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Salem Mission Projects No. 2 & 3



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 DEC 6 - 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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Photo by Bill Burrier

November 15, 2020

Salem members and friends filled **50 shoe boxes** for Operation Christmas Child and **22 stockings** for the Salvation Army.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

Barbie, George, and Matt Stottlemeyer delivered the 50 boxes to the Trinity United Methodist Church in Frederick, one of many local collection locations. The boxes are then sent to a distribution center in North Carolina and then to needy children around the world.

The postage of \$9.00 per box was mostly paid by the Salem folks who filled the boxes. In addition, Salem provided a contribution of \$55.00 to help cover any additional shipping expenses.

The Salvation Army Christmas Stockings will be distributed by the Salvation Army to less fortunate children within Frederick County.

Salem folks filled the stockings which were designated for either a boy or girl, and also for various age levels, so the contents would appeal to the age level designated.

Theresa and Robin Haupt recently delivered the 22 stockings to the Salvation Army in Frederick and they are very appreciative of Salem's generosity and thoughtfulness.



Operation Christmas Child
A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE



CHRISTMAS EVE @ 7 P.M. • LIVE BROADCAST FROM THE SALEM SANCTUARY



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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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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. 7
United Methodist Board of Child Care

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Board of Child Care is an agency within the United Methodist Church that is dedicated to ministering to the needs of troubled children and their families. They take care of children by providing long term places to stay and schools they can attend while there, as well as sponsoring children for adoption and day care. Campuses are located near Baltimore and in Martinsburg, West Virginia.



How to Give

In previous years, the entire offering received at Salem's Christmas Eve program was given to the Board of Child Care. This year, under different circumstances, we encourage your offering again for this project. Like your regular church offering, you may give in three ways: (1) electronic, (2) mail a check to Salem's Treasurer, or (3) the offering plate in the sanctuary. Mark your offering for the Board of Child Care.

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?

December 2020

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

Lay Reader

- 6 - Patrick Boyton
- 13 - Lora McGraw
- 20 - Dennis Leatherman
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 27 - Worship at Home

Acolyte

- 6 - Loralli Snyder
- 13 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 20 - Loralli Snyder
- 24 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 27 - Worship at Home

Organist

- 6 - Sara Weitzel
- 13 - Sara Weitzel
- 20 - Sara Weitzel
- 24 - Sara Weitzel
- 27 - Worship at Home

Computer

- 6 - Michele Kline
- 13 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 20 - Lori Williamson
- 24 - Michele Kline
- 27 - Worship at Home

Camera

- 6 - Lori Williamson
- 13 - Dennis Draper
- 20 - Patrick Boyton
- 24 - Robin Haupt
- 27 - Worship at Home

Holy Communion

Dec 6, 2020
9:30 a.m.



TAKE NOTE

Dec 24 - Salem's Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 p.m. with a limited number in the sanctuary and others online using the Zoom application.

Dec 27 - Worship at Home will be on December 27th, the Sunday after Christmas. There will be no service in the sanctuary. Instead, everyone at home is invited to view a special worship service at 10 a.m. on YouTube. This service has been produced by the Bishop and Cabinet of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Pastor Bob will send a link.

News & Notes

Our thanks to Patrick Boyton and Dennis Draper who recently volunteered to help with the live broadcasts of our Sunday worship services. Patrick will join five others who operate the camera or the Zoom application on computer— Michele Kline, Lori Williamson, Wanda Barkdoll, Robin Haupt, and Bill Burrier. More volunteers are being sought, so if you would like to help, contact Pastor Bob at 240-385-6833.

Holiday wishes from the Salem Iron Men

The Salem Iron Men wish to extend our prayer that we each experience the love and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, and into the coming new year.

The Salem Iron Men are taking a break for the holiday season and will be reconvening on Sunday evening, January 10th at 7 p.m.

—Bill Weaver, Leader, Salem Iron Men



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!

December Anniversaries

- 3 - Ron & Amy Ellis
- 12 - Bob & Petie Stup
- 23 - Jon & Fonda Gormer
- 24 - Dennis & Ruth Draper



December Birthdays

- 3 - Joe Hawkins
- 4 - Judith Harne
- 4 - Dottie Hager
- 6 - Cody Blickenstaff
- 8 - Sara Weitzel
- 9 - Theresa Haupt
- 9 - Mark Koons
- 11 - Amber Breneman
- 12 - Laura Colbert
- 17 - Holly Rippeon
- 18 - Holly Brashears
- 23 - Bill Burrier
- 25 - Stuart Tolland
- 28 - Lavena Jenkins
- 29 - Jackson Haddock
- 30 - Keagan Mellott

COVID-19 Task Force advice to congregations

The leadership of the COVID-19 Task Force of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church continues to strongly advise congregations to gather in numbers not greater than 25, which is the Maryland Department of Health's advisory from Nov. 10 for public and private indoor gatherings.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in December

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

During December, we continue the Advent Season and celebrate the Birth of our Savior on Christmas and during the twelve-day Christmas Season.

