

**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 MAY 2 - 9:30 a.m.

When 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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## Community Plant Sale at Salem Saturday, May 8



Photo by Bill Burrier - May 11, 2019

Barbie Stottlemyer will be traveling to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with her family, to hand-select the beautiful flowers to be sold at this year's plant sale on Saturday, May 8th, at Salem's pavilion. In addition to a large selection of flowers, garden plants will also be available.



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**Salem Membership Statistics:**  
Current Membership: 240  
2021 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**  **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
<b>TOTAL GOAL for 2021 .....</b>	<b>\$15,191</b>

**Here's how you can give . . .**

1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.
3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.  
If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

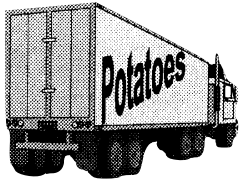
**MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES**

*Salem Mission Project No. 8*  
**Society of St. Andrew • Potato Project**

In 2021, through March, the Potato Project distributed 6,676,685 pounds of fresh produce in 183 events, with 232 volunteers. They distributed food donated by 14 farmers and packing houses to hungry people through 150 feeding agencies.

We salvage tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that are rejected by commercial markets or potato chip factories due to slight imperfections in size, shape, sugar content, or surface blemishes. Usually, these rejected loads end up at local landfills.

Through the Potato Project, the Society of St. Andrew is able to redirect these 40,000-45,000-pound loads of fresh, nutritious produce to food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries, low income housing areas, local churches, and other hunger agencies for distribution to the poor. Because this produce is donated, the Society of St. Andrew pays only for the transportation and packaging of the food—an amazingly low 9 cents per pound! That means they can provide food to the nation's hungry for about 3 cents per serving! [Salem provides \$25 monthly to this project.]



**OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER**

<b>Sunday</b> _____		<b>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday</b>	
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
<b>Monday (day off)</b> _____		<b>Saturday</b> _____	
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?

May 2021

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

#### Lay Reader

- 2 - Patrick Boyton
- 9 - Bill Weaver
- 16 - Lavena Jenkins
- 23 - Michael Burrier
- 30 - Wanda Barkdoll

#### Acolyte

- 2 - Loralli Snyder
- 9 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 16 - Loralli Snyder
- 23 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 30 - Loralli Snyder

#### Organist

- 2 - Sara Weitzel
- 9 - Sara Weitzel
- 16 - Sara Weitzel
- 23 - Sara Weitzel
- 30 - Sara Weitzel

#### Computer

- 2 - Michele Kline
- 9 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 16 - Lori Williamson
- 23 - Robin Haupt
- 30 - Michele Kline

#### Camera

- 2 - Lori Williamson
- 9 - Michele Kline
- 16 - Patrick Boyton
- 23 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 30 - Dennis Draper

#### Holy Communion

May 2, 2021  
9:30 a.m.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### News from Salem's Board of Trustees

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Chair, Board of Trustees

#### Cemetery Clean-up a Success

Tuesday, April 6th was a beautiful day and that evening was perfect weather for the scheduled cemetery clean-up.

Fifteen individuals came out that evening to help clean-up trash, sticks and other debris that had littered the cemetery. With the help of a tractor to move dirt, numerous gravesites were leveled out and new grass seed planted just in time for the rain that was to occur the following few days.

While we were busy at work, it still was a nice gathering, outside, where everybody could enjoy each other's company, maintain a safe distance, and make the cemetery a beautiful place for those who rest there.

Thank you to everybody that did come out to help. It was very much appreciated, and we were able to complete everything in just a couple of hours!

#### Church Shrubbery Replaced

The shrubbery in the church's front yard has been replaced. Planted 30 years ago in 1991, in memory of Marjorie Martin, even though it was the slow growing type, had over these many years become overgrown within its space.

The Board of Trustees engaged D.L. Home Enhancements LLC of Hagerstown, to remove the overgrown shrubbery and select new plants to be placed in a similar landscape style. The plantings are complete and fresh mulch has been applied.

Similarly, the shrubbery at the parsonage had also become overgrown and was removed as well. As of this writing, new shrubbery for the parsonage has not been selected.

