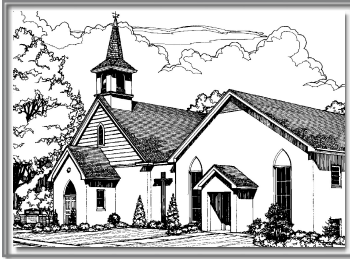


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Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday, March 13, 2022

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A NEW CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE AT SALEM

Sunday, March 13 • 4:00 p.m.

THE BRIDGE is here!

All are welcome on Sunday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m. for the kick-off of Salem's new monthly contemporary worship service, now called THE BRIDGE – CONNECTING FAITH AND LIFE.

What will happen at THE BRIDGE?

There will be lots of singing and music led by the Works In Progress Praise Band, a message from Pastor Bob that speaks to real issues in our daily lives, and time for sharing prayer requests and ways God is at work in our lives.

Video, lighting and other visuals will be used to create an inviting atmosphere.

The theme for the first BRIDGE service will be "Seeking God." Come as you are and bring the whole family. Children are always welcome in our services.

After the service, there will be refreshments and time for fellowship. The always-popular ping pong tables will also be available for those who would like to hang out and play.

Why is it called THE BRIDGE?

Our mission with this new service is to CONNECT FAITH AND LIFE –

learning and seeing how faith in God meets the challenges of real life. The image of a bridge is a great way to illustrate making that faith-and-life connection.

To get the word out to the community about THE BRIDGE services, Salem has launched several marketing efforts that include:

- mailing a large full-color postcard to many of 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. 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!

THE BRIDGE will continue the 2nd Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m.



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 236
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.

Go **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. 12
Compassion International - Sponsored Child in Tanzania


BARNABA

Barnaba lives with his grandmother on the plains of Chamwino, Tanzania. Typical houses are constructed of dirt floors, mud walls and corrugated iron roofs. The primary ethnic group is Wagogo and the most commonly spoken language is Chigogo.

The regional diet consists of corn, beans and green vegetables. Common health problems in this area include malnutrition, malaria and trachoma (eye disease). Most adults in Chamwino are unemployed but some work as subsistence farmers and earn the equivalent of \$6 per month.

Salem's sponsorship allows the Chamwino Student Center to provide Barnaba with Bible teaching, medical checkups, tuition, tutoring, school supplies, field trips and recreational activities.

Salem has supported Barnaba since 2017 through Compassion International at \$38 per month.



Barnaba, Age 9
Tanzania

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

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

Who's Doing What, When?

March 2022

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

Lay Reader

6 Dennis Draper
13 Bill Weaver
20 Michael Burrier
27 Lora McGraw

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

News and Notes

Salem Adult Choir Notes

■ By Sandy Lewis

The Salem Adult Choir began practicing February 22, and will continue on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary to prepare songs for the Lenten season, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter.

Marlene Young has selected some wonderful anthems that we will be working on and has graciously agreed to lead the choir again for the spring season.

We welcome back all our members that have sung with us before and also welcome anyone who would like to join us to praise God in song as we remember Jesus' sacrifice to redeem us and celebrate His resurrection.

Remember – Your voice is a great gift that God has given to you. How you use it – especially in singing praise to Him – is your gift to God!

“But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.”

—Psalm 5:11 NIV

Opportunity to help with “THE BRIDGE” service

- Greeter
 - Computer/Projector Operator
 - After Service Fellowship Setup
 - After Service Fellowship Cleanup
- (Band members will do sanctuary setup and teardown and operate the Facebook Live broadcast.)



Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference to be held virtually: June 1-3

The Annual Conference Sessions Team recently polled all clergy and lay members to Annual Conference to measure their intention to participate in the June session remotely or in person. The results reveal that if offered a hybrid option for annual conference, only 32% would choose to register to attend in person.

Given all of this research, the Sessions Committee has prayerfully discerned that it is in the best interest of our members to hold the 2022 Annual Conference Session June 1-3 over a virtual platform.

While we know there are trade-offs, the most significant being the loss of ability to gather in person for celebration, worship, discernment, and fellowship, we also believe we are at a time of great transition in our normal operating procedures. If COVID continues to affect our annual gatherings, we will pursue alternative ways to come together for worship and celebration.

The memorial service and the service of commissioning and ordination will take place at Glen Mar UMC in Ellicott City, by invitation only. This facility will accommodate the participants as well as many guests, in accordance with the most recent COVID guidelines at the time.

Registration opened February 28, 2022.

—Source: BWCUMC.org Melissa Lauber, Director of Communications, Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church

It's Your Day!

March Anniversaries

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

March Birthdays

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

Holy Communion

March 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.



Creation Festival is “on” for this summer

Wanda Barkdoll recently reported that she received notification from the Creation Festival that it will be held this summer. The festival was cancelled the last two years due to COVID-19.

