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Thank You to the Wolfsville Community

Wolfsville community supports Salem's 61st annual Lord's Acre Festival

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



(L to R) Bob Stup, Donnie Stottlemyer and Dick Kline were busy organizing the fresh produce area at Salem's Lord's Acre Festival on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. Sales of produce totaled \$439.75.

By Bill Burrier

After being forced to take a year off due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, Salem's annual Lord's Acre Festival resumed again this year on September 11th.

Some folks were still wearing masks since the Delta variant of the virus was still very prominent and a threat, especially to the unvaccinated.

When planning this year's event, we were not sure what to expect in terms of support from the community. What would attendance look like? Should we prepare the same amount of food?

Going on faith, the menu remained the same as previous years, and the sales areas were the same except there were no children's activities.

In the days leading up to the event,

much remained the same as before. Thursday was dedicated to making soup. On Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. fruit and cream pies were being made.

Set up at the park proceeded on Friday evening and turkey salad and country ham sandwiches were made early Saturday morning.

Set up continued on Saturday morning for the 2 p.m. start time when sales began.

The Lord gave us one of the prettiest days of September, temperatures in the 70's, bright sunshine and a beautiful blue sky.

The parking lots filled and sales of food and other items were steady. The Lord blessed our efforts again this year.

Turn to page 6 for this year's income from sales and contributions.

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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.



2021 MISSION PROJECTS

2021 Goal

1.	Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$2,460
2.	Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	45
З.	Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs)	1,180
4.	Wolfsville Elementary School PTA - "All Pro Families Breakfast"	
5.	Wolfsville Community Food Pantry at Salem	1,180
6.	Mary E. (AIM - France)	1,320
	United Methodist Board of Child Care Christmas Offering	
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)	
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
	World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	
	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. 2

Samaritan's Purse · Operation Christmas Child

Looking Ahead . . .

Next month we'll be fill shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child



Samaritan's Purse blesses millions of children around the world with a gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Each one of these boxes, packed full with unique toys, school supplies, and

heartfelt prayers is a tangible expression of God's love to a boy or girl in need.

In addition, shoebox gifts provide an effective way for local churches to share the message of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I packed shoeboxes with my kids when they were young, and now they pack them with their own kids. It's a great way to teach the children about giving!

Through this simple step, we can claim God's promise that "I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6, ESV) -Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

Salem Contact: Barbie Stottlemyer

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

Sunday

7am - Noon Prep and worship (at church)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Devotions (at home) 6-7 am 9 am - Noon Parsonage Office Lunch Noon - 1 pm

Monday (day off) 6-7 am

9-11 am Planning Time (at home)

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Devotions (at home)

1-5 pm Parsonage Office Saturday

7-9 am Final touches on Sunday's sermon (at home)

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & ONLINE ZOOM WORSHIP

Note new start

time

Lay Reader

- 3 Bobby Fogle
 - 10 Melissa Thornton
 - 17 Dennis Draper
 - 24 Dennis Leatherman 24 Loralli Snyder
 - 31 Bill Weaver

Computer

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

Acolyte

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

 - 31 Valentina Barkdoll

Camera

- 3 Lori Williamson
 - 10 Michele Kline
 - 17 Patrick Boyton
 - 24 Wanda Barkdoll
 - 31 Dennis Draper
- 10:15 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Classes begin Oct. 3

Every Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.

- Pre-K Children
- · Elementary School Class
- Middle School, High School Class (and recent graduates)
- Adult Discussion Group Couples & Singles
- Men's Class
- Women's Class

Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. - Mark 16:15 New International Version (NIV)

Lay Readers & Greeters for 9 a.m. worship

Lav Readers

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve as Lay Readers for our 9:00 a.m. worship. The Lay Readers for each month, as listed above, will be asked to serve, in turn, from the following rotation list. If your name appears for a Sunday that does not suit, you may ask to switch with another person. Please advise Pastor Bob of the switch so he can print it in the Sunday bulletin.

The Lay Reader rotation list for the next four months is as follows: October— Bobby Fogle, Melissa Thornton, Dennis Draper, Dennis Leatherman,

Bill Weaver November- Donna Snyder, Michael Burrier, Wanda Barkdoll, Lora McGraw

December- Lavena Jenkins, Janice Harshman, Sue Ellen Stottlemyer, Joyce Weaver

January- Robin Haupt, Patrick Boyton, Marlene Young, Mary Cline, Gary Barkdoll

The rotation will start over in February. With the current number of lay readers in the rotation, each person will be asked to serve only once every four months.

