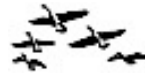


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Food Pantry
OPEN
TUESDAYS
6:30-7:30 pm

Ice Cream Social
JULY 25 **DETAILS**
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Monday-Friday, July 12-16, 2021 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE

Ages 4-12

Salem to host Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School

■ By Fonda Gormer

KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE

The King of North Castle has found out that there is a Great Armor, far superior to anything he already has to protect his kingdom. So he and his knights set out to search for it.

While they are gone, his armorer finds a book that contains some riddles that may be clues for finding the Great Armor.

This is the setting for this year's Wolfsville community Vacation Bible School to be held July 12 – 16 at Salem United Methodist Church, 12479 Wolfsville Road.

From 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. each evening, the children will help find the clues to the Great Armor through Bible stories and activities, music, crafts, games and refreshments.

Children ages 4 through 12 are welcome to take part. Parents will register their children upon arrival the first evening in attendance.

Regarding COVID-19 restrictions for activities at Salem, unvaccinated people participating are encouraged to continue wearing face masks. Some activities will be held indoors, while others will be outdoors. Parents should determine how this affects their family.

Each child will be provided with their own bag of supplies to preclude sharing. Vacation Bible School (VBS) staff will encourage social distancing and hand sanitizer will be easily accessible.

If you would like to help with VBS, or for more information, you may contact me at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net.



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 238
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. 6
Mary with AIM in France

Mary recently wrote to us with an update on her mission work in France which is focused on sharing Christ with non-Christian immigrants.

Mary tells of interactions with women from West Africa and the Middle East, and how the Christmas season gave her an opportunity to share the "reason for the season" with those of other faiths who do not celebrate Christmas.

Mary is excited to report that a few weeks ago two members of their church were being baptized.

She says, "Please pray that God would keep me centered on Him as the One in control, and that I would continue to find my love, joy, identity and stability in Christ alone. Pray that I would remember to daily release my plans to the Lord and trust Him to guide my steps. And I pray that for you, as well."



Mary with AIM in France

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

Sunday	7am - Noon	Prep and worship (at church)	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	6-7 am	Devotions (at home)
				9 am - Noon	Parsonage Office
				Noon - 1 pm	Lunch
				1-5 pm	Parsonage Office
Monday (day off)	6-7 am	Devotions (at home)	Saturday	7-9 am	Final touches on Sunday's sermon (at home)
	9-11 am	Planning Time (at home)			

Who's Doing What, When?

July 2021

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

Lay Reader

- 4 - Gary Barkdoll
- 11 - Joyce Weaver
- 18 - Bobby Fogle
- 25 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Acolyte

- 4 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 11 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 18 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 25 - Loralli Snyder

Organist

- 4 - Sara Weitzel
- 11 - Sara Weitzel
- 18 - Sara Weitzel
- 25 - Sara Weitzel

Computer

- 4 - Michele Kline
- 11 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 18 - Lori Williamson
- 25 - Robin Haupt

Camera

- 4 - Lori Williamson
- 11 - Michele Kline
- 18 - Patrick Boyton
- 25 - Dennis Draper

Holy Communion

will not be observed in July



It's Your Day!

July Anniversaries

- 4 - Michael & Mandy Mellott
- 10 - Robin & Theresa Haupt
- 18 - Pastor Bob & Donna Snyder
- 20 - Randy & Karen Sowers
- 29 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll

July Birthdays

- 2 - Phyllis Beall
- 4 - Marlene Young
- 5 - Brett Haupt
- 10 - Randy Sowers
- 11 - Alyssa Fogle
- 13 - Patty Blickenstaff
- 14 - Tyler Zimmerman
- 18 - Amanda Hawkins
- 21 - Donald Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Pat Eccard
- 27 - Cyndy Weddle
- 28 - Kim Tolland
- 28 - Jennifer Burrier
- 28 - Austin Hebeisen
- 29 - Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 29 - Katy Hornbecker

Wolfsville Community Food Pantry

Temporary Location Change

The Food Pantry at Salem has temporarily moved to the parsonage (across the parking lot from Salem Church) until after repairs and renovation work is completed in the lower level of the educational building.

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.

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.

Construction in the lower level of the educational building is scheduled to begin July 13.

Ice Cream Social

Music
Ice Cream
Family Fun

Bring a family game.

ICE CREAM
Ice Cream served about 7:00 p.m.
Drinks provided by the church.

Music by Works in Progress Praise Band

Ice Cream donated by South Mountain Creamery

Sunday July 25 6:30 pm

at Salem's Pavilion

CORNHOLE

• July is National Ice Cream Month •



Message from the Pastor and Worship in July

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

Summer is here! What a great time of the year: warm weather, long days, nature in full bloom. I hope during this summer you will be able to find time to fill your spirit with things you love to do.

