



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 JAN 3 - 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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Children are the "bright spots" as we celebrated Christmas in the midst of a pandemic

Photo by Holly Irons

Hero's Club After School Ministry
 Students in Frederick County Public Schools, with few exceptions, are still not in the classroom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result, Salem's Hero's Club After School Ministry is not meeting at the church. If life was normal, a group of students at Wolfsville Elementary would be attending Hero's Club at Salem on Monday afternoons.

However, Holly Irons, Salem's Hero's Club Director, and other volunteers, are staying in touch with the Hero's Club children. For those families who wish to participate, activity bags have been dropped off at their homes and are welcomed and appreciated.

At Halloween, Salem held a Trunk or Treat event, COVID-style, for the Salem and Hero's Club children.

For Christmas, Holly Irons reports, "On Tuesday, December 15th, we handed out bags to 4 of our 6 families participating in our monthly bags for Hero's Club.

"We had a special visitor, Santa, who was there to greet all of our families. Santa had a great time spreading some Christmas cheer to our Hero's Club families as well as people driving by the church."

Christmas Eve
 The service was broadcast live. Those connected online were seen and heard in the sanctuary as they viewed the live broadcast. Those who do not have internet access are provided a DVD to view the recorded service.
 Pastor Bob presented the Christmas Story from scripture (Luke, Matthew, and Isaiah) and familiar carols were sung very quietly in the sanctuary and from song sheets at home.
 Special recorded music was provided by Salem's Praise Band titled "Breath of Heaven" which included meaningful video as the song was being performed.



Hero's Club children were invited to come to Salem's manger scene in the parsonage front yard to receive Christmas gifts from Salem. To everyone's delight, Santa showed up to give the gifts to the children.

The young people are always a highlight with their Christmas recitations, organized by Caroline Buhrman, Salem's Children's Coordinator.

Thirteen children and teens presented their recitations, two in the sanctuary and eleven on line.

In the sanctuary were Loralli Snyder and Jenna McCarthy.

Online from their homes were Valentina Barkdoll, Brynleigh Irons, Cassie Webb, Nevaeh Mellott, Shelby Leatherman, Cheyenne Leatherman, Landon Lafferty, Saralynn Irons, Delilah Herrell, Will Boyton, and Ella Grace Carter. Brynleigh Irons also presented a piano solo "Jolly Old Saint Nicolas".

The service concluded with the traditional "Silent Night! Holy Night!" by candlelight. Sara Weitzel was the organist, Loralli Snyder was acolyte, Robin Haupt operated the camera and Michele Kline operated the computer application.



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 243
2021 New Members: 0

Salem Physical Facilities:
Church built 1847
Educational Building built 1967
Parsonage built 1974-75

Salem Website:
www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

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Purpose of Newsletter:
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you, our readers, to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

Salem Mission Statement:
At Salem, with God's help, we pledge to INVITE others to Christ, HELP each other grow in faith, and SERVE those in need in our congregation, the community, and the world.

Salem Vision Statement:
We will direct our efforts out into the community to serve people's needs and bring them to Christ.

Go  **2021 MISSION PROJECTS** **2021 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 2021	\$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
Sponsored Child through Compassion International

LETTER FROM BARNABA
November 23, 2020—

For three years, Salem has been sponsoring Barnaba Ezekiel Haule in Tanzania through Compassion International. Barnaba is now 7 years old. The following is an update on Barnaba and the group or project that Compassion conducts:

Barnaba is among 425 other children in a Compassion sponsored project called Free Pentecostal Church of Tanzania in the Chamwino District of the Dodoma Region.

Barnaba attends the project activities, walking to get there, where he enjoys playing with his friends and learning to play sports. He continues to do well with his family. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
[Salem sends \$38 each month to Compassion for support of Barnaba.]



OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

Sunday	7am - 1 pm Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church)	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	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)	6-7 am Devotions (at home)	Saturday	
	9-11 am Planning Time (at home)		7-9 am Final touches on Sunday's sermon (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? January 2021

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

Lay Reader

- 3 - Bill Weaver
- 10 - Mary Cline
- 17 - Melissa Thornton
- 24 - Gary Barkdoll
- 31 - Michael Burrier

Acolyte

- 3 - Loralli Snyder
- 10 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 17 - Loralli Snyder
- 24 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 31 - Valentina Barkdoll

Organist

- 3 - Sara Weitzel
- 10 - Sara Weitzel
- 17 - Sara Weitzel
- 24 - Sara Weitzel
- 31 - Sara Weitzel

Computer

- 3 - Michele Kline
- 10 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 17 - Lori Williamson
- 24 - Robin Haupt
- 31 - Michele Kline

Camera

- 3 - Lori Williamson
- 10 - Michele Kline
- 17 - Patrick Boyton
- 24 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 31 - Dennis Draper

Holy Communion

Jan 3, 2021
9:30 a.m.