This year's event will be held June 29 through July 2, 2022, at the same place, Agape Farm, Shirleysburg, PA.

Salem will be attending and the tickets purchased two years ago will still be honored this summer.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in March

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

As March begins, so does the 40-day Season of Lent. It is a special opportunity each year to reflect on the state of our relationship with God and people, confess sins, receive forgiveness, and experience restoration and renewal. At this two-year point in dealing with COVID-19, the opportunity for renewal that Lent gives us this year feels to me even more special.

On Sunday, March 13, Salem will be starting a new worship service to be held the second Sunday of each month. The service has been named "The Bridge: Connecting Faith and Life."

Early in the planning process, the phrase "It's Happening" kept coming to mind. I believe it to be the work of the Holy Spirit encouraging us that God is indeed at work in our lives all the time and will be at work in lives through this new worship opportunity – It's Happening!

Please come on March 13th and please bring along someone who needs to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Have a wonderful start to the Lenten Season!

God Bless. —Pastor Bob

March 2 Ash Wednesday Worship Service – 7 p.m.

The Ash Wednesday service is an important start to the Season of Lent. During the service we acknowledge two truths: We are mortal and will die, but we will die in Christ. Because of this second truth, we have hope and can focus on living our very best lives, knowing that at the end of our earthly lives we'll be with Christ and our loved ones in heaven, living in our eternal bodies and free from all pain and suffering.

March 6 Holy Communion First Sunday in Lent "It's Simple" Romans 10:8b-13

The
Season
of
Lent



If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9).

A man approached the pastor and asked, "How can I be saved?" The pastor asked the man to repeat the words of Romans 10:9, "I confess that Jesus is Lord and I believe in my heart that God raised him from the dead." And the man was saved.

It's simple to be saved, but some make the road to getting there much more difficult. And others, after being saved, squander their gift from God. They have said the words, "I believe in Jesus" but then go about their lives trusting in self rather than in Jesus. Each day, let's not make difficult what God has made simple. Let's believe and trust in him.

March 13 Second Sunday in Lent "Choosing Hope" Psalm 27

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the

living (Psalm 27:13).

David, though a king, had struggles. We might think that because he was a king he always lived a charmed life. But that wasn't the case. Foreign powers always threatened Israel, even his own son plotted to overthrow David's rule, and then there were David's own demons that sought to bring him down.

He was a king, but still just a man. The thing that seemed to make the difference for David over his lifetime was choosing hope over despair. David saw the "goodness of the Lord" as he lived out his days. Whatever our day brings, the goodness of the Lord is on display for those you choose to see it.

March 20 Third Sunday in Lent "A Worthy Search" Isaiah 55:1-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near (Isaiah 55:6).

These words might cause us to think that we must act before the Lord goes away. But nothing can be further from the truth. The Lord is always here beside us.

It is us that stray from him. This verse is a caution to act now to seek the Lord, before we run the risk of straying from the Lord. It is encouragement to seek him first in all we do so we can receive the love and care he desires to give us.

How earnestly do we live our days seeking after God? It is a good question to wrestle with during the Season of Lent, a time of self-reflection, confession, and renewal.

March 27 Fourth Sunday in Lent "Becoming New" 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17a).

Yes, we become a new creation but rarely is it instantaneous. As the name of our praise band testifies, we're "works in progress." We confess Christ as Lord, but that's just the start of our transformation.

With God's help, and the help of our Christian sisters and brothers, we are continually growing in our love of God and others. We are in a life-long process of becoming the person God desires us to be.

Sometimes, on the journey, we lose our way. During those times God stays with us to help us get back on track and help us learn important lessons of faith. This Lent is a wonderful opportunity to take stock of where we've been and where we might yet be going in becoming Christ's new creation.



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

Irish Prayer

May God giveth,
For every tear, a smile;
For every care, a promise;
And a blessing in each trial,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Constant Lent

By Mabel Long

For Lent, I shall abstain from petty things!
I shall abstain from hate and fear and greed.
I shall abstain from harmful thoughts,
As God has filled my every need.

For Lent, I shall abstain from unkind words
That sear the soul of those I love.
I shall not be discourteous.
As I would wound our God above.

For Lent, I shall abstain from vicious dread.
My homely tasks, I'll gladly do.
I shall abstain from prideful things,
Humbling myself, as God would have me do!

For Lent, I shall abstain from lack of faith
Because I see the faith God has in me.
My heart beats on, whether I'm good or bad . . .
My inner vision now can see!

My Lent, it shall be constant,
For the whole wide world to see!
My life . . . a little less than perfect,
From now . . . through all eternity!

