

The  Newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

Mountain Shepherd

Volume 39 March 2021 Number 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 MAR 7 - 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.

INSIDE

- Mission Projects 2
- Salvation Army 2
- Who's Doing What, When? 3
- Cemetery Survey 3
- Ladies Bible Study 3
- How to Give 3
- It's Your Day 3
- From our Pastor 4
- Inspirational Reading 5
- Recipe 5
- In Sympathy 5
- Inclement Weather Plan 6
- Heavenly Humor 6



Goals Exceeded

Mission projects are an important ministry at Salem

■ By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." —Matthew 25:40 NIV

Missions has been a priority at Salem for decades. More than 35 years ago, the Salem congregation was supporting the mission work of Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer in Senegal, West Africa. The first Sunday of each month was designated as Mission Sunday. And when there was a local need in the community, an offering plate was placed at the rear of the sanctuary for donations.

Today, Salem has 14 mission projects which are listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Our projects range from local needs to ministries within the United States and abroad.

Financial support for these projects comes from members of the Salem congregation nearly every Sunday, as well as residents of the Wolfsville community at large, and other nearby church congregations.

For many years, one of Salem's unexpressed desires is to give 10% of its income to mission work. Well, again, in 2020, Salem has exceeded that goal — 13% of Salem's income was designated for missions.

Support for missions not only includes financial support, but donations of time and talent. One of Salem's most popular mission projects is the Food Pantry. It is well funded financially and receives abundant donations of groceries and other items. The dedicated volunteer staff do an excellent job of managing and organizing pantry items. The pantry is open every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. where they are available to respectfully meet families in need.

Salem's goal each year is to tithe (give 10%) of offerings & donations to mission projects.

In 2020 Salem exceeded that goal.

13% of offerings were designated for mission projects.



Published monthly by Salem United Methodist Church – Wolfsville.
Our mailing address is
12477-79 Wolfsville Road,
Myersville, MD 21773-9303

Newsletter Editor:
William G. Burrier
P. O. Box 94
Myersville, MD 21773-0094
BillBurrier@icloud.com

Pastor:
Robert E. Snyder
12477 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773
301-293-1616 (Office)
240-385-6833 (Mobile)
revbsnyder@comcast.net

Salem Key Contacts:
Lay Leader: Dennis Leatherman
Chair, Church Council: Vernon Stottlemeyer
Mission & Outreach: Vacant
Worship: Pastor Bob Snyder
Sun. School Leaders: Bobby Fogle
Chair, Board of Trustees: Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
Church Treasurer: William Burrier
Sunday School Treasurer: Mary Fogle
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations: Robin Haupt
Food Pantry: Jennifer Gormer, Patrick Boyton,
Dennis Draper & Tara Birriel

Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 242
2021 New Members: 0

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

Salem Website:
www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

Colophon:
Produced using macOS Pages 10.3.9 and macOS 10.15.7 on an Apple iMac computer, HP LaserJet P3015 postscript laser printer, and Ricoh MP-3054 digital copier.

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. 3
Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs)

February 19, 2021



DOING THE MOST GOODSM

RE: Christmas Stockings

We at The Salvation Army would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your hard work and time that you gave filling stockings this Christmas season. This year the Stocking program assisted 1,925 children in Frederick County. Thank you again for helping those in need.

May you and your families have a wonderful New Year.

Sincerely,
Morrisa Travers
Social Service Program Coordinator

Salem filled 22 Christmas stockings for The Salvation Army.

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

Sunday _____		Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	
7am - Noon	Prep and worship (at church)	6-7 am	Devotions (at home)
		9 am - Noon	Parsonage Office
		Noon - 1 pm	Lunch
		1-5 pm	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)		

Who's Doing What, When?

March 2021

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

Lay Reader

- 7 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 14 - Bobby Fogle
- 21 - Dennis Draper
- 28 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Acolyte

- 7 - Loralli Snyder
- 14 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 21 - Loralli Snyder
- 28 - Valentina Barkdoll

Organist

- 7 - Sara Weitzel
- 14 - Sara Weitzel
- 21 - Sara Weitzel
- 28 - Sara Weitzel

Computer


- 7 - Michele Kline
- 14 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 21 - Lori Williamson
- 28 - Robin Haupt

Camera

- 7 - Lori Williamson
- 14 - Michele Kline
- 21 - Patrick Boyton
- 28 - Dennis Draper

Holy Communion

Mar 7, 2021
9:30 a.m.