Photo by Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer



April 20, 2021

## It's Your Day!

### May Anniversaries

- 19 - Joshua & Tracey Gormer
- 20 - Deane & Patty Weagley
- 21 - Bobby & Mary Fogle

### May Birthdays

- 2 - Mandy Mellott
- 2 - Leann Eccard-Crutchley
- 6 - Mark Burrier
- 7 - Austin Main
- 8 - Anita Harshman
- 11 - Steve Leatherman
- 13 - Loralli Snyder
- 17 - Deane Weagley
- 17 - Elijah Sowers
- 18 - Cindy Harp Draper
- 19 - Brandon Leatherman
- 20 - Abigail Weagley
- 24 - Nelson Hipkins
- 25 - Sam Zimmerman
- 26 - Sharon Hipkins
- 30 - Bobby Fogle Jr.

### 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.

We invite you to join us on Zoom every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

If interested or have questions, please let me know at mdirons@oleminkfarm.com or 301-271-7012.

### Food Pantry Requests Temporary Hold on Donations

The Food Pantry is deeply appreciative of all the support they have been receiving.

At this time, the food pantry volunteers are asking for a temporary hold on donations due to upcoming renovations to the lower level of the educational building where the food pantry is located.

Salem's Board of Trustees is consulting with a contractor to determine the extent of the renovations. The flooring will be replaced and the rest is still being discussed.

In the meantime, the pantry would like to use the existing stock. So, please hold donations, or direct them to another mission or food pantry.

Once the renovations are complete and we can accept donations again, we will let everyone know.

Contact: Jennifer Gormer, 301-667-9509.



## Message from the Pastor and Worship in May

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

**I** could say many different things about the month of May. I could write about the warm weather to come. I could write about the events we have scheduled in May: our “Plant Sale” on May 8th and our “Music in the Meadow” concert on May 22nd.

I could share something about significant religious celebrations that occur in May: Ascension Sunday and Pentecost. I could share something about Mother’s Day. And all those things would be fine things to write about. They are all important.

But this month, there is one thing I feel led to share above all else. That is to encourage you to get vaccinated against COVID-19. We are quickly reaching the point where the availability and distribution of COVID vaccines will outnumber the people who desire to receive a vaccine.

To return to a more normal life that we all yearn for, and to avoid COVID surges from returning, we must get as many people as possible vaccinated. Some people deal with medical conditions that prevent being vaccinated.

But for most of us, vaccines are safe. It’s time for us to come together as a country and beat this virus that has so disrupted our lives. And our coming together as one, to beat COVID-19, might just provide a model for us to work together solving other issues. Please, get vaccinated! God Bless. —*Pastor Bob*

**May 2**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Holy Communion**  
**“Remain in Me”**  
**John 15:1-8**

John 15:4 – “Remain in me and I will remain in you” It’s good to have a goal in mind before we start a journey. Verse 8 of today’s reading states the goal: “bear fruit,

showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

Disciples of Christ bear fruit to build up the kingdom of God. That’s the goal. How we reach the goal is discussed in Verses 1-7: “remain in Jesus Christ.” “Remain in me” is repeated 6 times in seven verses. That’s a lot of repetition; it must be important!

Sometimes we set a goal and begin our journey forgetting to take Jesus with us, or we lose Jesus somewhere along the way. If we’re going to bear fruit for the kingdom, our lives need to be centered on Christ.

**May 9**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter,**  
**Mother’s Day**  
**“Sing a New Song”**  
**Psalms 98**

Psalms 98:1a – “Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things.” “The Lord has risen! He has risen indeed!”

We love to say these words on Easter morning. Somehow, it doesn’t feel like just saying these words does justice to our intense feelings on Easter.

What we really want to do is shout out the words over and over. “The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!”

We want to shout them out louder and louder because of the meaning the words hold for us: we are saved, Christ has prepared a place for us in heaven, and we can have hope! Each day is a new song waiting to be sung.

**May 16**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**“More Than an Ascension”**  
**Acts 1:1-11**

Acts 1:8b – “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea

and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After 40 days of appearing to numerous people, Jesus ascended into heaven to take his place seated at the right hand of God to rule over all. It was part of God’s salvation plan, but it left a vacuum here on earth. Who would continue Jesus’ ministry? Who would tell people about him? How would more come to believe and be saved? Who would continue his caring ministry to those in need?

God had a plan for this. His plan was for the disciples to continue Jesus’ ministry. He would empower them through the Holy Spirit to do this work. In our own time and place, we are those disciples. And like those who witnessed his ascension, we too are empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue Christ’s ministry.

**May 23**  
**Day of Pentecost**  
**“What Does the Holy Spirit Do?”**  
**John 16:4b-15**

John 16:13a – “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.” The risen Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit once he ascended into heaven. Pentecost is the day each year that we remember and celebrate God sending the Holy Spirit to dwell among us.

