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**SALEM'S
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**
SUNDAY, MARCH 13
4 P.M.
DETAILS ON P. 3

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DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

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Orders due February 7, 2022

Soup & Sandwich Sale



Don't forget to order
SOUP and SANDWICHES!

Just a reminder to get your soup and sandwich orders in **by February 7.**
Food must be pre-ordered for pick-up at Salem on February 26 or 27.
See the order form below for details.

Order forms can be given to Fonda Gorner. Orders may also be made by e-mail to Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer at ses1313@comcast.net; or by calling Fonda Gorner at 301-293-2436.

Proceeds from the sale are used by the "Bee-lievers" Women's Group to support various Salem projects.

❖ **FOOD SALE ORDER FORM** ❖
Orders Due February 7, 2022

Please contact Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer at ses1313@comcast.net or Fonda Gorner at 301-293-2436.

Your Name _____ Phone _____

SOUPS		How many?	Amount \$
Vegetable	\$6.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Noodle	\$6.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Corn	\$6.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Bean with rivels	\$6.00/quart	_____	\$ _____

SANDWICHES			Amount \$
Country Ham	\$3.50 each	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Salad	\$2.50 each	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL amount due at pick up			\$ _____

PICK UP (check one) Sat Feb 26 (4-6 p.m.) Sun Feb 27 (a.m.)



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 238
2022 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.



2022 MISSION PROJECTS

2022 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. Open for 2022	0
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry at Salem	1,180
6. Mary D. (AIM - France)	1,320
7. United Methodist Board of Child Care Christmas Offering	750
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	300
9. Open for 2022	0
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 (Not meeting but keeping in contact with students)	4,500
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	420
TOTAL GOAL for 2022	\$13,991

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

Mission Project No. 14
World Vision - Sponsored Child in Colombia

YURLEY PAOLA


Dear Salem Church:

On behalf of the children and their families here in Colombia, thank you for your continued support especially in these hard times.

This past year, you've made such a difference for vulnerable children. I'm most proud that together, World Vision has helped over 2.7 million people improve their health, education, family incomes and child protection.

Since we just came through the Christmas holidays, you may like to know that families celebrate Christmas here in Colombia by playing traditional games called Aguinaldos. They test each other with a variety of games where they try to trick their opponent so they can win a gift.

Peter Gape
National Director, World Vision, Colombia



Yurley Paola
Colombia

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?

February 2022

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

Lay Reader

6 Melissa Thornton
13 Bill Weaver
20 Dennis Leatherman
27 Bobby Fogle

Acolyte

6 Loralli Snyder
13 Valentina Barkdoll
20 Loralli Snyder
27 Valentina Barkdoll

Organist

6 Sara Weitzel
13 Sara Weitzel
20 Sara Weitzel
27 Sara Weitzel

Computer

6 Donna Snyder
13 Wanda Barkdoll
20 Lori Williamson
27 Robin Haupt

Camera

6 Lori Williamson
13 Dennis Leatherman
20 Patrick Boyton
27 Dennis Draper

Greeter

6 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
13 Dennis Draper
20 Matt Stottlemeyer
27 Barkdoll Family

It's still happening!

Contemporary Worship

Mark your calendar



Logo by Sarah Burrier

Sunday, March 13, 2022 • 4:00 p.m. at Salem

"IT'S STILL HAPPENING!"

Due to COVID, the return of Salem's contemporary worship service has been postponed until March.

The new monthly service is called THE BRIDGE - CONNECTING FAITH AND LIFE and will now kick-off on Sunday, March 13th, at its new time of 4:00 p.m. THE BRIDGE will then continue the 2nd Sunday of each month throughout 2022.

Each month, THE BRIDGE service will focus on a theme that addresses everyday life issues such as "Times of Suffering," "Times of Decision," and "Times of Weariness."

Pastor Bob has asked Salem members and friends to submit theme ideas for the service. A big "thank you" to those who have already submitted ideas. Is there a "Times of..." theme that you would like to see addressed in one of the upcoming THE BRIDGE services in 2022? Just let Pastor Bob know at any time.

To get the word out to the community about THE BRIDGE services, Salem is planning several marketing efforts beginning in February that include:

- mailing a large full-color postcard to all our neighbors within a several mile radius of the church;
- placing a banner in the church's front lawn and yard signs around the area;
- mailing personal invitations to our young adults and regular worshippers from our former contemporary service;
- and a targeted social media campaign through Facebook and Instagram to raise awareness about the new service.