We deeply yearn for Christmas this year because we deeply yearn for Christ.

We're suffering; personal crises, COVID-19, divided in our view of the world and how we should proceed, and more. What should we do?

Deep within our soul we know the answer to that question. The voice in us is saying, "Turn to God who created me, saved me, and is here to sustain me every day."

God shows us the truth and provides the answers to our questions.

At our core, we know that to be true, and that's why we yearn for Christmas so much this year.

We wouldn't be faulted for saying, "I'd just as soon forget 2020."

Then again, at some future time we might look back and acknowledge, that 2020, as tough as it was, came to be the year when we turned to God and finally said, "I'm yours."

May our lives express in each remaining day of Advent and Christmas this year, "I'm yours."

I pray that you and your family will have a blessed Advent and Christmas. God Bless. —*Pastor Bob*

December 6
Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion
Why Did God Come? Sermon Series
"To Reveal Who God Is"
John 1:1-18

John 1:18 – "No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known."

We aren't left in life guessing who



God is and how God acts. Jesus reveals who and how God is.

Jesus is the perfect image of God. Jesus is God. Jesus reveals God's love, power, wisdom, compassion, and more.

We aren't left trying to make our way through life like one stumbling through a forest in the dark of night.

Jesus has made God known to us so that we can confidently approach God, build a relationship with God, and be his people.

God came to save us and to reveal who he is.

December 13
Why Did God Come? Sermon Series
"To Show Us How to Live"
John 13:12-17

John 13:15 – "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

Just as God has revealed to us who he is, God shows us through the example of Jesus who we are to be.

Jesus models for us how to live our lives.

In every circumstance, we can turn to our Bibles, read what Jesus said or did and follow his example.

In every circumstances, asking "What would Jesus do?" remains a great help in determining what we ought to say

or do. God came to save us and to show us how to live.

December 20
Why Did God Come? Sermon Series
"To Be Our Guide through Life"
Psalm 54:1-7

Psalm 54:4 – "Surely, God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me."

God not only shows us how to live through the example of Jesus but also remains with us through life to walk with us and be our guide through life.

The resurrected Lord's final words before ascending into heaven were the promise, "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20).

In our joys, God is with us. In our sorrows, God is with us. In the mundane times of life, God is with us pouring out his grace into us - his love acting in our lives for our good.

God came to save us and stayed to be our guide through all of life.

December 24
Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.
"The Birth of Christ"

Selected verses from the Books of Matthew, Luke, and Isaiah

Worship will start at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary and via Zoom.

If you have not been worshipping in the church building and you would like to be in the building on Christmas Eve, please let Pastor Bob know so seating can be reserved for you.

Worship will include:

- "Children's Recitations" performed from the sanctuary and via Zoom,
- "Lessons & Carols" telling the story of the birth of Jesus,
- "Special Music" pre-recorded by the Works in Progress praise band,
- "Special Christmas Offering" for the Board of Child Care, and
- ending with "Silent Night" played by candle light.

December 27
Worship at Home Sunday

The Salem church building will be closed on this day.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference District Superintendents have developed a worship service for this Sunday.

We will participate in worship on our own from our homes.

A link to the pre-recorded service will be sent out prior to worship.

Celebrating Jesus' Birth

Christmas *at* Salem



Celebrate the Christmas Season with us . . .

* **Sunday Worship Themes** — 9:30 a.m.

Advent Sermon Series: "Why Did God Come?"
 Sun Nov 29 "All are in Need of Salvation"
 Sun Dec 6 "To Reveal Who God Is"
 Sun Dec 13 "To Show Us How To Live"
 Sun Dec 20 "To Be Our Guide Through Life"



* **Christmas Eve Program** — 7:00 p.m.

Thu Dec 24 Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

Christmas in the midst of a pandemic

■ By Bill Burrier

As churches work hard to follow the COVID-19 directives from state and local officials, worship continues at Salem, following the directives to help keep everyone safe.

Church leaders at Salem have met the challenge and created a worship experience that works.

An average of 20 are worshipping in the sanctuary and as many as 70+ are at home participating via the Zoom application.

The service is broadcast live. Those connected online can be seen and heard in the sanctuary and vice versa.

The service is also recorded and posted on Salem's website for those who miss a Sunday.

Decorating for Advent

The season of Advent is upon us. In the past, one evening was set aside to decorate the sanctuary.