What does the Holy Spirit do in the world and in our lives? We state our belief that the Holy Spirit is all around us, even in us. But that only tells us where the Spirit is not what the Holy Spirit does? What does it matter that the Holy Spirit is here? It matters because if we understand what the Spirit can accomplish and then allow the Spirit to guide us, our lives can be better.

**May 30**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**“Glory”**  
**Isaiah 6:1-8**

Isaiah 6:3 – “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

On the back of today’s bulletin, writer Susan Mink reflects upon God’s glory. She writes, “Glory means God’s presence made known.” The above verse then becomes, “the whole earth is full of God’s presence made known.”

Do we look at the world this way? What if we started to? God is present and is making himself known to us in people, in places, and in situations. How attuned are we to God’s presence? If we were to become more aware, would it make a difference in how we live? What if we assumed God is everywhere, all the time.



### My Daily Prayer

By Kay Hoffman

The hour that I treasure most  
 Is when the day is new,  
 Before the rush comes crowding in  
 With tasks that I must do.  
 As I humbly kneel in prayer,  
 All fears and worries cease;  
 There is no other time I know  
 That brings this inner peace.  
 I thank God for His blessings  
 And seek forgiveness, too,  
 For there are wrongs that I have done,  
 And good I failed to do.  
 I ask His guidance for my day  
 On pathways old and new,  
 That I'll be kind to those I meet  
 In all I say and do.  
 I pray for each dear loved one  
 And place them in His care;  
 I pray all men will live as brothers  
 In places everywhere.  
 And should it seem that no one cares  
 And I am feeling blue,  
 It's then I hear His voice so sweet,  
 "My child, I still love you."  
 When the day draws to a close  
 I give thanks for all that's been  
 And ask that He'll keep watch o'er me  
 Till morning comes again.  
 No need have I for counting sheep,  
 I'm in the Shepherd's care;  
 What peace is ours when we begin  
 And end each day with prayer.

*In memory of Betty Brandenburg  
 Betty submitted this poem for this newsletter 17 years ago. It appeared in the January 2004 issue. When submitting it, Betty wrote, "I've checked some poems I like. Use them as you wish. No need to put who they were submitted by."*

### Your Hug Meant the World

By Tamsen Butler

Nobody else held me so tight  
 Or made me feel so right  
 No one's eyes shined so bright with love  
 As my mom, who is now in heaven above.

Mothers are a gift from heaven that God uses to demonstrate his love for all children.



## RECIPE



### O'Henry Bars

**INGREDIENTS:**

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 cup sugar                    | 6 cups Special K cereal |
| 1 cup light corn syrup         | 2 cups chocolate chips  |
| 1 1/4 cup chunky peanut butter |                         |

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Combine sugar and corn syrup in large saucepan. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter, then cereal.
2. Press evenly into a greased 9 x 13" pan or cookie sheet. Melt chocolate chips and spread over cereal layer.
3. Cool, cut into bars and enjoy. Yield: 3 dozen

*Fonda Gormer made these bars a few years ago for the "Bee-lievers" women's group recipe exchange.*



### God's Masterpiece

God took the fragrance of a flower,  
 The majesty of a tree,  
 The gentleness of the morning dew,  
 The calm of a quiet sea.  
 The beauty of the twilight hour,  
 The soul of a starry night,  
 The laughter of a rippling brook,  
 The grace of a bird in flight.  
 Then God fashioned from these things,  
 a creation like no other,  
 And when his masterpiece was through,  
 He called it simply - MOTHER.

*Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman*

### 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

### Upcoming Event

**Saturday, May 22  
 4:30 p.m.**

**Music in the Meadow**  
 Concert on the lawn at Salem Music by Salem's Praise Band "Works in Progress"

### Postponed Event

The **Creation Music Festival** has been postponed again due to COVID-19. The new dates are June 29 - July 2, 2022. The tickets Salem had purchased for the 2020 event will still be honored in 2022.

### Sanctuary Seats Available

About 8 additional seats are available to worship in the sanctuary — in addition to our current regular sanctuary worshippers.

With more people now receiving vaccinations, you may be thinking of returning to worship in the building.

Just let Pastor Bob know if you would like to return, and a seat will be reserved for you.

Safety measures continue: masks, social distancing, hand sanitizers, and sanitizing frequently used surfaces.