The best advertising, though, is word of mouth. As you see these marketing efforts in your mailbox, alongside the road, or in your social media feeds, please take the opportunity to specifically mention THE BRIDGE service to someone. Invite them to join you on March 13th or another second Sunday this year. Let's generate some buzz for THE BRIDGE!

It's Your Day!

February Anniversaries

22 - Roy & Holly Rippeon
28 - Curtis & Dawn Nelson

February Birthdays

1 - Maria Barkdoll
3 - Michael Burrier
3 - Ruth Draper
6 - David Woods Jr.
9 - Robin Haupt
9 - Robert Keller Jr.
9 - Patrick Waite
10 - Linda Hessong
10 - Trista Wright
13 - Emma Waite
16 - Polly Miller
19 - Samuel Sowers
21 - Dianna Poling
21 - Landon Lafferty
23 - Rev. H. Ronald Ellis
24 - Scott Wisner
24 - Grace Adams
24 - Gary Barkdoll
24 - Michael Mellott
26 - Wesley Beall

Holy Communion

February 6, 2022
9:00 a.m.



Inclement Weather Plan

If inclement weather forces the church building to be closed for Sunday service, Pastor Bob will send out an email and voice message by 7 a.m.

An abbreviated worship service will still be held at 9:00 a.m. using Zoom, with everyone worshipping at home.

Salem Iron Men

■ Bill Weaver

The Salem Iron Men will continue to meet virtually every Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m.



Recorded Services Online

You may view our services online at: SalemChurchWolfsville.org/recorded-services



Message from the Pastor and Worship in February

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

Winter is now in full swing and it is cold! Steaming hot chocolate, a crackling fire in the fireplace, the beauty of a snowfall, seeing views hidden by summer's leaves, and taking in the majesty of ice glistening on tree limbs in the early morning sunlight – our great God provides many delights during the winter season.

A delight at Salem this month will be our annual Soup and Sandwich Sale. Orders are due February 7th with food pick-up on February 26th and 27th.

February is also a good month for continuing to get in the routine of making our New Year's resolutions happen. If you're off to a good start, keep it up. If you've gotten off track, don't dwell on it. Start again and, with God's help, keep moving ahead.

If it's not on your list for this year, let's all add, "I plan to grow in Christ in 2022 by... (you fill in the blank)."

And during this time when we're not out and about as much, let's be quick to check in on each other to see how we're doing.

Wishing you good health and good days during February.

God Bless. —Pastor Bob

February 6 Holy Communion "Grace"

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1 Corinthians 15:10a – "The Gospel (Good News) is the story of God's grace, his unmerited love acting in our lives for our good."

Today's verses list examples of God's grace: Jesus death, his resurrection, and his appearances as the resurrected Lord.

Paul testifies that Christ appeared even to him, sinner that he was and that Christ's grace acting in his life was not in vain.

God pours out his grace into every human being and then we have a choice: to work with God or to put up roadblocks



Transfiguration SUNDAY

against his efforts. Paul learned to allow God to have free rein of his life and that made all the difference.

This same good news is available to all of us when we're willing to cooperate with the grace of God acting in our own lives.

February 13 "Trust" Jeremiah 17:5-10

Jeremiah 17:7a – "Happy are those who trust in the Lord."

Today's verses present a choice:

With whom do we put our ultimate trust? Ourselves? Others? God?

Too many of the people of Judah trusted in other people and in themselves which caused them to sin against God.

This led to their defeat as a nation and their captivity in a foreign land.

God's prophet Jeremiah helped them remember to place their trust in God.

We are tempted daily to place our trust in modern-day culture, in others, and in ourselves rather than going first to God our heavenly Father who always has our

best interest in mind.

Today's verses help us remember that we are at our happiest when we place our trust in the Lord.

February 20 "Simple Kindness"

Luke 6:27-38

Luke 6:31 – "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

We know this as "The Golden Rule." What makes it precious like gold?

Because by practicing the Golden Rule we are one with Christ, walking beside him step by step.

We are, in those instances, complete and whole as God's creation.

Notice in these verses the length we are asked to go to live out the Golden Rule.

At first glance, we might think it's too much to ask a person to do. But when we consider the mercy God has shown to us, we realize that God has gone to the extreme in his kindness.