News & Notes

Inclement Weather Plan

If inclement weather forces the church building to be closed for Sunday service, Pastor Bob will send out an email and voice message by 7 a.m. An abbreviated worship service will still be held at 9:30 a.m. using Zoom, with everyone worshipping at home.

Salem Iron Men

The Salem Iron Men will resume their weekly virtual gatherings on Zoom beginning Sunday, January 10th at 7 p.m. For our Winter session, we will devote the first and third Sundays of each month to a video series, and the second and fourth Sundays to Bible Study.

Men, this is a community based virtual gathering, open to all men and not exclusive to members of Salem United Methodist Church. Share the link and invite a friend to join us on Zoom to explore the riches of God's word and seek to provide encouragement to one another.

"As Iron Sharpens Iron, so one man sharpens another." — Proverbs 27:17
— Bill Weaver (wmweaver@myactv.net)



New Address for Church Treasurer

The church has set up a new post office box (PO Box 144) at the Myersville Post Office for Salem's Church Treasurer. All church utility bills and other invoices are now being mailed to Box 144. Likewise, tithes and offerings should also be mailed to PO Box 144.

Bill Burrier will continue to serve as Church Treasurer and will collect mail at PO Box 144 on a daily basis. Prior to this, mail related to church treasury was going to Bill's "personal" PO Box. At Bill's request, the new PO Box was set up to allow another church officer to have access in the event Bill should become unable to serve.

Three ways to give tithes and offerings

■ By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

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:

By Mail

You may mail your tithes and offerings to:
Church Treasurer
Salem United Methodist Church
P. O. Box 144
Myersville, MD 21773

Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church.

[Note address change from PO Box 94 to PO Box 144.] (Effective 12/17/20)

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.

MY REGULAR CHURCH OFFERING

For Church Expenses..... \$ _____

For Missions \$ _____

For Building Fund \$ _____

Name _____

Offering Envelopes for 2021

Please contact Church Financial Secretary Lora McGraw if you would like to use offering envelopes for 2021 — kre8ive4u@yahoo.com or 301-824-3322.

Lora will place your envelopes at church on the hallway shelf for pick up.

It's Your Day!

January Anniversaries

- 1 - Donald & Susan Stottlemeyer
- 2 - Kyle & Leann Crutchley
- 16 - Charles & Christi Beall
- 21 - Charles & Dawn Brown

January Birthdays

- 6 - Patty Weagley
- 7 - Dwayne Ledford
- 8 - Nora Haupt
- 19 - Bill Buhrman
- 19 - Elizabeth Beall
- 19 - Della Hager

- 20 - Bradley Flook Jr.
- 21 - Joann Leatherman
- 22 - Lora McGraw
- 27 - Carley Weagley
- 29 - Blake Wagaman
- 31 - Chase Woods

Salem's Budget for 2021

On December 17, Salem's Church Council approved the operating budget for 2021, totaling \$156,185.

This is a 1.6% increase from 2020. Thank you to the Salem Church family for faithfully meeting our budget.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in January

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

How many times have we heard it? Said it ourselves? I can't wait until 2020 is over! What a year it's been! The death of over 325,000 people, and climbing, in the United States alone.

So many businesses have failed and so many people have lost their jobs. Our health care system is stretched to the breaking point. Racism that continues to hold us back from achieving the promise of America. A "we win, you lose" approach to politics which really hampers our ability to address the problems we face.

Still, there were also very good things that happened in 2020. Vaccines were brought to market in historic time. All the ways, big and small, people helped each other. Right here, in our own church family, all the ways we came together to meet the challenges that faced us.

Best of all is that God has been with us, and all people everywhere, to help us through this year. Sometimes it takes a year like 2020 to remind us how much we need God and church, as a country and in our own individual lives.

Challenges will continue in 2021, but God will remain with us to help us. May God bless each of you as you continue to strive to be his people in this new year. Grace and peace. —*Pastor Bob*

January 3 Epiphany Sunday, Holy Communion "An Inconvenient Truth" Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew 2:3 – "When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him."

