

The  Newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

# 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.

★ **HOLY COMMUNION**  
**SUN OCT 4 - 9:30 a.m.**

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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**"Salem Iron Men" digging deep into a series called *Becoming a King: The Path to Restoring the Heart of a Man***

■ By Bill Weaver

**S**ince August 30th, the Salem Iron Men have been digging deep into a new video series called "Becoming a King" by Morgan Snyder, Executive Staff Member of Wild at Heart Ministries.

The series focuses on the following thoughts: Masculinity is in need of restoration. But how do you become the kind of man – the kind of king – to whom God can entrust his kingdom?

In this video Bible study, the Salem Iron Men are journeying with Morgan Snyder into a process that helps men recover true courage and vulnerability.

Curated and distilled over more than two decades, and mined from the lives of over seventy-five sages who have gone before us, Morgan shares what he discovered: an ancient and reliable path to restoring the heart of a man and becoming the kind of man who can wield power for good.

**Weekly Meetings**

Throughout the Fall of 2020, Salem Iron Men will be meeting weekly and virtually on zoom with rotating themes: On the first and third Sunday evenings our study will focus on the Gospel of John, while the second and fourth Sundays will be focused on the Becoming a King video series by Morgan Snyder.

If you are interested in receiving a zoom link to participate, contact me at [wmweaver@myactv.net](mailto:wmweaver@myactv.net)

**Fall Schedule for 2020**  
**Sunday Evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom**

- October 4th - Bible Study  
John chapters 5-8
- October 11th - Video Series  
Session #4 Becoming a Generalist
- October 18th - Bible Study  
John chapters 9-12
- October 25th - Video Series



The Salem Iron Men are dedicated to fulfill Christ's commission to encourage and disciple one another to be Godly men and mentors to young men, based upon Proverbs 27:17 – "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."



Salem member Bill Weaver  
Leader of Salem Iron Men

- Session #5 The Way of Becoming  
November 1st - Bible Study  
John chapters 13-16
- November 8th - Video Series  
Session #6 Becoming a King
- November 15th - Bible Study  
John chapters 17-21
- Winter Break
- Resume on January 10th



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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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**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
<b>TOTAL GOAL for 2020 .....</b>	<b>\$15,191</b>

**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)**

August 5, 2020 —

In a recent conversation with Wilton, our Outreach Director in Barahona, he told me something that has since been on my mind and heart. Wilson said that several people from the bateys have expressed their gratitude that the ministry is still coming to serve them during this time.

Apparently, many of the organizations that usually provide services to these communities have suspended or reduced their operations, at least temporarily. This underscores the importance of our presence to these families, bringing nutritious food and encouragement from God’s word.

Thank you so much for your part in serving our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic! In Christ alone, *Marty Hogan, Executive Director*



Wilton Gomez  
Dominican Republic

**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?

October 2020

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

### Lay Reader

- 4 - Dennis Leatherman
- 11 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 18 - Mary Cline
- 25 - Wanda Barkdoll

### Acolyte

- 4 - Loralli Snyder
- 11 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 18 - Loralli Snyder
- 25 - Valentina Barkdoll

### Organist

- 4 - Sara Weitzel
- 11 - Sara Weitzel
- 18 - Sara Weitzel
- 25 - Sara Weitzel

### Computer

- 4 - Michele Kline
- 11 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 18 - Camilo Barkdoll
- 25 - Lori Williamson

### Camera

- 4 - Camilo Barkdoll
- 11 - Robin Haupt
- 18 - Lori Williamson
- 25 - Michele Kline

**Holy Communion**  
World Communion Sunday

**Oct 4, 2020**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**at Salem**



## Worship Services are being recorded

A DVD is 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** — Lay readers are still participating in the service by providing the opening prayer, leading the Lord's Prayer, and reading the scripture. Now, with 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.

## 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](http://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.

## It's Your Day!

### October Anniversaries

- 6 - Brett & Kendra Haupt
- 9 - Josh & Trista Wright
- 9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
- 14 - George & Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 20 - Meredith & Janice Harshman

### October Birthdays

- 1 - Mary Brown
- 3 - Henry Wright
- 4 - Charlie Beall
- 4 - Justin Fogle
- 5 - Tim Brown
- 6 - Ron Ellis Jr.
- 9 - Brandon Ferris
- 13 - George Hawkins
- 17 - Jamie Lafferty
- 18 - Adam Robinson
- 18 - Tyler Ferris
- 20 - Dennis Draper
- 25 - Laura Snyder
- 26 - Bailey Blickenstaff
- 29 - Riley Mellott
- 31 - Jason Buhrman



## What Did You Gain?

Once a man was asked, "What did you gain by regularly praying to God?"