God doesn't desire that we are harmed as a result of loving others (although sometimes one person will give their life for another), but God does ask that we make simple kindness to others a very high priority in our lives.

February 27 Transfiguration Sunday "The Measuring Stick" 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

2 Corinthians 3:17 – "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we remember the day Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a mountain and there, Jesus was transfigured.

They witnessed him being transformed, shining from head to toe as bright as a bolt of lightning.

Then they heard God speak, "This is my son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." How helpful these words can be to us when we're searching for the truth— "Listen to Christ."

God perfectly revealed himself to us in the life of Jesus Christ.

Measuring our thoughts, words, and actions against those of Jesus, helps us live in the way that honors God and is best for us.

"Listen to him" – they're helpful words to keep close by us each day.



Love. Grow. Serve.



God's Valentine Gift

By Joanna Fuchs

God's Valentine gift of love to us
 Was not a bunch of flowers;
 It wasn't candy, or a book
 To while away the hours.



His gift was to become a man,
 So He could freely give
 His sacrificial love for us,
 So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
 Instruction, good and true—
 To love our friends and enemies
 And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
 Let's thank our Lord and King;
 The reason we have love to give
 Is that He gave everything.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Faithfulness of God

By Beverly J. Anderson

Behold the faithfulness of God
 Who cares when tiny sparrows fall,
 Who knows His children's every need,
 And hearkens to us when we call.

Behold God's never-failing love
 To those the apple of His eye.
 In wisdom He will grant what's best,
 And no good thing will He deny.

Behold the faithfulness of God.
 Trust in His love. Rest in His calm.
 God will for us provide a way . . .
 He holds our world within His palm.

In His Care

By Vi B. Chevalier

May God above look down and bless
 Your life with love and happiness,
 And may His holy grace impart
 Abiding peace within your heart.



RECIPE



Old-World Raspberry Bars

CRUMB MIXTURE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour | 1 cup butter, softened |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 egg |
| 1 cup chopped pecans | |

FILLING:

- 1 (10-ounce) jar (3/4 cup) raspberry preserves
- Note: 1 (10-ounce) jar of your favorite preserves can be substituted.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In large mixer bowl, combine all ingredients except raspberry preserves. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed (2 to 3 minutes).
3. Reserve 1 1/2 cups mixture; set aside. Press remaining mixture on bottom of greased 8-inch square baking pan. Spread preserves to within 1/2 inch from edge.
4. Crumble reserved 1 1/2 cups mixture over preserves.
5. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until lightly browned.
6. Cool completely; cut into bars. Makes 2 dozen bars.

Tip: If using a dark or nonstick baking pan, reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes.

Tip: Cover and store in pan up to 5 days or freeze up to 1 month.

Caroline Buhrman made these cookies for the "Bee-lievers" Women's Group Christmas Cookie Exchange.



Snowflakes

By Garnett Ann Schultz

Snowflakes – tiny wisps of white
 Falling in the dark of night,
 Lending us a sweet surprise
 When the dawning lights the skies.
 Fence posts wear a cap of snow
 Tossed about by winds that blow.

Snowflakes cover frozen ground,
 Never make the slightest sound,
 Dressing every naked tree
 In a beauty wild and free,
 Falling from the clouds on high,
 Miracles from Winter's sky.

Painting cheeks a rosy red,
 Little children fondly sled,
 Touching hearts with beauty rare,
 Gently sailing through the air . . .
 Covering the hills and farms
 Winter snowflakes lend their charms.

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.

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Love does not consist
 In gazing at each other
 But in looking outward together
 In the same direction.
 — Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Sunday, February 20, 2022

St. Mark's 175th Anniversary "Organ Recital"

Organist Lois Kuhn will be giving an Organ Recital on Sunday, February 20, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wolfsville.

2022 is the 175th anniversary of St. Mark's and the church is holding several special events throughout the year.

In addition to Lois on the organ, Paulela Burchill will be playing flute and Doug Remsberg will be playing clarinet.

Lois comments "It might be a nice wintertime diversion." All are welcome.

If snow forces cancellation, the recital will be held Saturday, Feb. 26, same time.



St. Mark's Lutheran Church
12704 Wolfsville Road

Salem Mission Project No. 10

The Least of These Ministries

Dominican Republic *Sharing Hope amidst poverty*



Wilton Gomez, Director of Evangelism & Social Action, The Least of These Ministries, provides a Bible teaching before food distribution in Batey San Rafael, Dominican Republic. Salem provides financial support for Wilton's work every month.