It was a flurry of activity— groups of folks working together to erect the 6-foot tree and trim it with Chrismons and ornaments; set up the advent candles, manger scenes, and decorate the altar area with garland and small twinkling lights.

This year, due to COVID-19, there was no evening set aside for decorating.

Instead, selected decorations were put up by individuals and small groups of one to three people throughout the week of November 23. There will be no poinsettia orders, but some poinsettias will be purchased to add to the sanctuary decorations.

Sunday Worship during Advent

During Advent, Sunday worship will proceed as normal. Pastor Bob will present a sermon series titled, "Why Did God Come?"

In the sanctuary there will be Advent candles and readings.

This year, the praise band cannot present their music in the sanctuary due to COVID-19 guidelines, but they have recorded Christmas songs to be played during worship each Sunday.

Christmas Eve — 7:00 p.m.

Yes, there will be a Christmas Eve service at Salem at 7:00 p.m.

It will work the same as a Sunday morning service— broadcast live from the sanctuary with folks at home on Zoom.

Due to the distancing guidelines, there will be reserved seating, just like a Sunday morning. There will be no adult or children's choirs, or children forming the manger scene. But, there will be scripture and music and perhaps some children's recitations.

Worship at Home — December 27

There will be no service in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 27, the Sunday after Christmas.

Everyone is invited to worship at home and view a special worship service at 10 a.m. on YouTube. (Pastor Bob will send out a link.)

This service has been produced by the Bishop and Cabinet of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Martinsburg Campus of the
United Methodist Board of Child Care

Salem Mission Project No. 7

Christmas Offering for Board of Child Care

As has been done for many years, Salem will receive a Christmas offering for the United Methodist Board of Child Care.

There will be an offering plate in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve.

Folks at home can use the electronic offering or mail a check to the church treasurer. (See page 3 for mailing address)

Checks should be made payable to Salem United Methodist Church with Board of Child Care on the memo line.

Martinsburg Residential Campus

The Board of Child Care's Martinsburg campus is located just off Exit 20 of I-81 in West Virginia.

The 50-bed residential program serves both males and females (ages 12 to 21) that need support coping with emotional and behavioral issues.

The property offers extensive recreational, vocational, and educational facilities – all tucked behind a quiet neighborhood in Berkeley County. Also on campus are an indoor gymnasium, dining hall, and chapel.

A multi-disciplinary team of professionals provides behavioral health support and treatment to the residents.

Martinsburg's staff include master's level licensed therapists, social workers, certified chemical dependency counselors, therapeutic recreational specialists, tutors, and registered nurses.



One Christmas Night So Long Ago

By Steve Gibb

No decorations that I could see
There were no presents, there was no tree
From the sky there came a gloom
One Christmas Eve long ago

No shopping malls, no flashing lights
Just one big star to fill the night
The light of love began to grow
One Christmas Eve, so long ago

That's how I feel it down in my soul
Much more than silver and more than gold
So far beyond, mere words they say
The gift of love was always on that first Christmas day

No decorations, no fancy light
He came in silence on that holy night
That's how it was, somehow I know
One Christmas eve long ago

No decorations that I could see
There were no presents, there was no tree
That's how it was, somehow I know
One Christmas Eve long ago

One Christmas Eve, so long ago
One Christmas Eve long ago

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman
Marilyn says, "My favorite....Eddy Arnold sings this."

Candles at Christmas

By Grace Bush

I would light a Christmas candle of peace
to burn within your heart,
And cheer you with its gentle glow
whenever we're apart,
That you may be given strength and calm
and courage for each new day,
A peace that the world can never give
and cannot take away.

I would light a Christmas candle of love
to burn so clear and strong,
To shine with an unflinching glow
and bring to your heart a song . . .
For the Prince of Peace came down to earth
from His radiant heaven above
On that first Christmas long ago,
to bring us His Father's love!



RECIPE



Double Cranberry Banana Bread

INGREDIENTS:

1/3 cup shortening	2 teaspoons baking powder
2/3 cup sugar	1/2 teaspoon salt
2 large eggs, room temperature	1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup mashed ripe banana	1 cup whole-berry cranberry sauce
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	3/4 cup chopped pecans, divided
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour	1/2 cup dried cranberries

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, cream shortening and sugar until light and crumbly. Beat in eggs, banana and vanilla. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda; gradually beat into the creamed mixture. Stir in cranberry sauce, 1/2 cup pecans and dried cranberries.
2. Transfer to a greased 8x4-in. loaf pan. Sprinkle with remaining pecans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 50-60 minutes. Cool in the pan 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

Selected from "Taste of Home • Fall Baking" 2020



Christmas Spirit

By Kay Hoffman

If we could keep the spirit
Of Christmas we hold dear,
We'd be a little kinder
Each day throughout the year.

