marilyn Leatherman
- 6 - Corey Carter
- 7 - Sarah Burrier
- 8 - David Harshman
- 9 - David Brandenburg
- 10 - Nevaeh Mellott
- 14 - Mary Cline
- 14 - Meredith Harshman
- 14 - Dan Lafferty
- 19 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 19 - Cody Leatherman
- 21 - Delilah Herrell
- 22 - Karyn Snyder
- 26 - Bobby Fogle
- 27 - Terri Buhrman
- 28 - Ella Grace Carter





Message from the Pastor and Worship in September

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

September is normally such a busy month at Salem: Lord's Acre Festival, the CROP Walk for hunger, preparing for Charge Conference, Move-Up Day for children and youth in Sunday school, the start of Youth Group and Hero's Club for another year.

As I turned my calendar to a new month the other day, still written in the spaces for September 10-12 were soup making, pie making, and sandwich making, three of the major activities in preparation for Lord's Acre.

It feels very strange to be erasing them from my calendar. But one thing that will never be erased from any of our lives is the faithfulness and goodness of God. He has brought us from March to September and God will continue to show us the way forward for however long this journey takes.

In John 16:33b, Jesus proclaims "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

May we hold God and each other close during the month of September.

God Bless, —Pastor Bob

September 6 "Effective Correction" Matthew 18:15-20

Matthew 18:20 – "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Many times we'll hear ourselves quoting this verse as encouragement to one another when the turnout for an activity or event is low, such as "even though our numbers are low today, God is still with us."

It's true, God is with us, and quoting this verse in times such as these is helpful. But it was effective correction, not low attendance that prompted Jesus to state in today's Bible reading, "For

For where TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME I am with them

Matt 18:20

where two or more come together in my name, there am I with them."

When people come together, lifting each other up, to correct sinful behavior, Jesus is always present and united with us to help us in every which way.

September 13 "God's Mercy" Matthew 18:21-35

Matthew 18:33 – "Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?"

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV) is called, "The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant."

Jesus was teaching about mercy and forgiveness.

In the story, a master had mercy on his servant, forgiving a huge sum of money the servant owed him.

But then this same servant went off and refused to have mercy on a man that owed him money, even though it was a much smaller amount.

In this story Jesus teaches us that, faced with an opportunity to have mercy, it's wise to remember the mercy Jesus has for us, sinners that we are. He went as far as dying for us so we might be saved from sin and death.

Just as Jesus has mercy on us, he desires that we are merciful to one another.

September 20 "God's Generosity"

Matthew 20:1-16

Matthew 20:14 – "I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you."

Matthew 20:1-16 is "The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard."

In this story, at the end of the work day, a man pays his hired hands the same amount no matter how many hours they worked. Our first reaction is, "That's not fair!" But the owner responds, "Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money?"

Jesus owns the vineyard-world we live in and is generous in giving salvation to all believers regardless of when in life we become one.

Jesus desires that we follow his example, loving God and loving each other as generously as he loves each one of us.

September 27 "Showing Up"

Matthew 21:28-32

Matthew 21:32 – "And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him."

Matthew 21:28-32 is "The Parable of the Two Sons."

In this story a father asks his two sons to work in the family's vineyard. The first responded "no," but then changed his mind and worked.

The second son readily said, "yes," but never showed up. Jesus asks his listeners, "Which of the two did what the father wanted?" and they replied "the first."

This first son showed up. Jesus teaches that we're all called to show up – to believe in him and be his disciples.

Some quickly say "I believe," but it's little more than words. Others truly show up, earnestly striving to obey God and live as Jesus lived.

In the striving we'll fall short, even fail from time to time. But God will forgive us and keep cheering us on as we get back up, dust ourselves off, and continue showing up.





Autumn Meditation

By Pauline Carr

Have you ever paused to listen
To the rustle of the leaves?
There's a quietness and a stillness
As they tremble in the breeze.



Now the leaves are changing colors,
Drifting slowly to the ground;
For the autumn days are with us,
Beauty flaming all around.

Overhead the sun is shining
And the air is crisp and clear.
There's a peacefulness in autumn,
It's the best time of the year.

Autumn days are fast approaching
As life's colors change for me.
There's a quietness and a stillness,
A devout tranquility.

An Autumn Landscape

By Grace Noll Crowell

Brilliant scarlet and crimson stain,
And splashes of yellow gold,
Warm brown stubble and ripened grain;
The waysides seared and old;
A dazzle of green where the aftermath
Breathes a tale long told.

Gray where the haze hangs over the west,
Blue where the asters grow;
Purple the lights on a hill's far crest,
The shadows mauve below;
Blackbirds wheeling above the corn,
Silent, serenely slow.

Lights and shadows and sparkle of wine,
Somber color and gay;
Rich and warm in the late sunshine,
Chill where the shadows play;
Thus God hangs His masterpiece
Over the world today.