The Least of These Ministries was introduced to Batey San Rafael two years ago, through their relationship with Feed my Starving Children (FMSC). San Rafael is about 15 minutes outside of Isabela, the most distant community they serve, and it is one of the most materially poor communities they serve. Their Food Distribution Program began providing fortified rice meals (Manna Packs) from FMSC around mid-2019. Following a positive response from their supporters in late 2019, they were able to add beans to their distribution.

For nearly two years now, the San Rafael community has been fully incorporated into their Food Distribution. God's perfect timing ensured that residents of the community had sufficient food before and during the most difficult months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Year-End Financial Statements

Our thanks to Lora McGraw, Salem's Financial Secretary, and Mary Fogle, Sunday School Treasurer, for preparing the year-end 2021 Financial Statements of Contributions.

Some of you received your statements when they were distributed at church. Others should have received their statements in the mail by the time you read this.

If you have not received your statement, or have any questions about it, you may contact Lora McGraw at 301-824-3322 or kre8ive4u@yahoo.com, or Mary Fogle at 301-416-0856.

Medicine Bottles no longer needed

■ Fonda Gormer

For several years, Salem has been working with Garfield United Methodist Church to collect empty medication bottles for use by medical missionaries.

Garfield has discontinued participation in this program, so your bottles are no longer needed.

Thank you for your support of this program over the years. As we are called to be good stewards of the earth's resources, please recycle your medicine bottles in the future.

COVID-19 Restrictions for Frederick County

COVID Restrictions

Worship and Sunday School are continuing in the building, however, masks will be required for all persons 5 years and older until the mask mandate is rescinded.

Mask Mandate

Frederick County Executive, Jan Gardner, declared a State of Emergency in Frederick County "due to the unprecedented levels of virus transmission," and the Frederick County Board of Health voted to mandate wearing masks indoors in public places beginning at 5 p.m. December 31, 2021 (Regulation No. BOH 02-2021).

The mandate will remain in place until rescinded by the Frederick County Board of Health.

Scenes from

Christmas at Salem

December 24, 2021

THANK YOU from THE SALVATION ARMY

Dear Salem Church:

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 1,269 children in Frederick County.

Thank you again for helping those in need.

*Morrisa Travers
Social Service Program Coordinator
Salvation Army, Frederick, MD*



Photos by Wanda Barkdoll & Bill Burrier

Salem members and friends filled 28 stockings for The Salvation Army.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Each year, the entire offering received at Salem's Christmas Eve program is given to the Board of Child Care.

The Board of Child Care is an agency within the United Methodist Church that is dedicated to ministering to the needs of troubled children and their families.

The Board of Child Care takes care of children by providing long term places to stay and schools they can attend while there, as well as sponsoring children for adoption and day care.

Campuses are located near Baltimore and in Falling Waters, West Virginia.

This year's Christmas offering at Salem totaled \$458.00.



Salem's Adult Choir sang on the Sunday before Christmas and on Christmas Eve. Due to COVID, choir members wore singers masks. The choir was directed by Marlene Young and accompanied by Sandy Lewis. L to R back row, Denny, Chris, Robin, Bobby & Jim. Front row L to R, Theresa, Joyce, Susie, Donna, Lori, Sara & Loralli. Bill Weaver was narrator.



The children and some adults formed the manger scene as scripture was read on Christmas Eve. Pictured above are Cheyenne (Angel), Will (Joseph), and Shelby (Mary).



On Christmas Eve the Children's Choir sang (top left), directed by Michele Kline. Participating children were Cheyenne, Shelby, Cody and Will. We also heard recitations from Cheyenne (top right), (bottom L to R) Shelby, Valentina, Will, and Cody (not pictured), and those seen and heard on Zoom (not pictured) Brynleigh, Saralynn, Landon, and Ella Grace.



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.

MINNESOTA DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blizzards flow.

Praise Him at 35 below.

Praise Him in snow drifts 10 feet deep.

Praise Him, though winter makes us weep.

It's (really) cold!



*Submitted by Fonda Gormer
From a YouTube video*

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The greatest pleasure of life is love. A loving heart is the truest wisdom.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. —*Ephesians 5:25*

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and truth. —*1 John 3:18*

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SERVICE TIMES

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

February 2022

Place Stamp Here