We have a few events planned at Salem this summer: Vacation Bible School (July), the Ice Cream Social (July), Back to Church Sunday (Sept) and Lord's Acre (Sept). Along with Sunday worship in the building and online, we hope scheduling these events will help you get re-connected with your Salem church family.

Beginning in mid-July, we'll also be doing repair and renovation work in the lower level classroom area so it will have a new, fresh look when we restart Sunday school at the end of the summer.

It's been great to see more people back at worship in the building and those of you taking advantage of online worship.

Please get vaccinated against COVID-19 if you can. It's an act of love to those who can't. God Bless. —*Pastor Bob*

July 4 Independence Day "Hometown Visit"

Mark 6:1-6

Guest Speaker: Bill Burrier

Children's Time: "Seeds and a Farmer"

Mark 6:4 "Then Jesus told them, 'A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family.'" (NLT)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. When He was very young, His parents fled to Egypt after they had been warned by God that King Herod would attempt to murder every child under two years of age (Matthew 2:13-14).

Some time later, after King Herod died, God directed them to return to



Pastor Bob is on vacation July 3—18.

Israel (Matthew 2:19-21).

When the family returned, they settled in Nazareth, a small village in a region known as Galilee. That is where Jesus grew up. Consequently, Nazareth became Jesus' hometown.

Well into adulthood, and early in Jesus' ministry, He relocated from Nazareth to Capernaum, a small fishing village on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee.

The scriptures tell us Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth two times to visit family and friends.

This message will focus on Jesus' second visit to Nazareth, when, sadly, he was again rejected in his own hometown.

July 11 "Adopted"

Ephesians 1:3-14

Guest Speaker: Gary Barkdoll

Ephesians 1:5a – "God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love."

One of the great blessings of our marriage was to adopt a child, give birth to two more children, and then adopt a fourth child.

Just as we look upon our children as our precious treasure, so does God look upon each one of us, his precious children.

Once we were separated from God, but through Jesus' death on the cross we have been adopted by God and brought back into relationship with the one who loves us beyond measure.

We're all adopted, and having been adopted, God promises to love and care for us always. We are made secure in his love. Praise God!

July 18 "True Peace"

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Guest Speaker: Wanda Barkdoll

Ephesians 2:14a – "Christ is our peace."

We've all experienced something similar to this: The kids are going crazy, deadlines at work are looming, things we wanted to have done by now at church are still not completed, and our last bit of down time didn't provide the peace we were seeking.

And the cycle repeats itself over and over until we finally come to learn that we've been seeking the peace we yearn for in the wrong places.

Even in the craziness of our daily lives, the peace we are seeking is available to us if we take Christ along with us during our day. The peace we seek comes from Christ our Lord and the relationship we are building with the Lord. Christ is our peace.

July 25 "It's All about God"

Ephesians 3: 14-20

Ephesians 3:20 – "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine."

Sometimes we'll hear the expression applied to a person, "It's all about him or her." The expression is usually not a compliment. Many times it describes a person who thinks mostly about themselves and thinks that success is totally self-made.

You've got the gift, you work hard, you trample on anyone who gets in your way, you never apologize, and you relish in the success you've made for yourself - do these things and you're bound to make it big all on your own.

"It's all about me" is a way of approaching life. But not a very smart one.

The Bible tells us that it's a good way to fall short of what you could have been in life. To truly succeed, "It's all about God" is the better way.



4th of July

Lord God, thank you for more than 200 years of freedom, protection, and blessing in America. Help us not to forget the blessings and opportunity you give us each day.

Make us not forget the sacrifice of the many for all of us who live free in our nation. We pray for the safety of our military today.

We pray for our leaders, from the mayors to the President, that you would guide them to make wise and godly decisions that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in godliness and honesty as the Scripture says (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

Remind us to pray when we are tempted to complain. Remind us to have faith. Remind us to see our prayers as a tool of influence. You are that influence. We pray for Godly leaders and Godly influence in our homes, churches, institutions, businesses and communities across the nation.

Most of all, we thank you for your presence and power— for you are the source of all holiness, happiness, joy, and contentment. Amen.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

On a Summer Day

By Kay Hoffman

There's a softness on a Summer day
That comes no other time;
A softness on the azure sky
That makes our day sublime.

There's a softness in the sunbeams
And in the gentle rain
As it washes flower faces
And makes them bright again.

There's a softness on the distant hills,
A softness in the green
That bids us come and rest awhile
From out life's busy scene.