The man replied, "Nothing . . . but let me tell you what I lost: anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and fear of death."

Sometimes the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing, which is ultimately a gain.

*Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman*



## Message from the Pastor and Worship in October

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

**F**all is a beautiful season. Cooler temperatures. Clearer air. The variety of color with the changing of the leaves. Huge harvest moons. Fall causes us to remember and appreciate how creation is alive and how God is alive and ruling over all that exists.

What a year it's been and what challenges we're experiencing: COVID, job loss, a reckoning with racism, the need to care for God's good earth, fractured politically, the debate over human sexuality in our denomination likely to be acted upon next year at this time, and more.

A lot of challenges! But in the midst of them, God is still ruling over all, faithfully bringing, once again, the autumn season which cools things down and clears the air.

By turning to God and his truth, by cooling down our emotions and clearing our minds, with his guidance and faithful help, we'll get through this time as we have such times in the past; we'll become better people, and we'll move God's kingdom forward.

This month at worship, we're going to focus on living lives that are pleasing to God. I hope you'll join us for worship. We need each other at a time such as this. God Bless. —*Pastor Bob*

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### October 4 World Communion Sunday "Be Pleasing to God" Psalm 19

Psalm 19:14 – "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer."

If we could commit as a nation to "be pleasing to God" in our thoughts, words, and actions, how different things would be. These four simple words, spoken by

## Focus on God

David, capture what he was aspiring to be — a person who acted in a way that was pleasing to God.

As we know, David didn't always get it right. There were times when he sinned greatly. We'll fail also from time to time. But striving to please Him, to please God, we'll become the people he created us to be and we'll come to know the peace and joy God offers.

### October 11 "Keep Your Focus on God" Philippians 4:1-9

Philippians 4:8 - "Focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, all that is worthy of praise."

Last week, we asked ourselves the question, "Is my life pleasing to God?"

This week, the apostle Paul provides us with a list of words that can help us measure our lives against the standard, "be pleasing to God."

For every thought we have, word we say, and action we take, we can ask ourselves, "Is it true, holy, just, pure, lovely, and worthy of praise?"

In our busy lives, as the pull of worldly things is strong and constant, this simple list can help us keep our eyes focused on God who created the world and all that is in it, and who desires for us a better way.

### October 18 Laity Sunday "You Are Loved and Chosen" 1 Thessalonians 1-10

1 Thessalonians 1:4 – "Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you."

These words were written to encourage the Christian community living in a region called Thessalonica. They were good and helpful words then and they remain good encouragement for us now.

We are loved by God. Sinners that we are, we don't deserve God's love and we can't earn it. It's simply God's grace, his love freely given to us, acting in our lives for our good, no matter what we do.

And we are chosen by God. God turns to us and says, "I want you!" In God's eyes we are worthy, gifted, and precious. God should know — he created us! For us to know that we are loved and chosen, to say it to ourselves each morning before we start the day — the words "loved and chosen" — keeps us secure and allows us to live boldly.

### October 25 Reformation Sunday "Love the Lord" Matthew 22: 34-46

Matthew 22:17 – "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind."

We've been talking a lot this month about living a life pleasing to God. It's important! But sometimes, faced with all the choices we might make, it can get confusing.

We get tempted, all the time, to give in or give up. God knew it would be like this for us. So he gave us a simple, straightforward commandment to strive to live by. That commandment is "Love the Lord your God."

Last week, we looked at the way God loves us unconditionally and how God has chosen us to be his people.

What's our response? Honoring and respecting God, thankful for his love, isn't there a desire we're born with to love God back?

The desire might be overshadowed from time to time, or buried under layers of pain caused by life's circumstances, but isn't it there in us, that desire to love God? Maybe life's goal is, more and more, to allow our desire to become reality — to love God with our whole being.



**INSPIRATIONAL**  
*Reading*

**What Autumn Shares**

*By Garnett Ann Schultz*

We are sure that none compares  
To the wonders Autumn shares,  
Colors bright of every hue  
Nestled 'neath a sky of blue,  
Golden moments — clouds of white,  
Autumn smiles in sweet delight.



Summer bids a fond farewell,  
Captured in September's spell.  
Harvest trees are bending low  
Just before the cold and snow,  
Solemn woods with leaves piled deep,  
Mother Nature rests in sleep.

Summer birds have flown away,  
Waiting for a springtime day.  
Melancholy time of year,  
Winter lingers very near.  
We bid farewell to Summer's cares  
And thrill to joys the Autumn shares.