Greeters

We are in need of greeters for 9 a.m. worship. If you would like to serve, please contact Bill Burrier or Pastor Bob. Greeters arrive at church 20 minutes before the start of worship (8:40 a.m.) to greet the people and give them a bulletin.

It's Your Day!

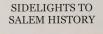
October Anniversaries

- 6 Brett & Kendra Haupt
- 9 Josh & Trista Wright
- 9 Erick & Meagan Wagaman
- 14 George & Barbara Stottlemyer
- 20 Meredith & Janice Harshman

October Birthdays

- 1 Mary Brown
- 3 Henry Wright
- 4 Charlie Beall
- 4 Justin Fogle
- 5 Tim Brown
- 6 Ron Ellis Jr.
- 9 Brandon Ferris
- 13 George Hawkins
- 17 Jamie Lafferty
- 18 Adam Robinson
- 18 Tyler Ferris
- 20 Dennis Draper
- 25 Laura Snyder
- 26 Bailey Blickenstaff
- 29 Riley Mellott
- 31 Jason Buhrman





Two Hundred Years of Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville, MD 1819-2019

History of Salem still available



Compiled by Fonda Gormer

When Salem celebrated its 200th anniversary in 2019, Fonda Gormer compiled a book,

"Sidelights to Salem History," to commemorate the occasion.

It detailed some lesser known facets of Salem's past and the people involved. The plan was to offer the book at the following Lord's Acre Festival. That festival did not happen in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Copies of the book are still available. Cost per copy is \$10.

Contact Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net if you are interested in obtaining a copy.





Organist

3 - Sara Weitzel 10 - Sara Weitzel

October 2021

- 17 Sara Weitzel
- 24 Sara Weitzel
- 31 Sara Weitzel

Greeter

- 3 Bill Burrier
 - 10 Dennis Draper
 - 17 Matt Stottlemyer 24 - Bill Burrier
 - 31 Bill Burrier



Message from the Pastor and Worship in October

By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

'm writing this article on the first day of fall. It's a season I love with its mild temperatures, cool mornings and evenings, clear days, and the colorful changing of the leaves. I'm looking forward to the fall and I hope you are too.

I acknowledge, September has been very, very busy for us: re-starting the Lord's Acre Festival and the CROP Walk for Hunger, finishing up our downstairs repair and renovation project, Church Conference, and continuing to navigate COVID.

On October 3, we hope to restart Sunday school but it is realized that parents with young children may not be ready to do that just yet.

The busy-ness and uncertainty has left us feeling tired. Yet, God is here with us to help us continue our journey together and we are thankful for that.

I've been praying the following prayer a lot lately. Maybe it will be of some help to you. "Almighty Father, thank you for being here with me today to help me, and for never giving up on me. Help me to seek you out each day, to see the many blessings that come from you, and to give you thanks. Amidst tiredness and uncertainty, help me hold in my heart the joy that comes from you and help me to spread your joy to others. In Jesus name I pray, Amen." Have a great start of autumn! God Bless. —*Pastor Bob*

October 3 World Communion Sunday "Both, And" Psalm 26

Psalm 26:8 – "I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your glory dwells."

We hear the expression "either or." If I'm trying to limit (it's hard) my granddaughter to have only one treat, I might say, "You can either have a fudge bar or a cookie, but not both." But there are sometimes when I break down and say, "You can have both the fudge bar and the cookie."

I think King David might be using some of this "both, and" logic in Psalm 26:8. He seems to be saying that God's glory is present both in our church buildings and wherever God's glory dwells. It is good to know that God is with us in church as we worship on Sundays and continues to be with us everywhere we go, every day of the week.

October 10 "The World's Sharpest Knife" Hebrews 4:12-16

Hebrews 4:12a – "For the word of God is living and active; sharper than any double-edged sword."

It's good to have a sharp axe to split wood and a sharp knife to slice a meat entrée. A dull blade just doesn't cut it!