King Herod, the one who ruled over Jerusalem and the surrounding region, acted violently against anyone who threatened his rule. So heightened were his jealousy and suspicion, that he even had members of his own family killed.

Hearing of the coming of the Savior, who would rule over the people, deeply disturbed him. Today's key verse also states that all of Jerusalem was disturbed. Jesus has a way of disturbing our lives, inviting us to live better. It can be an inconvenient truth to some. But for those who respond to Jesus, lives can be transformed.

January 10 Baptism of the Lord "Going Back to the Jordan" Mark 1:4-11

Mark 1:4 – "And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." John the Baptist was preparing the people for Jesus' coming ministry. He knew from God that the first step people had to take was to want their lives to change and then to repent of their sins. Jesus continued to call people to repentance. The Gospel of Mark tells us, "After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said, 'The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!'" It's 2021, a new calendar year. Will the same sins of the past continue to hold us back? Are we ready for our lives to change?

January 17 "Tell Someone" John 1:43-51

John 1:45 – "Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found ... Jesus of Nazareth.'"

Jesus found Philip and said directly to him, "follow me." But Jesus chose to reach out to Nathanael differently. He did it through Philip. After being called by Jesus, Philip's first act was to go and find Nathanael and tell him about Jesus.

He shared with Nathanael that the Savior written about in their Holy Scripture had been found, and that he was Jesus of Nazareth. It was only after working through Philip first that Jesus approached Nathanael. Do you perceive God desiring to reach someone through you? What person is being a vessel of God's grace in your life right now?

January 24 "Don't Delay" Mark 1:14-20

Mark 1:18 – "At once they left their nets and followed him."

Jesus had said to Simon and Andrew, "come follow me," and they immediately did. Sometimes there's a part of us that believes those called to be apostles were given some sort of "on the spot" special ability by God to be able to say "yes" to Jesus and go and follow him so quickly. But if that were the case, persons would only follow in faith when propelled to do so by God. Although God can work that way, most of the time I believe he allows us to make our own choice.

Some situations might call for very careful discernment, but I believe there are other situations that just feel right and should be acted upon almost immediately, without delay. Developing a close relationship with God, including God in our decisions every day, helps us to better discern when to wait and when to move forward without delay.

January 31 "Truth That Can Unite Us" Mark 1:21-28

Mark 1:27a – "The people were all so amazed they asked each other, 'What is this? A new authority!'"

The expression "Echo Chamber" has gained a good bit of popularity in our social discourse over the last few years. Some love the term and what they feel it represents: being together with like-minded people sharing like-minded views. Others express the concern that if we all remain in our own echo chambers, how will we ever unite and grow as a people? Some fear their way of life is being taken from them. Others feel increasingly restless to be fully included.

We're divided. What can unite us? Isn't it the authority of God and the authority of God's truth? In 2021, let's reclaim our pledge, "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Serving the Lord in Wolfsville

Salem Church Leaders for 2021

Church leaders are nominated by Salem's Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, and then elected at the annual Church Conference, November 8, 2020.

Church Council:

Chair of Church Council – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader – Dennis Leatherman
 Chair of Board of Trustees – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Chair of Evangelism - Dennis Leatherman
 Chair of Finance Committee – Bill Burrier
 Chair of Nominations & Leadership Development Committee -
 Bob Snyder
 Chair of Mission and Outreach - Tom Marenic
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Robin Haupt
 Chair of Worship Committee – Pastor Bob Snyder
 Church Communications Coordinator – Bill Burrier
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Dennis Leatherman
 UMW/Bee-lievers President – Fonda Gormer
 Secretary of Church Council – Theresa Haupt
 Sunday School Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Young Adult Member - Holly Irons
 Youth Member – Noah Taveras
 Member-at-large – Amy McCormick (2021)
 Member-at-large – Dennis Draper (2022)
 Member-at-large - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (2023)

Annual Audit: Meredith Harshman

Board of Trustees:

Bill Buhrman (2021), Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (2021 Chair)
 Justinn Irons (2022), Dan Lafferty (2022), Mike Irons (2022)
 George Harne (2023), Donald Stottlemeyer (2023),
 George Stottlemeyer (2023)

Building Committee Chair - Rotating among committee members

Caregiving Team Leader - Susie Stottlemeyer

Children's Coordinator - Caroline Buhrman

Choir Director (Adult) – Sandy Lewis

Choir Director (Children) – Michele Kline

Church Organist - Sara Weitzel

Custodian - Amy McCormick

Family Ministries Leader - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Food Pantry Leader - Jennifer Gormer