Our recently installed air filtration systems will also be turned on during worship.

Contact: Pastor Bob, 240-385-6833

Salem Mission Project No. 1

## A Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer

*Retired Senegal Missionaries*

*Formerly New Tribes Mission*



Dear Folks at Salem Church:  
April 2, 2021

We trust that you are rejoicing in our God and His great love for us this Easter season. As the hymn says, "O the love that drew salvation's plan; O, the grace that brought it down to man! O, the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary".

We want to thank you again for your continuing prayers and your financial help to us. We sincerely appreciate all you do for us and our ministries.

Frank just had a fairly bad case of COVID-19 and, even though he no longer needs to isolate, he is still weak and tires quickly. Nancy tested positive a week ago and has to stay quarantined a few more days even though she doesn't have

symptoms. We'd appreciate your prayers for full recoveries.

Over the past couple weeks, and still at present, there have been a good many cases of COVID-19 at our church, including our pastor & youth pastor. Some services have had to be cancelled and we were unable to have special services that we normally would have had this Easter season. Undoubtedly that is true for most churches. But we certainly will be celebrating God's great love in the sacrifice of His Son that we might have spiritual life and forgiveness of sin!

The expansion of the sanctuary of our home church, Black Rock Bible Church, is progressing well. Frank was able to help some with the work before getting COVID. Possibly the work will be

finished by the end of this month.

As far as our children, our daughter, Wanda & our son-in-law, Lynn Harney, continue to serve at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. Our son and daughter-in-law, Eric & Wendy, have been in the U.S. for home assignment since the end of July. They plan to return to Senegal soon. Our daughter, Rebecca, returned to her ministries in Senegal in February. Gary, Lisa, & family serve at the NTM retirement center for missionaries in Florida, doing grounds work, helping prepare meals, and other things.

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

Joyfully in Christ,  
Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer



In honor of MEMORIAL DAY, Salem Church recognizes our nation's veterans who are buried at Salem's Cemetery. The church will place flags at these grave sites.

Lloyd Bear	Alvey G. Kline
Robert Bear	Ary M. Kline
Howard Brandenburg	Carroll M. Kline
Aaron Craver	Floyd Ray Kline
Rodger Lee Eccard	Gaither W. Kline
Joseph R. Farsht	Lawrence S. Kline
Elmer R. Finneyfrock	Raymond W. Kline
James Richard Frey	Merhle K. Martin
Harold G. Harne	John Henry Maugans
Francis C. Harshman	Ronald L. McLucas
Robert Woodrow Heefner	Joseph M. Nusbaum
William H. Horn	William H. Shuff
Agnes Kemerer	Gaither E. Stotlemyer
Verne F. Kemerer	Daniel Bruce Warrenfeltz
Allen John Kline	Paul Weiss

### Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father:

With a sober heart we come before You this Memorial Day. We pause for a moment and call to mind all the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776.

Dear God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest with You.

We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world. We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

### New Cemetery Committee

Dick Kline has stepped down from his position of cemetery contact. We are grateful for his faithful service for many years. Dick turned over all the cemetery records to the Board of Trustees, who took over the responsibility of handling

cemetery matters until a cemetery committee could be formed.

A new cemetery committee has now been formed with the following members: George Stottlemyer (Chair), Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman,

Robin Haupt, and Steve Leatherman.

Matters regarding the cemetery should now be referred to members of the cemetery committee.

Contact:  
George Stottlemyer, 301-293-2372.

*Life-Long Salem member*

## A Tribute to Betty M. Brandenburg — November 13, 1932 – April 16, 2021



Funeral services for Betty M. Brandenburg, 88, were held at Salem on April 22, 2021. Burial was in the Salem Cemetery. The following are excerpts from Pastor Bob Snyder's remarks at the funeral.

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

In Betty's obituary, David and Stephen spoke of their mom's life as one of dedication to her Lord, her family and her church family here at Salem.

### Dedication to Her Lord

Betty loved the Lord and lived out her faith in daily life. She was committed to remaining close to the Lord and centering her life on Jesus. She read and studied her Bible. Even when her eyesight became impaired, she acquired a reading machine so she could continue to read her Bible.

And she prayed frequently. Betty would tell me, "I wish I could serve in all the ways I used to be able to." And I'd remind her, "Betty, you are one of the best prayer warriors I've run into." We were blessed to have Betty praying for us as she did.