**What is a Blessing?**

*By James J. Metcalfe*

What is a blessing in this life?  
It is a kindly nod,  
The sunshine of a special smile  
Bestowed on us by God.  
As blessing is the timely hand  
That stays calamity,  
Or keeps us calm and sensible  
When there is tragedy.  
It is each rung we reach upon  
Our ladder to success,  
And everything along our way  
That brings us happiness.  
A blessing is our loving spouse,  
The baby in our arms,  
And life itself upon this earth  
With all its dreams and charms.  
Each blessing means so very much  
We should take time to say,  
A prayer of gratitude to God  
For helping us each day.



As long as we have memories, yesterday remains.  
As long as we have hope, tomorrow waits.  
As long as we have love, today is beautiful.  
As long as we have God,  
anything and everything is possible.



**RECIPE**



**Pumpkin Spice Cupcakes**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 cups sugar                   | 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon |
| 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin         | 1 teaspoon baking soda      |
| 4 large eggs, room temperature | 1/2 teaspoon salt           |
| 1 cup canola oil               | 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  |
| 2 cups all-purpose flour       | 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder      | 1 cup raisins               |

**CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:**

- |                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1/3 cup butter, softened     | 2 cups confectioners' sugar      |
| 3 oz. cream cheese, softened | 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla extract   |                                  |

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat the sugar, pumpkin, eggs and oil until well blended. In another bowl, whisk next 7 ingredients; gradually beat into pumpkin mixture. Stir in the raisins.
2. Fill each of 24 paper-lined muffin cups with 1/4 cup plus 1 teaspoon batter. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 28-32 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.
3. For frosting, beat the butter and cream cheese until smooth. Beat in vanilla extract. Gradually add confectioners' sugar. Frost cupcakes; sprinkle with walnuts. Refrigerate. Makes 2 dozen.

*Selected from "Taste of Home - Thanksgiving Cookbook" 2020 edition*



**It's a Girl!**

**Emersyn Rayne Carter**

Congratulations to Corey & Colleen Carter, Martinsburg, WV, on the birth of their second child, second daughter, **Emersyn Rayne**, on September 9, 2020.

Emersyn weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Proud big sister is Ella Grace, and maternal grandparents are Pastor Bob and Donna Snyder.

**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

**Be a little more grateful,** a little more thankful, and a little more inclined to remember how many problems are resolved because of God, and our prayers. The spirit is not blocked by a virus or by national boundaries or by medical forecasts. There are gifts from heaven that are not limited by trouble in the land or illness in the air. We are in very sure and loving hands.

*Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman*

Photo by Baltimore-Washington Conference photographer



On September 12, 2020, the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church held a Service of Ordination and Commissioning on the front lawn of the Conference Mission Center in Fulton, Maryland.

## News from the 236th session of Annual Conference

September 12, 2020 —

**In** a session that was hailed as historic, more than 1,330 clergy and lay people participated in the 236th session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, representing 619 churches.

This year's annual conference was held online to ensure social distancing and well-being during this season of the coronavirus pandemic. Pastor Bob and Dennis Leatherman represented Salem.

The one-day session, with Bishop LaTrelle Easterling presiding, contained three major items of business: Budget, Church Closures, and Ordination of Pastoral Candidates.

### COVID-19 Impact on Budgets

Finance and stewardship leaders on the Conference Council of Finance and Administration (CFA) went back to the drawing board several times in preparing the 2021 budget. This was due to the financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic on local churches, seen acutely in March, April, and May of this year.

CFA also authorized several adjustments to the 2020 spending plan to help local churches make it through these unprecedented times.

Some churches received a 3-month waiver of benefit payments and others received small church grants. Money was also set aside for any church that found themselves unable to pay a pastor's salary during the crisis.

Several resources were also made available to assist local churches with setting up on-line giving, and also help to stream online worship services.

Salem applied and received a \$1,000

technology micro grant from the Conference to purchase video and computer equipment which now enables Salem to broadcast live services online.

Many churches also benefited from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) offered by the Federal Small Business Administration.

For many churches, the 2.5 months of payroll support became an important funding stream as they faced the uncertainty of no longer worshiping in-person and closing their buildings to pre-schools and other tenants.

The Conference Trustees also offered 3-month deferrals for the churches that had Conference loans.

In addition, health insurance premiums for pastors in the HealthFlex program were expected to go up in 2021.

However, the board rescinded the proposed rate increase. Thus, local churches will continue to pay the same rate for the pastor's health insurance for the fourth straight year.

### Church Closures

Conference members affirmed the closure of the following seven churches:

1. Bells Chapel UMC in Dickerson, (Frederick District)
2. Boring UMC in Upperco, (Baltimore Suburban District)
3. Deer Park UMC in Reisterstown, (Baltimore Suburban District)
4. Forest Memorial UMC in Forestville, (Greater Washington District)
5. Mount Carmel UMC in Brookeville, (Central Maryland District)
6. Saint James UMC in Westminster, (Frederick District)

7. Saint Luke UMC, in Monkton, (Baltimore Suburban District)

Whenever a church is closed and then sold, any proceeds from the sale go to the Baltimore-Washington Conference who uses the funds to foster new mission and ministry.