Engineering firm completes survey of Salem Cemetery

By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Chair, Board of Trustees

For many years, Dick Kline was the sole individual who managed the older section of the cemetery. He was responsible for marking graves for burial and marking for the placement of headstones. Recently, Dick stepped down from this responsibility and the cemetery is currently being managed by Salem's Board of Trustees. We thank Dick for the many years he faithfully managed the cemetery.

The Trustees discussed this new responsibility and decided a Cemetery Committee should be formed. It was also discussed that clear markers for each plot would help the new committee better manage the cemetery and felt it would ensure no mistakes were made when marking graves.

With the current paper drawing of each plot, trustee members also acknowledged an electronic file to record each person in the cemetery would be valuable in locating ancestors and other relatives if one should so desire.

After much discussion, it was decided to have the cemetery surveyed, each plot marked with corner markers and an electronic file created. Frederick, Seibert, and Associates, Inc. of Hagerstown, was recommended and contacted for an estimate.

The estimate provided by Frederick, Seibert, and Associates, Inc., was presented to the Church Council and approved.

The surveyors have completed the survey, have placed all corner markers and are in the process of providing the electronic file to be updated. Several Trustee members will begin updating this electronic file to turnover to the new Cemetery Committee.

Any individual interested in serving on the Cemetery Committee should contact Pastor Bob or another member of the Trustees.

Managing the cemetery is a vital role in maintaining the sacred ground where our ancestors rest.

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.

Ladies Bible Study

Every Wednesday - 7:00 pm

By Debbie Irons

Looking for a way to grow in your faith journey and have fellowship and support of wonderful Ladies.

Beginning in March, we are starting a 6-week study on "Praying with Power" with the example of the "Lord's Prayer."

We invite you to join us on Zoom! If interested or have questions, please let me know at mdironson@oleminkfarm.com or 301-271-7012.

It's Your Day!

March Anniversaries

- 8 - Monty & Phyllis Beall
- 18 - Sam & Jane Zimmerman

March Birthdays

- | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 5 - Sarah Haddock | 13 - Joshua Gormer | 24 - Allison Adams |
| 5 - Richard Harshman | 14 - Donna Snyder | 24 - Pastor Bob Snyder |
| 6 - Jane Zimmerman | 15 - Vicki Robinson | 28 - Shelby Leatherman |
| 7 - Joshua Koons | 16 - Ken Poling | |
| 8 - Madison Elsbach | 17 - Audrey Tolland | |
| 11 - Dawn Nelson | 19 - Bobby Doyle | |
| 12 - Jennifer Harne | 19 - Ralph Wright | |



Message from the Pastor and Worship in March

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

It's just around the corner... daylight saving time returns on Sunday, March 14th, then the start of spring on March 20th! I think it will feel particularly good this year to see spring come.

On the last Sunday in March, we'll be celebrating Palm Sunday and moving into Holy Week.

Between now and then, we continue our Lenten ritual: self-examination, confessing our sin to God and receiving His forgiveness, and renewal and new life in Christ.

This year during Lent, we have an opportunity to examine the state of our own social holiness, using the Social Principles of our church to guide us.

Every four years, the global United Methodist Church discusses the social issues of the time and updates this document to reflect the current thinking of the church on these issues. We may agree with some and disagree with others, but the Social Principles serve as a good starting point for our self-reflection and discussion.

During the Social Holiness Sermon Series, you're invited to join in the discussion time following worship. I hope you'll come.

Praying you have a blessed Lenten Season. Grace and peace. —*Pastor Bob*

March 7
Third Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion
Social Holiness Sermon Series
"The Economic Community"
Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Deuteronomy 10:18 – "He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing."

The Social Principles state: "We

claim all economic systems to be under the judgment of God no less than other facets of the created order.

"Therefore, we recognize the responsibility of governments to develop and implement sound fiscal and monetary policies that provide for the economic life of individuals and corporate entities and that ensure full employment and adequate incomes with minimal inflation.

"We believe private and public economic enterprises are responsible for the special costs of doing business, such as employment and environmental pollution, and that they should be held accountable for these costs.

"We support measures that would reduce the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few. We further support efforts to revise tax structures and eliminate governmental support programs that now benefit the wealthy at the expense of other persons."¹

March 14
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Social Holiness Sermon Series
"The Political Community"
Luke 4:14-30

Luke 4:30 – "But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way."

The Social Principles state: "While our allegiance to God takes precedent over our allegiance to any state, we acknowledge the vital function of government as a principal vehicle for the ordering of society."²

March 21
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Social Holiness Sermon Series
"The World Community"
1 Peter 2:4-12

1 Peter 2:12 – "Live such good lives ... that they may see your good deeds

and glorify God on the day he visits us."