Anything that spoke of her Lord and Savior was something Betty was interested in: hymns, poems, devotionals, the liturgy of worship, the beauty of nature, serving with other Christians, and more. Betty couldn't get enough of these.

And it rubbed off on us. It rubbed off on me. I remember well, the grace she showed going through losses the last several years. Loss of her own physical abilities, loss of their home, loss of being able to live with her beloved Howard in the same building in Williamsport until Howard's death in 2018.

I like to view the word grace as "God's love acting in our lives for our good." Even with all her losses, I could see that God's grace was at work in Betty. I could see it because she reflected to others in the way she continued to remain faithful, to be thankful to God, to have a positive spirit, and to make the most of each day.

### Dedication to Her Family

In addition to being dedicated to the Lord, Betty was dedicated to her family. She was born in Wolfsville right next to the home she and Howard built. Betty went to school until the eighth grade when she had to leave school to help at home. It was a very proud moment when years later she took classes and received her GED from



*Betty M. Brandenburg*

high school, and then went on to use her hard won education as a proofreader at Doubleday.

Howard and Betty got married in 1958, and were married for 58 wonderful years. Before building their home on Martin Road, they lived in the stone house on the corner just across from Harne's Store, right outside our doors. After their move to Martin Road, they took Betty's mom in to live with them and all during their growing up years the boys had their grandmother close by in their lives, something they consider a blessing.

Like all loving couples their personalities seemed to meld very well together. Betty did for Howard and Howard did for Betty. They were partners in every good way.

Betty loved sewing. She sewed all kinds of different things: clothes, all the curtains in the house, and Halloween costume for the boys. She crocheted and did embroidery. I'm told she made the beautiful white paraments for the Easter Season that adorn the altar today.

She loved flowers and birds and kept a beautiful yard.

She loved gardening and canning of all kinds. And she loved baking of all sorts. Her cookie recipes still produce delicious

cookies being enjoyed by family and friends.

The family would make an occasional trip, but mostly not too far away and hardly ever overnight. Local family gatherings, church gatherings, family reunions, the Lord's Acre Festival – these were the mainstays of family life. And Betty loved it, and did her part in passing on to her children and grandchildren her dedication to family. If a family reunion was coming up you could expect a call from Betty reminding you of the date.

### Dedication to Her Church Family

Betty was also dedicated to her church family. She'd say, "I was carried in here as a baby and one day I'll be carried back out." And Betty was here, present, with her church family every day in between.

She loved Lord's Acre and was generous in supporting it with her gifts of sewing and canning and baking and just being there to help in any way. Over the years she served on various committees of the church, sang in choir, played piano, served as Salem's Membership Secretary keeping detailed records, and served as President of our "Bee-lievers" women's group raising tens of thousands of dollars for Salem's Building and Improvement Fund over the years.

And Betty had a special heart for children going through tough times and she served as Treasurer and Membership Secretary of the Board of Child Care Auxiliary and led our efforts here at Salem to support the children.

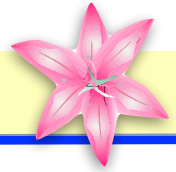
Devoted, faithful, servant: these are words that characterize who Betty was in her relationship with the Lord, her family, and her church family.

As we honor her life today, we also have this opportunity to pause and reflect on our own lives and to recommit ourselves to building our relationship with the Lord, our family, and our church family and community.

Betty has given us a good example to follow. And we can honor her best by continuing in our own lives the qualities we saw in her. Amen.

Scenes from

## Holy Week and Easter Sunday



**Same Message, Different Style** — This year’s “Last Supper” dramatization on Maundy Thursday departed from the usual disciples sitting “shoulder to shoulder” at a supper table in the Salem sanctuary. Instead, they appeared in video blocks on a Zoom screen. Left to right, top row, Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), Pastor Bob Snyder (Jesus), Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Robin Haupt (John); Middle Row, Bobby Fogle (Philip), Steve Leatherman (Matthew), Bill Burrier (Introduction), Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot), Bill Weaver (Judas); Bottom Row, Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Justinn Irons (Peter), Patrick Boyton (Bartholomew (Nathaniel)), and Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater).

■ By Bill Burrier

Last year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Holy Week and Easter events were held only online via Zoom. Worship was not allowed in the church building.

Members of the congregation, with the proper computer connections, worshipped at home. Pastor Bob created a broadcast “set” in the parsonage where he led worship using the Zoom application on his laptop.

Fast forward one year. The church building is open with reserved seating. We are following COVID-19 protocol—wearing masks and families sitting 6 feet apart.