There's a softness in the meadow
With pretty daisies blessed;
And in the mother robin's song,
Wee babies in the nest.

There's a softness on the Summer breeze,
A softness in the touch.
On a Summer day God whispers,
"I love you very much."



RECIPE



Spinach-Strawberry Salad

INGREDIENTS:

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 12 ozs. fresh spinach | 2 tablespoons sesame seeds |
| 1 qt. fresh strawberries, sliced | 1 tablespoon poppy seeds |

DRESSING:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1/2 cup vegetable oil | 1/4 teaspoon paprika |
| 1/2 cup sugar | 1/4 cup cider vinegar |
| 1 1/2 teaspoons grated onion | |
| 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce | |

DIRECTIONS:

1. Layer spinach, strawberries, sesame seeds, and poppy seeds in a large salad bowl.
2. Combine the dressing ingredients in a blender. Blend for 2 minutes.
3. Just before serving, pour the dressing over the spinach and toss lightly to coat the spinach and berries. Makes 6-8 servings.

Note: You can make the dressing and store it in the refrigerator. Then make the amount of salad you want and just add as much dressing as it needs.

Selected from "Fix-It and Enjoy-It! Cookbook"



The American Flag

By Helen Shick

The Stars and Stripes is flying,
And it's waving high and free;
And rightly so, it's the symbol of
Man's love for liberty.

It has earned the name "Old Glory,"
It bears meaning in each star;
There's history in each stripe of red
And in each snow-white bar.

Each star is representing
A state within our nation;
Thirteen at first, now fifty glow
In our mighty constellation.

Our flag is an honored symbol
Of all that has gone before;
It is the ensign of our principles;
It is the guardian of our shores.

When the Stars and Stripes is
waving
This nation's history comes in view;
There is more yet to be written;
Let's keep it good and honorable,
too.

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

Creation Music Festival Postponed Again

The Creation Music Festival has been postponed again due to COVID-19.

The new dates are June 29 - July 2, 2022. The tickets Salem purchased for the 2020 event will still be honored in 2022.



Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



High School Graduates — Paul McCormick (Smithsburg High School), Sarah Burrier (Catocin High School), and Joe Hawkins (Catocin High School) not pictured. In the background is Denny Leatherman, Salem Lay Leader, who presented Bibles to the high school graduates.



College Graduates — From left, Jody Grace Eccard (Bachelor's in Elementary Education and Special Education, Hood College), Jennifer Burrier (Master's in Nursing, Aspen University), and Michael Burrier (Master's in Business Administration, Aspen University).

Not pictured, Jadie Buhrman (Hagerstown Community College), Rebecca Leatherman (Bachelor's in English, Towson University), Robert Leatherman (Bachelor's in Technology Development & Management (St. Petersburg College), Colleen Carter (Master's in Social Work, Walden University), Corey Carter (Master's in Homeland Security, American Public University), Dottie Hager (Bachelor's in Social Work, McDaniel College), and Hannah Truitt (Bachelor's in Kinesiology, University of Tennessee).

Full Reopening in Progress

For those vaccinated, there are no restrictions. Face masks are optional.

For those unvaccinated, wearing face masks and 6' physical distancing are strongly recommended indoors, as is wearing a face mask outdoors if you are unable to maintain physical distancing. Let's all continue to use hand sanitizer.

We ask for your cooperation to protect yourself and others who are vulnerable to contracting COVID-19.

Please Get Vaccinated

Protect yourself and those unable to be vaccinated. As of 6/25/21, 55.2% of residents living in Frederick County are fully vaccinated. We need to get as many people vaccinated as possible!

County vaccination stats are reported at: frederickcountymd.gov/COVIDstats

Salem Work Week

Monday-Friday, June 28 through July 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone's help is needed to move all items from the downstairs Sunday school classrooms and office up to the social hall before repair work begins downstairs.

This is also a great opportunity to discard unused items.

Pick one evening to help or come every day. Your help is appreciated. Contact: Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, 301-293-1470.

Firewood is Available

Several trees have been cut down at the cemetery. The wood is available at the cemetery to anyone in the church family who is willing to cut it and haul it away.

Contact: Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, 301-293-1470.

Ladies Bible Study

Every Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

■ 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 you are interested or have questions, please let me know at mdironson@oleminkfarm.com or 301-271-7012.

Reflections on George's life

A Tribute to George C. Harne — June 19, 1942 – June 13, 2021

A private graveside service for George Charles Harne, 78, was held at Salem's cemetery on June 18, 2021.