By all these lovely tokens,
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer.
—Helen Hunt Jackson



RECIPE



Apple Dumpling Roll-Ups

INGREDIENTS:

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| 3 cups all-purpose flour | 3/4 to 1 cup packed brown sugar |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon |
| 1 1/2 teaspoons salt | 4 cups chopped apples
(about 4 medium) |
| 3 tablespoons cold butter, cubed | |
| 1 1/3 cups 2% milk | |

SAUCE:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 1/2 cups sugar | 1 tablespoon butter |
| 1 1/2 cups water | 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour | |

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk; stir just until moistened (dough will be soft and sticky).
2. Turn dough onto a floured surface. Roll into an 18x12-inch rectangle. Sprinkle the brown sugar and cinnamon to within 1 inch of edges; top with apples. Roll up jelly-roll style, starting with a long side; pinch seam to seal. Using a serrated knife, cut into 12 slices. Place in a greased 13x9-inch baking pan, cut side down.
3. In a small saucepan, combine sauce ingredients; bring to a boil, whisking to blend. Cook and stir for 3-4 minutes or until thickened. Pour over top.
4. Bake, uncovered, 45-55 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes; serve. Makes 1 dozen.

Selected from "Taste of Home - Fall Baking" 2020 edition



Labor Day Prayer

Lord on this Labor Day . . .
We thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask your guidance for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see, but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. —Amen
Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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.

August 2020

Autumn abounds in things to delight the sense and the spirit. Trees flaunt a lavishness of color. Fruit ripens and mellows for the eating. The harvest of the year's endeavors has come. And the coolness of the air points to hearthside and holiday and the gathering of friends. It is time to enjoy and to share the abundance that is ours. —Esther York Burkholder

Fall 2020 Class Description & Schedule

NOTE CHANGES IN SOME CLASS SCHEDULES

Cumberland-Hagerstown District "Lay Servant Academy"**BASIC CLASS**

This training is for anyone who wants to learn about the Lay Servant Ministry. A Lay Servant is a person who has been called by God to serve the local church. The person must be a member in good standing of a United Methodist church, has been recommended by their pastor, and approved at Charge Conference to be part of the Local Church Lay Servant Ministry.

Required Text: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant Book, by Sandy Jackson; ISBN-13: 9780881776263

Reading Assignments: Be sure to download the Reading Assignment under the teacher's name for THIS class from the website. Class will be completed within the 2-day time-frame, so make sure reading is completed prior to attending class. Bring any questions you have along to class.

Zoom Meeting: Class will be held via Zoom Meeting. Information for joining the class will be provided prior to the class start date.

Instructor: Pastor Rob Pierson

REVISED Class Schedule: Friday, September 25, from 6 — 8 pm; Saturday, September 26, from 8 — 11 am;
Friday, October 2, from 6 — 8 pm; Saturday, October 3, from 8 — 11 am.

REVISED Registration Deadline: September 18, 2020

ADVANCED CLASSES

Note: ALL Advanced Lay Servant Classes serve as Re-certification Class for Certified Lay Ministers.

1. Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition

Structured around Wesley's "means of grace," this study covers, among other topics, prayer, Scripture, the Lord's Supper, and fasting – major features in John Wesley's devotional life. Participants will learn how they can apply Wesley's ministry to their own life.

Required Text: "Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition" by Steve Harper; ISBN: 978-0-8358-0740-1 or Upper Room #740

Reading Assignments: Be sure to download the Reading Assignment under the teacher's name for THIS class from the website. Bring any questions you have along to class.

Books may be purchased from: wipfandstock.com/meditate-like-jesus.html . ISBN-13: 978-1532648496

Zoom Meeting: Class will be held via Zoom Meeting. Information for joining the class will be provided prior to the class start date.

Instructor: Rev. Dion T. Hall

Class Schedule: September 18 – 19, 2020; Friday 6:30 – 9 pm and Saturday 8 am – 5 pm

Registration Deadline: September 4, 2020

2. Public Prayer

Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life.

Required Text: Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher;

ISBN: 978-0-80287-097-1 Also available at Amazon.com

Reading Assignments: Be sure to download the Reading Assignment under the teacher's name for THIS class from the website. Bring any questions you have along to class.

Zoom Meeting: Class will be held via Zoom Meeting. Information for joining the class will be provided prior to the class start date.

Instructor: Pastor Kyle Durbin

REVISED Class Schedule: Monday, September 28 through Thursday, October 1, 2020, 6:00 – 8:30 pm each day

REVISED Registration Deadline: September 21, 2020 (Minimum of 5 students for class to be offered.)

3. Discover your Spiritual Gifts

This advanced leader's course in Lay Servant Ministries helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.

Required Text: "Each One a Minister" by William J. Carter; ISBN: 978-0-88177-375-0 or Upper Room #DR375

Reading Assignments: Be sure to download the Reading Assignment under the teacher's name for THIS class from the website. Bring any questions you have along to class.

Zoom Meeting: Class will be held via Zoom Meeting. Information for joining the class will be provided prior to the class start date.

Instructor: Pastor Randy Reid

Class Schedule: September 25 – 26, 2020; Friday 6:30 – 9 pm and Saturday 8 am – 5 pm

Registration deadline: September 11, 2020

CLASS COST: Does not include the required text.