The Social Principles state: "God's world is one world. The unity now being thrust upon us by technological revolution has far outrun our moral and spiritual capacity to achieve a stable world.

"The enforced unity of humanity, increasingly evident on all levels of life, present the church as well as all people with problems that will not wait for answers: injustice, war, exploitation, privilege, population, international ecological crisis, proliferation of arsenals of nuclear weapons, development of transnational business organizations that operate beyond the effective control of any government structure, and the increase of tranny in all its forms.

"This generation must find viable answers to these and related questions if humanity is to continue on this earth. We commit ourselves as a church to the achievement of a world community that is a fellowship of persons who honestly love one another.

"We pledge ourselves to seek the meaning of the gospel in all issues that divide people and threaten the growth of world community."³

March 28
Palm Sunday
"It Was Not a Misplaced Hope"
Mark 11:1-11

Mark 11:10 – "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

This "Hosanna!" captured the intense feeling of the crowd as they turned out in great numbers to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday.

They welcomed him as their hero, they proclaimed him to be their king, and they awaited his overtaking of their Roman occupiers by force.

They put their hope in him. But they misunderstood his kingship. He ruled by love not force. Love would do the conquering.

Their hope was not a misplaced hope. From that day forward into the present, Christ's love conquers and will continue to do so until the day of his return. Our hope in Him is not misplaced.

¹Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020 (Washington, DC: United Methodist Publishing House), page 46.

²Ibid, page 52.

³Ibid, page 57.



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

An Irish Blessing

By Saint Patrick

May the strength of God
pilot us,
May the wisdom of God
instruct us,
May the hand of God
protect us,
May the word of God
direct us.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Spirit of Spring

By Caroline S. Kotowicz

Joy is just around the bend,
Spring is on the way.
Need I tell you how I know—
A robin chirped today!



Crocus showed its loveliness,
Tulips came in view,
Down along the woodland stream
Breezes whispered, too!

Joy is just around the bend,
Spring is on the way,
March brought the sunbeams
For my heart today!

[First day of Spring is March 20, 2021.]

Palm Sunday

By Laurie E. Dawson

I would have liked to walk along the way,
And waved the branches green and gay;
To have caught a glimpse of the gentle face
As He rode that day with lowly grace.

I wish I could have sung His praise
And known about His kingly ways;
To have seen the love upon His face,
As He rode that day with measured pace.

I was not there, but still I know
The many ways that I can show
My love for others and keep today,
Palm Sunday, in my heart to stay.



[Palm Sunday is March 28, 2021.]



RECIPE



Oven Baked Stew

INGREDIENTS:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 pound beef stew meat | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 small onion, sliced | 1 tablespoon sugar |
| 1 stalk celery, cut up | 1 tablespoon tapioca |
| 3 carrots, cut up | 1 cup tomato juice |
| 2 potatoes, peeled and cut | |

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place meat in an 11x7x1 1/2 inch pan. Add vegetables. Blend salt, sugar and tapioca, sprinkle over ingredients in pan.
2. Add tomato juice, cover with heavy foil and seal tightly.
3. Bake 3 to 4 hours at 325 degrees. Serves 6.

Selected from "Cooking Coast to Coast."

Published by National Association of Conservation Districts Auxiliary



In Sympathy

Ruby Grubbs

Jan 26, 1925 - Jan 26, 2021

The Salem congregation expresses sincere sympathy to Salem members Bob and Petie Stup, Loy Wolfe Road, on the passing of Petie's mother, Ruby Grubbs. Ruby, age 96, passed away on January 26, 2021, at Homewood of Frederick.

Ernest Leatherman

Jun 12, 1929 - Feb 7, 2021

The Salem congregation expresses sincere sympathy to the family of Ernest Leatherman. Ernie, age 91, of Harp Hill Road, passed away on February 7, 2021. He was an active member of Grossnickle Church of the Brethren and was well known for his Christian service with the Brethren Church's disaster relief work. Ernie will also be remembered by the Salem congregation for his numerous contributions to Salem's Lord's Acre Festival. For many years, Ernie graciously donated beautiful items he made using his outstanding carpentry and wood working skills.

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



**Time to
Spring Ahead**

Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday, March 14, 2021

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. Sunday morning.



An abbreviated worship service will still be held at 9:30 a.m. using Zoom, with everyone worshipping at home.

Heavenly Humor



Some thoughts to ponder . . .

A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't.

Words may show a man's wit, but actions his meaning.

—B. Franklin

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. —Helen Keller

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Mountain Shepherd

Salem United Methodist Church
12477-79 Wolfsville Road
Myersville, MD 21773-9303

www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

Address Services Requested

March 2021

Place
Stamp
Here