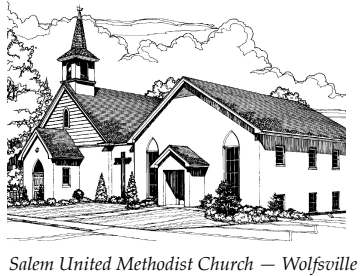


The  Newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

Mountain Shepherd

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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 NOV 1 - 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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Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Salem Mission Project No. 2

Turning "shoe boxes" into Christmas gifts for children

Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.

We will once again be participating in OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, in which we fill shoe boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

Boxes are due by Sunday, November 15, 2020

where they will then be sent to another distribution center in North Carolina, and then will be sent out to the children.

HOW TO PACK YOUR BOX

We are asking anyone wishing to participate in this program to fill their shoe boxes at home and bring them to the church on or before **Sunday, November 15th**.

Your shoe boxes should be packed for children ranging in ages from 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, or 10-14 years old.

Shoe boxes are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary, or you can wrap your own shoe box. Labels are available at church to place in the box, identifying if the items inside are for a boy or girl, and the appropriate age group.

Once we have filled our boxes, we will take them to a local distribution center

POSTAGE is \$9.00

There is a \$9.00 postage charge for each box. Place the postage amount in the donation envelope and place the envelope on top of the gift items inside the box so it is clearly visible.

Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child. If you are unable to pay the postage, Salem will pick up this cost from our Mission Project No. 2.

Salem Contact: Barbie Stottlemeyer 301-293-2372

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Filled Stockings are due by Sunday, November 15, 2020

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings are available at church again this year. The stockings are marked for boys or girls with ages printed in blue and pink. Beside the stockings are information sheets with suggested ideas for each age group..

The stockings will be taken to the Salvation Army in Frederick for distribution to less fortunate children within Frederick County.

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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 243
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. 8

Society of St. Andrew (Potato Project)



One major area of food waste in America is in farmers' fields, where crops that don't meet top-grade quality are left to rot, or be plowed under. Gleaning is the traditional biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields.

The Gleaning Network coordinates volunteers, growers, and distribution agencies to salvage this food for the needy. [Salem provides \$25 monthly to this project.]

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

Sunday	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
7am - 1 pm	6-7 am Devotions (at home)
	9 am - Noon Parsonage Office
	Noon - 1 pm Lunch
6 - 7 pm	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?

November 2020

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

Lay Reader

- 1 - Marlene Young
- 8 - Dennis Draper
- 15 - Bobby Fogle
- 22 - Gary Barkdoll
- 29 - Lavena Jenkins

Acolyte

- 1 - Loralli Snyder
- 8 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 15 - Loralli Snyder
- 22 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 29 - Loralli Snyder

Organist

- 1 - Sara Weitzel
- 8 - Sara Weitzel
- 15 - Sara Weitzel
- 22 - Sara Weitzel
- 29 - Sara Weitzel

Computer

- 1 - Michele Kline
- 8 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 15 - Lori Williamson
- 22 - Robin Haupt
- 29 - Michele Kline

Camera

- 1 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 8 - Michele Kline
- 15 - Robin Haupt
- 22 - Lori Williamson
- 29 - Bill Burrier

Holy Communion

Nov 1, 2020
9:30 a.m.
at Salem



News & Notes

Our thanks to Cathie Elsbach who volunteered to copy DVDs of the Sunday worship services. So far, five people have requested to receive DVDs. If you would like a DVD of the service, contact Pastor Bob, 240-385-6833.

Virtual Church Conference set for November 8

Rev. John Wunderlich, District Superintendent, Cumberland-Hagerstown District of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, will conduct this year's Church Conference (formerly known as Charge Conference) virtually using the Zoom application.

The 84 churches in the Cumberland-Hagerstown District will meet in small groups.

Salem's group will meet on Sunday, November 8, at 1 p.m. and will also include Mount Nebo in Boonsboro, Bethel in Rohrsersville, and Mt. Zion in Myersville.

Once each year, all churches meet with the District Superintendent who will begin the meeting with a brief devotional moment and then conduct certain business regarding actions to be performed next year 2021.

Prior to the meeting, churches are asked to approve all actions, such as clergy compensation, finance report, membership report, church leaders, congregational profile, pastor's report, ministry report, parsonage report, trustees report, etc.



Rev. John Wunderlich
District Superintendent
Cumberland-
Hagerstown District
Baltimore-Washington
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Church



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.

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!

November Anniversaries

- 10 - Harry & Karen DeLauter
- 24 - Ronnie & Sue Kinna

November Birthdays

- 3 - Caroline Buhman
- 4 - Darcy Gormer
- 9 - Bill Shankle
- 13 - Leah Tolland
- 13 - Fonda Gormer
- 13 - Betty Brandenburg
- 14 - Karen Sowers
- 16 - Polly Doyle
- 17 - Christopher Haupt
- 17 - Beth Snead
- 17 - Darlene Burrier
- 18 - Ben Swope
- 25 - Jadie Buhman
- 26 - Mary Fogle
- 28 - Susie Stottlemeyer



November comes and November goes,

with the last red cherries and the first white snows.