Paper registration: Complete paper Registration Form making sure to mark the class you are registering for and send it with a \$40 check made payable to BWC Treasurer and mailed to: BWC Western Region Office, Attention: Lay Servant Academy, 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

Online registration with credit card: \$35 Go to Baltimore-Washington Conference website: bwcumc.org/events > lay-servant-ministry > Select Cumberland-Hagerstown District > click on class > takes you into Arena.

–For more information contact Wanda Barkdoll, C-H Lay Servant Co-Director (jansack@earthlink.net)

Salem Mission Project No. 1

A Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

Retired Senegal Missionaries



Dear Folks at Salem Church:
August 4, 2020

Thank you very much for your continuing prayers and financial help to us. We do sincerely appreciate all you do for us, our family, and our ministries.

We are doing well. Nancy had two cysts removed from her back in May. Both were benign. Frank had cataract surgeries in June. Yesterday he had the final eye exam and a prescription for new glasses. Because of astigmatism, he still needs glasses to read. We are getting caught up on doctor checkups, dentist, and dermatologist appointments.

As with everyone, we have been quite limited in the things we had planned we would be doing. Nancy phones shut-ins she is no longer able to visit in person. Frank is still not helping at

the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. He is still bookkeeper/treasurer and board member at our church.

We have been having Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services in the church building for a while now and we recently began having morning worship services in the building; divided into two services and with half the pews blocked off. The church is moving ahead in the process of expanding the church sanctuary. There are still a couple things needed for the permit. Some of us plan to do as much of the work as possible to save on the cost of the project.

As far as our children, our son-in-law, Lynn Harney, continues to serve at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission, and our daughter, Wanda, is back at work there.

After being confined to the village in Senegal for several months, our son and

our daughter-in-law, Eric & Wendy, as well as our daughter, Rebecca, were able to come to the United States for home assignment. They spent 14 days in quarantine and last Saturday we brought Rebecca here to live with us. They all plan to return to their ministries in Senegal in a few months.

Gary, Lisa, & family serve at the New Tribes Mission (NTM) retirement center for missionaries in Florida, but the Home is now very restricted as far as visitors etc. Gary & Lisa also have restrictions and health precautions; especially Lisa who helps prepare meals.

Thank you again for your friendship, fellowship, prayers, and your financial help to us.

Joyfully in Christ,

Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

Worship Services are being recorded

Salem is now recording its worship services in video format.

A DVD is being provided to Salem families who do not have access to a computer, upon request.

If you have Internet access and missed a Sunday service, the service can also be viewed at Salem's website SalemChurchWolfsville.org. Our thanks to Robin Haupt for editing the video.

The sanctuary is open for one service at 9:30 a.m. CDC protocol is being followed, i.e., wear a mask, observe 6' social distancing and use hand sanitizer (wall dispensers are available). There is no Sunday School at this time.

The service is broadcast live for those worshipping at home. Our equipment (video and audio) allows for interaction between those in the sanctuary and those at home. Those connected online can be seen and heard in the sanctuary and vice versa. This set up enables Salem members and friends to connect on Sunday morning, even if they are away on vacation or traveling to visit family.

Lay Readers — Prior to COVID-19, lay readers participated in the service by providing the opening prayer, leading the Lord's Prayer, and reading the scripture. Now, with CDC procedures and current technology, lay readers can either participate in the sanctuary or online from home.

Return to worship in the sanctuary — If you would like to return to worship in the sanctuary, there is room for you. Seating is assigned to ensure the 6' distancing rule is followed. Contact Pastor Bob to reserve a seat.

As of this writing, up to 23 people are worshipping in the sanctuary. Seats for visitors are also available.



The Lord's Acre Festival is cancelled but you can still give.

For 61 years, Salem members and friends have joyfully worked on Lord's Acre projects, some beginning a year in advance, others throughout the year; crafts, quilt design, fancy needlework, wood working projects, garden produce, preserves, and more.

Mostly these projects were donated on the day of the festival. Sometimes, folks have taken orders for items that are sold in advance, collected the money and brought it the day of the festival.

Although the festival cannot be held, the Lord's Acre fund remains open all year long. So, if you wish to donate money toward the Lord's Acre Project, we welcome your monetary donations. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church with "Lord's Acre" on the memo line.

Heavenly Humor

A Thought from TheNLT.com

Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:9 (NLT)



TheNLT.com

Selected from Salem's Facebook page

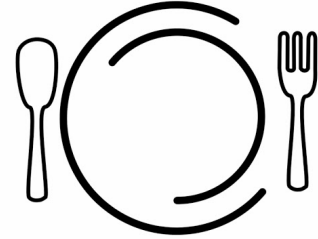
The Missing Spoon

A pastor had dinner at the home of a couple in his church.

After he left, the wife said to her husband, "I think he took our spoon!" This bothered her for months.

A year later, the couple had the pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, "Did you take our spoon last year?"

The pastor replied, "No. I put it inside your Bible."



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Some thoughts to ponder . . .

When you get what you want, that's God's direction. When you don't get what you want, that's God's protection.

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.

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