Hero's Club Director - Holly Irons

Local Lay Servants:

Wanda Barkdoll, Gary Barkdoll

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee:

Pastor - Bob Snyder (Chair)
 Lay Leader – Dennis Leatherman
 Camilo Barkdoll (2021), Justinn Irons (2021), Susan Koons (2021)
 Mary Cline (2022), Donald Stottlemeyer (2022),
 Joyce Weaver (2022)
 Tom Marenic (2023), Lora McGraw (2023), Sandy Miller (2023)

Salem Iron Men Leader - Bill Weaver

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader - Dennis Leatherman
 Dennis Draper (2021), Michael Burrier (2021),
 Susie Stottlemeyer (2021)
 Caroline Buhrman (2022), Robin Haupt (Chair) (2022),
 Jennifer Gormer (2022)
 Debbie Irons (2023), Michele Kline (2023),
 Linda Marenic (2023)

Sunday School:

Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Sunday School Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Librarian – Brandon Leatherman
 Pre-K Teacher – Caroline Buhrman
 Kindergarten through Second Grade Teachers –
 Jennifer Burrier, Michael Burrier
 Third Grade through Fifth Grade Teachers – Open
 Middle and High School Teacher – Fonda Gormer
 Adult Discussion Group Teacher – Bill Burrier
 Men's Class Teachers – Bobby Fogle, George Harne,
 Meredith Harshman
 Women's Class Teachers – Mary Cline, Darlene Burrier

Women's Bible Study Leader - Debbie Irons

Worship Committee

Chairperson - Pastor Bob Snyder
 Bulletins - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Michael Burrier
 Communion Steward (Prepare) - Amy McCormick
 Communion Stewards (Serve) - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer,
 Susie Stottlemeyer
 Communion Steward Assistant (Serve) - Darlene Burrier
 Computer System Coordinator - Michael Burrier
 Computer System Operators - Bill Burrier, Michael Burrier,
 Sarah Burrier
 Contemporary Service Representative - Jim Laky
 Flower Coordinator - Barbie Stottlemeyer
 Recorded Music - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Prayer List - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Camera Operators - Wanda Barkdoll, Patrick Boyton,
 Dennis Draper, Robin Haupt, Michele Kline,
 Lori Williamson, Bill Burrier (Alternate)
 Zoom Computer Operators - Wanda Barkdoll, Robin Haupt,
 Michele Kline, Lori Williamson
 Members - Bill Burrier, Theresa Haupt, Dennis Leatherman,
 Sara Weitzel

Youth Group Leader:

Wanda Barkdoll

Serve the Lord with enthusiasm.

—Romans 12:11b



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

The New Year

The New Year lies before us, white and clean.
 So many lovely days in which to live,
 So many hours to spend like silver coins,
 So many precious moments God will give
 For us to use in service and in love,
 In friendliness and sympathy, until
 Our lives may be like fountains, lifting up
 To sparkle in the sunlight and to spill
 In radiance and beauty all about,
 That other lives may catch the gleam and shine
 Of spraying fountains, lifting with light,
 That will be your life, friend, that will be mine.
 Oh help us live so beautifully, God,
 This year of all the years, that we may be
 Like showers of blessings, falling on mankind---
 Bright fountains, lifting high and clear to thee.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Silent Days

By Garnett Ann Schultz

Winter brings the silent days
 While on the ground the white snow lays,
 All nature lends a quiet real
 In peaceful moments quite ideal,
 Asleep within the frozen ground,
 Each little bulb so safe and sound.

The silent days when home is best,
 The special time of gentle rest,
 When families gather 'round the fire
 To satisfy a heart's desire,
 'Tis then our Summer dreams come true,
 A happiness for me and you.

We marvel at the magic bliss
 We find within a snowflake's kiss,
 We meditate on seasons past,
 The lovely Fall that couldn't last,
 Our faith renewed in many ways
 As we delight to silent days.

Peace • Joy • Love
 May the season's peace wrap you in it's arms,
 May it's joy dance in your heart,
 And may its love fill your life
 Now and throughout the New Year.