There is a camera connected to a computer, broadcasting “live” to the rest of the congregation at home.

### Maundy Thursday

This year for Maundy Thursday, we were able to again present “The Last Supper” dramatization, albeit with a different presentation style.

COVID-19 protocol would not allow the 12 disciples and Jesus to sit “shoulder to shoulder” at a supper table in the sanctuary, as was done for many years.

So, this year, the 12 disciples and

Jesus were on Zoom. The rest of the congregation was able to watch “live” with their video and audio off; allowing only the disciples and Jesus to be seen and heard.

Those participating this year were: Bill Burrier (Introduction), Bob Snyder (Jesus), Patrick Boyton (Bartholomew (Nathaniel)) Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Justinn Irons (Peter), Bill Weaver (Judas), Robin Haupt (John), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Steve Leatherman (Matthew), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday were three parts of one worship service. There was no spoken word of dismissal at the end of Thursday’s and Friday’s services which were to be continued on Easter Sunday morning.

### Good Friday

The Good Friday service, held in the sanctuary and on Zoom, included scripture, hymns and Pastor Bob’s message titled “We Were There - The

Followers of Jesus.”

The sanctuary was plain and solemn to represent the remembrance of Jesus’ death on the cross.

### Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil

On Saturday, from 12 noon to 12 midnight, more than 35 members of the Salem congregation dedicated 30 minutes of their day to prayer and meditation. Prayer was continuous from noon to midnight.

### Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday morning, 30 worshippers were in the sanctuary and the rest on Zoom.

One family nearly filled a whole pew, causing Pastor Bob to exclaim with delight, “I don’t think I have seen that in a whole year.”

The Salem sanctuary was adorned with beautiful spring flowers. Two Hyacinth arrangements were donated in memory of Frank and Charlie Warrenfeltz and Ruth Jackson by Roostervane Gardens Florist, Funkstown, MD.

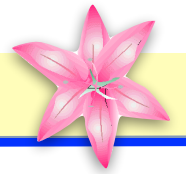
Special music (pre-recorded) was provided by Salem’s “Works in Progress” praise band.

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# Holy Week and Easter Sunday at Salem



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Children’s Time included Easter recitations by Valentina Barkdoll, Loralli Snyder, Will Boyton, Ella Grace Carter, Brynleigh Irons, Saralynn Irons, Landon Lafferty, Cheyenne Leatherman, Shelby Leatherman, and Cassie Webb.

### Coping and Resilient

Although vaccine is now available and many are getting vaccinated against COVID-19, restrictions still remain— wear a mask and observe 6-foot social distancing.

Yet, amidst these uncertain times, the church has been resilient.

We are blessed to have faithful volunteers in the sanctuary every Sunday (organist, acolytes, lay readers, camera and computer operators) making the live broadcast possible for those who are not yet comfortable to attend worship in the building.

And we are grateful for those who edit video and copy DVDs of the recorded service to distribute to folks who do not have the means to watch “live.”

We also give praise for a faithful congregation of people who have stuck together, quietly attending to “day to day” church work, coping and resilient, to continue the ministry of Christ in the Wolfsville community.

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



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On Easter Sunday morning during Children’s Time, Landon, age 6, and nine others presented their Easter messages in the form of a recitation. Landon, who was worshipping at home with his parents, was projected on the screen in the sanctuary where he was heard loud and clear. Great job to all who presented their Easter messages in this way!

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



The two hyacinth flower arrangements were donated by Roostervane Gardens Florist, Funkstown, in memory of Frank and Charlie Warrenfeltz and Ruth Jackson. Our thanks to Barbie Stottlemeyer who selected all of the beautiful spring flowers in the sanctuary.

### Three Ways to Give Tithes & Offerings

#### 1. Offering Plate in Sanctuary

For those at sanctuary worship, an offering plate will be available at the rear of the sanctuary.

#### 2. By Mail

You may mail your tithes and offerings to:

Salem United Methodist Church  
Church Treasurer  
P. O. Box 144  
Myersville, MD 21773-0144

Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church.

#### 3. Electronically Online

You may give electronically by viewing our website SalemChurchWolfsville.org and select GIVE.

### Heavenly Humor



**"Mommy, will you write 'Happy Mother's Day' on here?  
But don't look at it!"**

#### *Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

Not all storms come to disrupt your life;  
some come to clear your path.

Our loving actions can be  
God's presence in others.

Joy is a choice before it  
becomes a feeling.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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