### Ordination Service

The Service of Ordination and Commissioning was held on the front lawn of the Conference Mission Center in Fulton, Maryland, and live streamed on the internet.

Three men and five women were ordained as Elders in The United Methodist Church. They are Daniel Breidenbaugh, Lorraine Brown (Cross), Alison Thomas DeLeo, Katie O'Hern Hamilton, Walter Daniel Jackson, III, Dana M. Jones, Irance Reddix McCray, and Monica Raines

Two people were commissioned as provisional Deacons, and six people were commissioned as provisional Elders.

In her remarks to the new pastors, Bishop Easterling said, "These are unprecedented, and often difficult times we are living in.

"The storms will come. Stay anchored. Stay anchored in the solid rock! His name is Jesus. ... My soul is anchored in the Lord; I pray yours is, too."

*Excerpts taken from articles by Melissa Lauber and Erik Alsgaard, staff writers for the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.*

## Frederick residents hold “rally” for Salem’s Food Pantry

Photo by Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer



Collection of food at the home of Nancy and Greg Trout for Salem’s Food Pantry.

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

**On** Sunday evening, September 13, 2020, friends Nancy and Greg Trout hosted a “rally” at their home in Frederick to benefit Salem’s food pantry.

Hearing about Salem’s food pantry years ago, Nancy reached out to me, presenting their desire to help support the food pantry. Nancy felt there was probably a greater need, especially now with COVID-19.

I agreed it was a wonderful idea and Salem could certainly use the funds and

goods to help support those who are less fortunate.

The evening of the rally was a beautiful late summer evening, very pleasant, enjoying good friends, good food and good music as we gathered around the Trout’s backyard.

What was even more awesome were the three tables full of food and paper products that were already there when we arrived; two carloads to be exact.

There was also a copper pot filled with monetary donations, of which

Nancy and Greg have graciously said they are going to match.

The following Monday, Nancy and I delivered the two carloads of items to the church. The following Friday, Nancy delivered another carload of items to the church, along with additional monetary donations.

To date, \$2,495 has been donated to the food pantry from this rally.

Salem thanks the Trout’s again for thinking about those who are in need and supporting Salem’s Food Pantry.

## News & Notes

### Volunteer Needed

We are searching for a volunteer who would be willing to copy DVDs of the Sunday worship services.

So far, five people have requested to receive DVDs and the number may grow. Training will be provided.

Contact: Robin Haupt, 301-293-2201.

### Youth Group Meeting

The Faith Builders Youth Group (Middle & Senior High students) resumed their meetings on Sunday,

September 27, 5-6:30 p.m.

Contact: Wanda Barkdoll, 301-416-0882

### CROP Donations

Donations are due by Oct 19 for the Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk. Due to COVID-19, there was no physical walk this year. However, sponsors are still encouraged to contribute directly to efforts addressing hunger, locally and worldwide:

1. CWS/CROP
2. Religious Coalition for Emergency

Human Needs

3. Middletown Food Bank
4. Salem Food Pantry

Payment options are listed in the September edition of *The Mountain Shepherd* newsletter, front page article.

Contact: Fonda Gormer, 301-293-2436.

### Church (Charge) Conference

This year’s annual Church Conference will be held Sunday, November 8, at 3 p.m. via Zoom.

Contact: Pastor Bob, 240-385-6833.





### One Talent

I have no voice for singing; I cannot make a speech;  
I have no gift for music; I know I cannot teach;  
I am no good at leading; I cannot organize;  
And anything I write would never win a prize.

But at roll call in the meetings,  
I always answer, "Here."  
When others are ministering,  
I lend a listening ear.

After the program is over, I praise its every part.  
My words are not to flatter; I mean them from the heart.

It seems my only talent is neither big nor rare;  
Just to listen and encourage and to fill a vacant chair.  
But all the gifted people could not so brightly shine,  
Were it not for those who use a talent such as mine.



Selected from "The Fishwrapper" South Lancaster Edition

### A Bear

A child came home from Sunday School and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly.

It took his mother a while before she realized that the hymn was really "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear."

### Shouting Prayers

Two young boys were staying the night at their grandparents' house. At bedtime they knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger brother said in a really loud voice: "I pray for a new bike, a portable TV and a Nintendo!"

The other brother said: "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf.

"No, but grandma is!"

### Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us.

Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned.

—Peter Marshall

Talent is God-given. Be humble.  
Fame is man-given. Be grateful.  
Conceit is self-given. Be careful.

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