The Magic of Spring

By Mary Ellen Stelling

Spring comes dancing over the hills,
Touching her wand to the daffodils,
Causing the tulips to lift their bright heads
And rousing the violets from their mossy beds,
Exhorting the birds to burst into song
And coaxing the apple blossoms along,
Hanging the moon in the sycamore trees,
Serenading the world with sweet melodies.
And each time she comes, there is a rebirth
Of love, hope and faith upon this old earth.



RECIPE



Shrimp Casserole

INGREDIENTS:

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| 1 can (10 ounces) cream of mushroom soup | 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce |
| 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper | 1/4 teaspoon pepper |
| 1 tablespoon chopped onion | 1/2 pound cleaned uncooked shrimp, fresh or frozen, thawed |
| 1 tablespoon lemon juice | 1/4 cup bread crumbs |
| 2 cups cooked rice | Butter |
| 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard | Paprika |

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine soup, green pepper, onion, lemon juice, rice, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, pepper and shrimp.
2. Place in lightly greased one and one-half quart casserole.
3. Top with bread crumbs. Dot with butter. Sprinkle with paprika.
4. Cover and bake in oven at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Serves 8.

Selected from "Best of Maine Church Supper Cookbook"



Hope's Bright Promise

By Beverly J. Anderson

I wandered down a wooded path;
The wind was brisk and cold.
My winter-weary heart longed for
The spring days to unfold.

And then, with sweet surprise, I saw
A crocus blooming fair,
A purple bloom with frosted lace,
Catching the sunbeams there.

This purple flower in the snow
Cheered up my heart today
With hope's bright promise that the
spring
Would soon be on its way.

I pondered how it came to be,
The crocus blooming there,
Mid bleakness and the snowy ground,
Braving the winter air.

How could this tender little shoot
Push up from frozen sod?
I think it was a miracle—
The helping hand of God.

Springtime is the land awakening.
The March winds are
the morning yawn.

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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Old Tools

Old tools are like old friends
They wear so well,
Fit comfortably around
And never tell
How much time passes by
Before we seek
Their always ready to help,
Day, month or week.
Old friends, like well-worn tools
On dusty shelves,
Are interwoven with our lives
Part of ourselves.

—Dan A. Hoover

Missions is the Mission of the Church

Salem Mission Projects

► Highlights



Salem Mission Project No. 11

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

707 N. Market Street

Frederick, MD 21701



The following things were accomplished by the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick in 2021: 96 pregnancy tests performed, 14 ultrasounds performed, 27 STI appointments, 17 women were abortion vulnerable/minded and 11 chose to continue their pregnancy after receiving services at this center.

The Pregnancy Center staff had 104 spiritual discussions, 54 clients received the Gospel, and 39 clients agreed to have staff pray for them. The staff are thankful for each of these divine appointments. They are honored to share the love of Jesus and offer excellent services to their clients.

They are thankful for donors like Salem Church who give faithfully to the center. Salem provides a minimum of \$50 each month to this organization.

Salem Mission Project No. 7

United Methodist Board of Child Care

Residential Campuses at Baltimore,

Denton, Martinsburg, and Mechanicsburg



The Board of Child Care provides more than just a safe place for children to live and thrive. Their Residential Program and Community-Based Group Homes provide engaging experiences for youth within a safe, structured setting.

Their diverse multi-disciplinary team comprises medical, clinical, recreational, spiritual, and program staff. Together, they design and implement a comprehensive, customized treatment plan for each child in their care.

Youth served by their residential program supports their ultimate plan for discharge. They know that their team can never replace a family, and they work very hard to structure programming to support whatever the appropriate next step is for that youth.

No matter how a child came to be in their care, their goal is to create an environment where the child can grow to be successful members of their families and communities.

Every year, the entire offering at Salem's Christmas Eve program is given to the Board of Child Care. On Christmas Eve 2021, the offering totaled \$458.

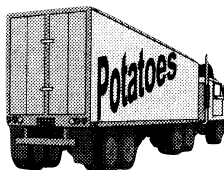
Salem Mission Project No. 8

Society of St. Andrew

Potato Project

3383 Sweet Hollow Road

Big Island, Virginia 24526



The Society of St. Andrew salvages 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.

This produce is donated, so the Society of St. Andrew pays only for the transportation and packaging of the food— an amazingly low 9 cents per pound, which means food to the nation's hungry for about 3 cents per serving!

Salem provides a minimum of \$25 each month to this organization.

Update on COVID-19 Restrictions for Frederick County

For those worshipping in the building, wearing of masks is now optional.

The indoor mask mandate for Frederick County was lifted Saturday, February 12, 2022. It is still recommended that masks be worn by those who are not vaccinated.

Community News

Pastoral Appointments of Local Interest

Rev. Michael Beiber, is moving from Mount Zion, Myersville, to a new pastoral appointment at Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church in Millersville, Maryland, effective July 1, 2022.