Today's verses tell us that God's word is sharper than anything we can imagine. God's living word found in the Bible, cuts through everything that might stand in its way to reveal the truth about God, what he does for us, and how we are to respond.

We can be confused and overtaken by the noise and fast pace of the world. But God's living word, the ongoing conversation he is having with us, cuts through the confusion of the world and provides the true way forward for us.

October 17 "A Mother & Her Two Sons" Matthew 20:20-28 Guest Speaker: Bill Burrier Children's Message: Puppets Stella & Barney

Matthew 20:26 – "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."

James and John's mother asks Jesus to place her sons in the seats of honor in heaven. Jesus responds by telling his disciples that to be great, you must be a servant, and to be first, you must be a slave.

Jesus came to serve, not to be served. And he desires the same attitude from us. This is different from the world's expectations. There are times in our lives where we want to be honored and recognized, but God wants us to focus more energy on thinking about others as we serve through our spiritual gifts and God-given talents.

October 24 "Making Sense" Psalm 34:1-8

Psalm 34:8 – "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him."

I remember our daughter Laura's "First Communion" training. The pastor and the class baked the loaf of bread during the class that would be used in communion. The smell of the freshly baked bread added to the children's encounter with God as they learned about his sacrament.

Through the sense of smell, my own experience of God in communion became more meaningful. What if we were to deliberately seek out God each day using all our senses: sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste. A long time ago, King David used his senses of taste and sight and experienced God's goodness.

October 31 "No One Dared" Mark 12:28-34

Mark 12:30 – "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

This was Jesus' answer when asked which one of God's commandments was the most important. Hearing his answer, the expert in the law who had asked Jesus the question stated, "Well said, teacher, you are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love God and neighbor is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices" (VV. 32-33). Was this religious expert saying this because he felt it was what Jesus wanted to hear and or did he really mean it?

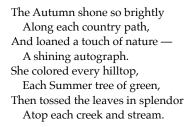
Many times in Jesus' day, God's commands were not being lived out in everyday life. Loving God and neighbor: are they nice words we say, or commandments we live by?



Autumn Magic By Garnett Ann Schultz

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I found the Autumn magic One bright October day, In every splash of color Among the leaves at play. This lovely, changing season Just at the Summer's end, 'Neath the skies of blue above — A very special blend.



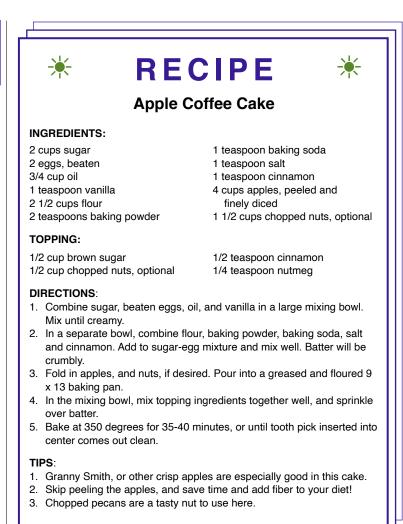
God's world — a changing wonder — As leaves piled thick and deep, Beginning of the Autumn, Each Summer day complete. Before the cold of Winter, Soft breezes still at play, A touch of Autumn magic To bless October's way.

Reassurance

By Kay Hoffman

When I'm overwhelmed with worry, I turn my thoughts above And linger in the presence Of God the Father's love. It's in this time of quiet That I find a sweet release. As I lay my burdens down, There comes an inner peace. Reassurance fills my heart As I go about my day, For I know that God is with me And He will guide the way.

Why is it that so many of us persist in thinking that autumn is a sad season? Nature has merely fallen asleep, and her dreams must be beautiful if we are to judge by her countenance. — Samuel Taylor Coleridge



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

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New England Walls

By Edith Shaw Butler

Along the country roads We find these old gray walls. Upon their lichened stones

The season's sunlight falls.

For centuries these stones Have weathered rain and snow; Have borne the summer's heat,

The bitter winds that blow Across these rugged hills,

Where sturdy pioneers Built homes and cleared this land In distant, bygone years.