With night coming early, and dawn coming late, and ice in the bucket and frost by the gate.

The fires burn and the kettle sings, and earth sinks to rest until next spring.

—Clyde Watson

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Message from the Pastor and Worship in November

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

During November, we begin to lean into the upcoming Season of Advent. We start the month with “All Saints Sunday,” remembering our loved ones who have gone on to glory.

Three weeks later, we celebrate “Christ the King” and “Thanksgiving Sunday,” expressing our thanks for all that God has done for us over the year. It is a time of looking back, taking moments to reflect, giving thanks, and refreshing ourselves for the start of a new year in the life of our beloved church.

We begin the church year on Sunday, November 29th, with the First Sunday of the Advent Season.

Between now and then, as leaves turn beautiful yellow, orange, and red, and eventually fall from the trees in the cooler, clearer, sunbathed days of autumn, we are reminded daily of God’s presence and faithfulness.

God Bless, —*Pastor Bob*

November 1 **All Saints Sunday** **Holy Communion** **“Thank you”** **Revelation 7:9-17**

Revelation 7:17 – “God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

On this Sunday each year, we set aside time to remember and give thanks for our saints that have gone on to glory.

We thank them for their love, care and sacrifice.

We thank them for their example and what they taught us.

We also thank God for giving us our loved ones, the special time we had, and the wonderful memories.

Dealing with COVID-19 this year has caused us to reflect even more on how precious life is and how much our loved ones mean to us.



November 8 **“Staying Connected”** **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Joshua 24:23 – “‘Now then,’ said Joshua, ‘throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.’”

We might ask, “How does this apply to me? I don’t worship gods other than the one true God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

But, in reality, anything we may put ahead of God – wealth, possessions, power, and more – these may become the gods we worship.

God desires that we put no other Gods before him. Being deliberate about staying connected to God as the source of our wisdom and strength helps us keep God first.

November 15 **“Builders”** **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

1 Thessalonians 5:5 – “You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.”

Just before this verse, the Apostle Paul reminded the church that the timing of Jesus’ final return would come at an unexpected time.

Paul told them to not fear the timing of their Savior’s return because they were people of faith. He encouraged them to

build each other up in faith.

Like the church in Thessalonica, while we await the day of Christ’s return, we want it to be said of us that we are builders of one another’s faith.

November 22 **Christ the King Sunday** **Thanksgiving Sunday** **“Thank you again”** **Psalm 100**

Psalm 100:5 – “For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

This is the final Sunday of the current church year, and also Thanksgiving Sunday.

On this Sunday we have so much for which to be thankful — above all else, Christ our King!

When we express our gratitude to God, a few things happen. We recall how wonderful life is and all that God provides for us. We put things in perspective; our struggles lose some power and we gain more wisdom and strength to deal with them. We feel renewed and happier.

Take a day, any day, to notice everything that comes from God and then thank and praise him for it. Don’t you feel better?

November 29 **First Sunday in Advent** **“All Are in Need of Salvation”** **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

Psalm 80:3 – “Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us that we may be saved.”

This is the first Sunday of a new year in the life of the global church. Happy Birthday church!

This is also the first Sunday of the first season of the year, the Season of Advent.

A lot of “firsts!” Let’s add yet another one. A good first thing to think about during Advent is the world’s need for salvation. You might say, “But I’m already saved!”

As one who believes in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, it’s true, you are saved. But as long as there is brokenness and injustice in the world, salvation for the world is incomplete.

God desires the world and all in it to be saved. This year let’s continue to say “send me Lord. I want to help.”



Thanksgiving
By Cathy Beasley



The forest is losing its yellow and red.
The corn, in rows in the field, is dead.
Its dry stalks rustle when touched by the breeze;
And the trees are slowly losing their leaves.

The air feels of winter's coming chill;
The grass is brown on meadow and hill;
Trees hang with fruit as red as wine,
And bright color shows through the pumpkin vine.

It's the time of year when our voices we raise
And give our Creator thanksgiving and praise
For all the blessings He's sent our way
All through the year since last Thanksgiving Day.

The harvest is in and the summer's work done.
God's been so good that our cups overrun.
He's given us friends and loved ones galore,
Provided food and shelter and much, much more.

Now as we celebrate this Thanksgiving Day,
We fall on our knees and from our hearts say,
"Thank You, dear Father, in heaven above,
For all of Your blessings, especially Your love."

Thanksgiving Grace

This is the day for thanks,
A day in which we see or hear
or feel the wonders of
the other moments of the year.