We'd find the time to pause
Along our busy day
To lend a hand to someone
Struggling on life's way.

If we could keep the spirit
That prompts our Christmas
living,
We'd be tolerant with others,
A little more forgiving.

Fewer hearts would need be
broken;
More folk would wear a smile.
Not just because it's Christmas,
Each day would be worthwhile.

If we could keep the spirit
Of Christmas through the year,
We truly then would honor
The Savior we hold dear!

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

Now Christmas comes, and the season culminates in the starlit hush of Christmas Eve and the glad events of Christmas Day. Now that the flurry of shopping, gift-wrapping, the decorating is over, let us enjoy and appreciate the sights and sounds, the joy and meaning of Christmas.

Let us pause to remember that gift of love God sent to earth on that night so long ago, and to make room in our lives for Him whose birthday we now celebrate.

—Esther York Burkholder

News from



Salem Mission Projects

Salem Mission Project No. 10

The Least of These Ministries in the Dominican Republic

A year and a half ago, on March 31, 2019, the Salem congregation was introduced to Ricardo Beltre, Ministry Manager in Barahona, Dominican Republic, and Marty Hogan, Executive Director, The Least of These Ministries. These two gentlemen came to Wolfsville to share their ministry work with us.

Marty works from the organization’s headquarters in Westminster, Maryland, and Ricardo is onsite in the Dominican Republic. Ricardo, a young energetic Christian man, was recently married.

In a letter to Salem, Marty wrote “Our Ministry Manager in Barahona, Ricardo, married his fiancé, Anny, in September. I had the honor and privilege of attending the wedding. It was a beautiful day.”

Marty continues “While I was in the Dominican Republic, I accompanied our ministry team on a food distribution, and took the opportunity to talk with pastors in two of the communities served by *The Least of These Ministries*. During our conversation, the pastors shared that families who receive the food are grateful to God for how He is providing for their needs.

“Just as Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, your gifts of support to this ministry go far beyond simply providing food to these families. Men



Ricardo Beltre
Ministry Manager
Barahona, Dominican Republic

and women, young and old, single and married — people see the loving work of God and in turn, express their thanks to Him. We thank God, too, for how you make our work possible.”

2 Corinthians 9:12 (NIV) — “This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.”

[So far this year, Salem has provided \$1,880 in support of this ministry.]

Take Note

Stained Glass Window Project on Hold

Due to illness and uncertainties with the business, *Reliable Glass Company*, Cresaptown, Maryland, will not be able to do our stained glass window project. They have returned the full amount of our deposit. We are exploring other companies that might be able to do the work.

To families who have contributed to this project, Salem will hold the funds—properly earmarked for this purpose.

Contact: Gary Barkdoll, 301-416-0882

Salem Mission Project No. 11

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

Dear Salem Church Family:
November 19, 2020

We wanted to let you know how grateful we are for you and your church partnering with our ministry.

We hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving and continue to thrive in the Father’s joy and peace!

Care Net of Frederick
707 N. Market Street

[Salem provides \$50 monthly to this ministry.]

Salem Mission Project No. 14



Yurley Paola, 17
World Vision • Colombia

Several years ago, Salem’s youth group selected Yurley Paola, as a sponsored child. Her support is through World Vision.

Yurley lives in Del Sueño a la Realidad, an urban area with a mild climate, located in North Central Colombia. Homes are made with a variety of scrap materials, including brick, clay, waste materials and tin sheets. The soil is volcanic and temperatures are mild. Their typical local diet includes rice, beans and bananas.

Some communities are still recovering from a devastating earthquake. Families in these areas are struggling and rely on external assistance.

Yurley is now 17 years old. She is currently in senior high school, studying in grade 11. World Vision is constantly monitoring her well-being. She is in good health. World Vision also provides workshops for Yurley and her family on child development.

[Salem provides \$35 monthly for Yurley’s support.]

Trunk or Treat

Photo by Jim Laky



On Friday evening, Oct 23, from 6-8 p.m., at Salem's pavilion, Halloween candy and treats were handed out. Children who attended Hero's Club came between 6-7 p.m., and children whose families worship at Salem came from 7 to 8 p.m.

Salem families brought their decorated cars. Cars were parked at the candy pick up station in the parking lot so those driving through could pick up bags of candy and enjoy the decorations as they drove past. Pastor Bob, at right, talks with a Salem member in costume who is ready to greet the children.

Heavenly Humor



It had a star on top so I figured it should have a manger at the bottom.

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.

It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.

It's Christmas every time you let God love others through you . . . every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand. —*Mother Teresa*

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Mountain Shepherd

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www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

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