RECIPE



Chai Sugar Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour | 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom |
| 1/2 teaspoon baking powder | 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper |
| 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt | 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature |
| 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger | 3/4 cup sugar |
| 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon | 1 large egg |
| 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves | 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract |
| 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg | |

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together flour and remaining dry ingredients. In another large bowl, using electric mixer, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in egg and vanilla.
2. Reduce mixer speed to low and gradually add flour mixture, mixing just until incorporated. Shape dough into 2 disks and roll each between 2 sheets of waxed paper to 1/8" thick. Chill until firm, 30 minutes in refrigerator or 15 minutes in freezer.
3. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Using floured cookie cutters, cut out cookies and place on prepared baking sheets. Re-roll, chill and cut scraps.
4. Bake, rotating positions of baking sheets halfway through, until cookies are light golden brown around edges, 10 - 12 minutes.
5. Let cool on sheets 5 minutes before transferring to wire racks to cool completely. May be decorated with Royal Icing and sprinkled with sugar mixed with ground cinnamon, if desired. Makes about 50 medium cookies, depending on cutter size.

Fonda Gormer made these cookies for the United Methodist Women "Bee-livers" group Christmas recipe exchange (December 2018)



**Emmanuel Gabriel Barkdoll
Baptism**

On Sunday, December 13, the Salem congregation participated in the baptism of Emmanuel Gabriel Barkdoll. The baptism was conducted by Pastor Bob Snyder.

Emmanuel is the son of Maria Barkdoll and grandson of Gary and Wanda Barkdoll. We pray God's blessing on Emmanuel as he grows in faith.

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

Lord, thank you for the blessing of another Christmas, for giving us a day especially to reflect on the birth of our Savior, and for giving us yet another occasion to share Your love with others. Amen.

Salem Mission Project No. 1

A Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer

Retired Senegal Missionaries



Formerly New Tribes Mission

Dear Folks at Salem Church:
December 16, 2020

Jesus left the glories of heaven to be born as a baby in a stable so He could give His life to pay for our sins. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." —John 3:16

Hallelujah, what a Savior!
"That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." —Luke 1:74-75

Again, we thank you sincerely for your continuing prayers and financial help to us. We really appreciate all you do for us and our ministries.

We are doing well. So far, we have

avoided Covid-19, but some of our family and friends have had it. We have limited ourselves with even some family gatherings.

We keep busy doing the things we can do with the present limitations. Our home church, Black Rock Bible Church, is expanding the sanctuary and members of the church are doing as much of the work as we can, so Frank has worked there quite a bit.

We have been having Sunday evening & Wednesday evening services in the church building having morning worship divided into two services.

As far as our children, our daughter, Wanda & our son-in-law, Lynn Harney, continue to serve at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission but they both had Covid-19 & self-isolated for a while.

Our son and daughter in law, Eric & Wendy, as well as our daughter, Rebecca, have been in the U.S. for home assignment since the end of July. They plan to return to Senegal in January or February.

Gary, Lisa, & family serve at the New Tribes Mission (NTM) retirement center for missionaries in Florida but very restricted as far as outside activities and with much care, especially Lisa who helps prepare meals.

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

We trust you will have a very joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus and a blessed New Year!

Joyfully in Christ,
Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer



ROCK(ISH) scheduled for February 5-6, 2021

ROCK, the Baltimore-Washington Conference retreat which brings thousands of United Methodist youth and their leaders to Ocean City each year, has been revised to allow for social distancing and address safety concerns brought about by the coronavirus pandemic.

ROCK(ish) 2021 will be a free interactive online event for youth February 5-6.

Friday night will feature an interactive time with Bishop Easterling, as well as music by Urban Street Level and the ROCK Mass Choir.

Saturday will offer a range of virtual interactive breakout sessions. Topics will include addressing racism, human rights, mental health, life after high school and regional breakouts. At 9 a.m. there will be a youth leader training.

The event is free. However, for \$3, you will be able to purchase an iron-on decal with this year's theme and logo. For \$10, you will get the decal as well as a box of ROCK swag.

Arrangements are already underway for ROCK 2022 to be back in Ocean City.

Remembering last year's ROCK Youth Retreat

Photos from ROCK February 7-9, 2020



Hero's Club Christmas

Photo by Holly Irons



Santa, with his bag of gifts for Hero's Club children, places a gift at the manger of baby Jesus. The manger scene is in the parsonage front yard and is beautifully lighted at night.

Heavenly Humor



Remember that new year resolution you made . . . to try new things?

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Prayer: Don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty.

People say, "Show me, and I'll trust you." God says, "Trust me and I'll show you."

Deep and simple is far more essential than shallow and complex.

—Mr. Rogers

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Mountain Shepherd

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