This is a day for time,
a day in which we think of pasts
that make our present rich
and future bountiful.

This is a day for joy,
a day in which we share a gift
of laughter, warm and gentle as a smile.
Above all, this is a day for peace.

So, let us touch each other
and know that we are one.
For these and other blessings,
we give thanks. Amen.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Honor to the soldiers and sailors everywhere,
who bravely bear their country's cause. Honor, also,
to the citizens who care for their brothers in the field
and serve, as they best can, the same cause.
— Abraham Lincoln



RECIPE



Pumpkin Pie Squares

CRUST:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup oatmeal
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter

FILLING:

- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 2 cups canned pumpkin
- 13 1/2 oz. can evaporated milk
- 2 eggs

TOPPING:

- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine all crust ingredients and mix until crumbly. Press into ungreased 9" x 13" baking pan.
2. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes
3. Combine all filling ingredients and mix well. Pour over crust.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until almost set. Remove from oven.
5. Combine all topping ingredients and sprinkle over filling. Return to oven for several minutes.
6. Cool and cut into squares. If desired, serve with whipped topping.

Selected from "The Best of Mennonite Fellowship Meals"



Take A Moment To Thank A Veteran

By Joanna Fuchs

When you see someone
in a uniform,
Someone who serves us all,
Doing military duty,
Answering their country's call,

Take a moment to thank them
For protecting what
you hold dear;
Tell them you are proud of them;
Make it very clear.

Just tap them on the shoulder,
Give a smile, and say,
"Thanks for what you're doing
To keep us safe in the USA!"

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

Boyd Eugene Frushour

Sept 25, 1933 - Oct 16, 2020

The Salem congregation expresses sincere sympathy to the family of Boyd E. Frushour, 87, who passed away on October 16, 2020, at his home in Wolfsville.

*Scenes from***“Music in the Meadow” COVID-Style**

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



September 26, 2020 — Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Salem’s praise band, “Works in Progress” has been unable to perform. The church was closed from March 15th through June 21st; and even when the church re-opened on June 28th, the praise band could not provide music in the sanctuary due to CDC guidelines on social distancing.

So, after being idle for 5 months, and the congregation expressing a desire to hear their music again, the band decided to hold an outdoor event on Saturday, September 26, 2020. To assure proper distancing, the band performed in Salem’s pavilion at the rear of the church, while members of the congregation sat on the lawn in family groups, distancing themselves from others not in their household and wearing masks except when eating. The church provided individually wrapped ice cream, bottled water, and sodas, while some families brought their own food to enjoy, picnic style.

In the above photo, band members left to right are Josh Koons (guitar & keyboard), Lori Williamson (lead vocals), Susie Stottlemyer (keyboard & vocals), Michael Burrier (percussion & vocals), and Donna Snyder (guitar & vocals). [Jim Laky (keyboard & vocals) was out-of-town and unable to attend.]



Scenes from

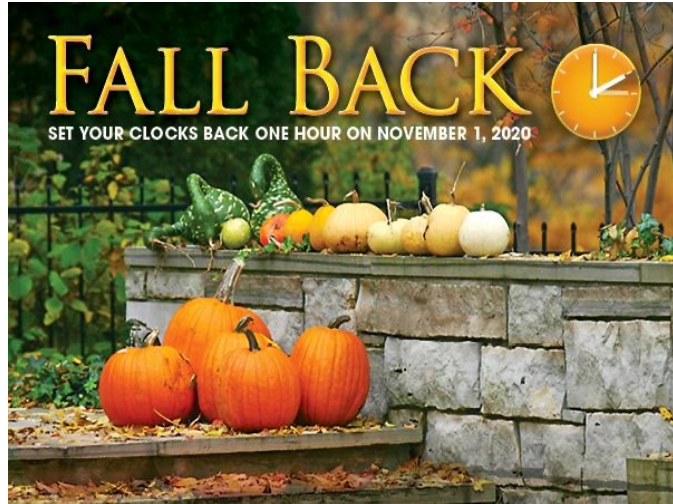
"Music in the Meadow" COVID-Style



Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



Daylight Saving Time ends Nov 1 - 2 a.m.




Heavenly Humor

Where's the Post Office?

"A new minister moves into town. He's walking down the street, sees a young boy, and asks him "where's the post office?"

The boy replies, "It's right down the street. Just keep going and you'll see it."

The preacher thanks him then adds, "I'm the new minister in town. Tell your family to come to church and I'll help you find your way into heaven."

To which the boy responds, "Sir, you can't even find the post office. How are you going to help me find my way to heaven?"

*Bob Stup heard Joel Osteen tell this story.
Submitted by Pastor Bob*

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you", that would suffice.

The world is changed by your example, not your opinion.

Life is a stitching together of days. We encounter life - and we encounter God - one day at a time.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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