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

Wolfsville, Lifelong Home

George loved Wolfsville, his lifelong home. He was born in a log cabin on Wildcat Road, was raised in his parent's home adjacent to Harne's Store, and he and Judy raised their own family in their home on Harp Hill Road, still within walking distance from the log cabin where George was born.

It was beautiful the morning George was laid to rest at the Cemetery of Salem Church. A beautiful day in Wolfsville seemed very fitting for a person who loved this place so much.

George was at home in other ways as well.

At Home with the Lord

First and foremost, he was at home with the Lord. He loved the Lord and we saw him striving to live out his faith in daily life.

George was quiet and unassuming and strong and wise. He took time to be with the Lord each day.

He attended worship every Sunday and was present at church activities and events.

Many, many people were recipients of his acts of kindness and caring. Over the years, he was a regular contributor to Salem's Food Pantry.

George was at home in his love for his family: Devoted wife Judy and adult children Todd and Jennifer; his sister Ruth and his extended family.

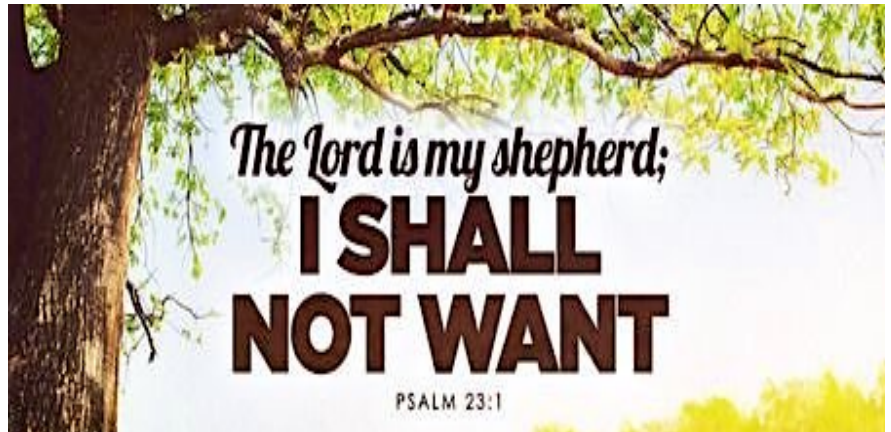
He was proud of who they had become and the ways they were serving their community.

Salem is located between George's architectural firm and his home on Harp Hill Road, so it was nearly a daily occurrence when I'd see George heading home sometime during the day to check in on things there. He was never far from the family he loved.

A Registered Architect

George was also at home serving as a registered architect.

I say serving because that's how he approached his profession and his life – serving others.



His relationships with people and his architectural designs have made a positive difference in the lives of people across several states and cities.

A Mentor

George was at home being a mentor. He would tell the story of his first job at Bowers Lumber Company where he met Fritz Bowers, Architect, and how he mentored George who was then aspiring to become an architect.

George was very thankful for Fritz' mentoring and has paid it forward many times over, most recently with Lee Ellen and Hank who are themselves very close to becoming architects having worked under George's supervision until his passing.

A Good Friend

George was also at home being a good friend.

Elvin tells the story of how he and George escaped and got their Sunday clothes dirty playing together as young boys in the fields around Salem Church as their parents talked inside the church building on Sunday mornings.

Over the last several decades, George and Elvin continued to be close friends and work together every day in George's architectural firm.

A Humble, Generous Man

George was a good and generous friend to many. He was a very good

observer of people and situations and seemed to offer just the right help just when it was needed.

I can't count the number of times he would make a call, arrange a visit, or draw up some plans to help out a person or group – quietly, generously, and humbly.

Whether playing a key role on a church-wide project, helping a young person with a summer job, visiting one in need, or engaging in some other kind act, George demonstrated his love for others in many ways.

From time-to-time, George would approach me and say, "You're doing a good job."

On Sundays during the height of COVID-19, he'd stop by the church after our small in-person and larger online service, and he'd hand me a paper bag with two pieces of that delicious homemade cake from Harne's Store, and he'd say something like, "Here's a little something, make sure Donna gets her piece."

I'll really miss his quiet kindness. He was a true gentleman, in the best sense of the term.

George was at home in many different ways, and now he's at home with the Lord.

He has received his reward and is now in his eternal home.

Thank you for what you have taught us about faith and life, George, and thank you for being our friend. Amen.

3 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.



Going Up

A boy got on the elevator in the Empire State Building in New York City. He and his father started to the top. The boy watched the signs flashing as they ascended: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70.

Anxious, he took his father's hand and said "Daddy, does God know we are coming."



Submitted by Dennis Draper

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Working for God on earth does not pay much, but His Retirement Plan is out of this world.

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

Every time you smile at someone it's a gift to that person.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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