These old New England walls Remind us of the toil And patience that it took To farm this rocky soil. 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

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



2021 Lord's Acre Income

as of September 25, 2021

Produce	\$439.75
Needlework/Crafts	\$328.00
Flea Tables	\$346.00
Silent Auction	\$460.00
Live Auction	\$1,654.50
Soup/Sandwiches	\$3,506.30
Baked Goods	\$1,186.75
Ice Cream	\$288.00
Bee-lievers" Contribution	\$1,500.00
Individual Contributions	\$2,176.22
TOTAL INCOME	. \$11,885.52

Silent Auction Items

By Amy McCormick

Violets in Tea Cups \$2 Ceramic Items \$1 Christmas Platters \$2 Door Hanger \$1	10 25
Bread Maker \$5	
Vase\$2	
Picture of Salem Church \$5	
Apple Basket \$3	30
Fairy Garden \$1	0
Irish Beaded Necklace \$2	20
Longaberger Baskets (2) \$1	0
Ice Cream Basket \$2	25
Bird Nesting Boxes\$	11
Bird Houses \$*	11
Longaberger Baskets (2) \$2	20
Flowers \$2	20
Cross Necklace \$1	12
Shamrock Heart Pendant \$1	6
Cross Necklace \$2	25
Household Items §	\$5
Chicken Picture \$2	20



2021 Lord's Acre Featured Quilt "Dutch Girl" sold for \$725 at auction

Major Items Sold at the 6 p.m. Auction

Robert Wilson, Auctioneer

Cherry Stool	\$22.50
Pine Stool	\$20.00
Log Cabin	\$100.00
Pictures of Wolfsville	\$35.00
"Dutch Girl" Quilt	\$725.00

Successful Fundraiser

As of this writing, this year's income totaled \$11,885.52.

With some expenses yet to be paid, a full report, indicating the amount of profit, will be published in next month's "Mountain Shepherd."

Profits will be placed in Salem's Building and Improvement Fund and will be used for building maintenance and repairs, renovation, and purchase of equipment.



WAVE Youth Retreat set for January 7-9, 2022

Salem is planning to attend the annual youth retreat in Ocean City, January 7-9, 2022. This event, previously called ROCK, is now called WAVE and will include youth from the Baltimore-Washington Conference and the Peninsula-Delaware Conference.

The event is still youth-designed and youth-driven, still held at the Ocean City Convention Center, and still focused on connecting youth to Christ and one another in fun and powerful ways.

Salem member Wanda Barkdoll will be purchasing tickets and making hotel arrangements, so please contact Wanda if you are planning to attend.

News & Notes

"Bee-lievers" Women's Group to craft ornaments for Wolfsville School

By Fonda Gormer

The "Bee-lievers" Women's Group will hold their next regular business meeting on Thursday, October 11, at 7 p.m. in the church social area.

During the meeting, the women will be making Christmas card ornaments for the Wolfsville PTA's annual Christmas sale, where items are sold for the children to give as gifts.

We will be using can lids and Christmas cards to make tree ornaments.

Those attending are asked to bring scissors, lids from 6 to 16 ounce cans that have been removed with a side opener, tacky glue or glue guns, used cards and any small edgings that one may have.

Items will be shared, so if one does not have lids, for example, others will.

All women are invited to attend this Bee-lievers meeting to see what we do and to take part in this outreach project.

Contact Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436 for more information.

Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference changed from in-person to online

The 237th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, scheduled for October 25-27, will now be held entirely online.



standing transforming rising

As our country enters the fourth surge of

COVID-19, conference leaders canceled the option of gathering in-person at the Hilton Hotel in Baltimore and retained only the online portion of this year's annual conference.

The three-day annual conference session will be live-streamed for everyone to watch. The plenary and worship services are being redesigned to best accommodate online engagement.

An in-person ordination service (which will also be live-streamed) will be held at a church near the Mission Center.

Attendance will be limited to those being ordained and commissioned and a few of their family members and friends.

This decision was made out of an abundance of caution to address the potential threats raised by COVID-19 and the Delta variant.

Scenes from the 61st annual Lord's Acre Festival

Saturday, September 11, 2021



















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 <u>SalemChurchWolfsville.org</u> and select GIVE.





Good thing I found you Gideon . . . it seems someone has been hiding all your Bibles in hotel rooms.

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called. The best mathematical equation: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given We don't change the message, the message changes us.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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NEW SERVICE TIMES Beginning October 3

9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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