— Announced at Mount Zion on Sunday, January 30, and at BWCUMC.org on January 31.

St. Mark's 175th Anniversary

Congratulations to St. Mark's Lutheran Church for 175 years of ministry in Wolfsville. In addition to the recent organ recital on February 20th, the church will be holding several more special events throughout the year. Rev. Eric R. Moser is the pastor.

An active member at St. Mark's and well-known Wolfsville resident, Leah Spade, recently celebrated her 100th birthday on February 27, 2022.

Leah's life was highlighted in the January-February issue of St. Mark's newsletter which included a segment about Leah's interest in genealogy in the Wolfsville area, saying, "Many years ago, Leah began her extensive research into genealogy in our region. From families to schools to churches, Leah has compiled numerous volumes of information and photos that people all over the U.S. find of great interest. Her house overflows with history and she continues to update her notebooks regularly."

According to St. Mark's website, the church was organized in 1845, with the help of Rev. Christopher Columbus Culler. Two years later, in 1847, the cornerstone of the church was laid. Land for the church was donated by the Marken family from the "Good Luck" homestead, located just north of Wolfsville.

In Memorial

A Tribute to Delphine *and* Linda*Life-long members of Salem Church***Delphine L. Zimmerman**

April 17, 1934 - February 6, 2022

Delphine L. Zimmerman, 87, of Loy Wolfe Road, Wolfsville, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, February 6, 2022, at the Fahrney-Keedy Memorial Home, Boonsboro, where she had been a resident for many months.

Delphine was born in Wolfsville on April 17, 1934. She was the daughter of the late Charles W. and Elsie M. (Palmer) Metzger.

She was preceded by her husband, Samuel L. Zimmerman, Sr., to whom she was married 39 years before his passing. Also preceding her are siblings, Fae T. Souders, Robert (Bob) L. Metzger, Charles W. Metzger, Ralph E. Metzger, Zane L. Metzger, Jerry M. Metzger, and grandson Paul R. Zimmerman, Jr.

She is survived by her sisters Rhea E. Polling of Braddock Heights, Gaynell R. Myers of Fairplay, Christina C. Carbaugh of Cascade, Sue L. Douglas of Hagerstown, Judy E. Hamilton of Frederick, and Elsie L. Bell of Sharpsburg.

She is also survived by her beloved sons Samuel L. Jr. and wife Jane; Luther C. and wife Lisa; Wayne J. and wife Christine, Paul R. and wife Debbie, Daniel S. and wife Michelle, Douglas W., and Michael L. She has 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Delphine was very devoted to her family and to her church. She was a lifetime member of the Salem United Methodist Church in Wolfsville.

At Salem, Delphine will be remembered for her faithful attendance at worship and Sunday School even in recent years when her health made it difficult to be there. She was a member of the Ladies Class. As a devoted mother of seven boys, she made sure they were a part of the church as well.

She will also be remembered for making necklaces from church bulletins and donating them for sale at Salem's Lord's Acre Festival.

Funeral Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 14, at Salem Church with Pastor Randy Reid officiating. Interment was in Salem United Methodist Cemetery.

Linda C. Hessong

February 10, 1950 - February 9, 2022

Linda Carol Hessong, 71, of Hagerstown, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at her home.

Born February 10, 1950, in Frederick, she was the daughter of the late Donald C. Barkdoll and Lorraine R. (Kline) Barkdoll. She grew up on Black Rock Road in Wolfsville, and was a graduate of Middletown High School.

Linda was a life-long member of Salem United Methodist Church of Wolfsville. We will remember her faithfulness in bringing her two granddaughters to church to learn the Lord's teachings. She was a member of the Ladies Sunday School Class.

At Salem, Linda also had an interest in the United Methodist Board of Child Care Auxiliary. She enjoyed crocheting and making blankets. Several years ago, Linda made two beautiful afghans and donated them to the Board of Child Care to be given to graduating students who were living at the Child Care campus. Linda will also be remembered for her joyful spirit and how she loved to laugh.

Linda retired from C. Basil Grossnickle Insurance Company of Myersville.

She is survived by daughter, Laura Green (David), granddaughters, Amber Colbert and Beth Snead, brother, Gary Barkdoll, sister, Sharon Irizarry, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brother, Donald Barkdoll.

A celebration of life service was held Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at J.L. Davis Funeral Home, Smithsburg, with Pastor Randy Reid officiating.

Making Room for Jesus

By Marci Alborghetti

Lent begins in the grip of winter, when spring seems far away. Gardens are bare, and it's hard to imagine flowers poking green buds through that icy crust of dirt. The sun at the beginning of Lent is weak and not very warm. Night comes early and lasts a long time.

The delight of Jesus' birth at Christmas has passed, and the joy of his Easter Resurrection is far away.

At the beginning of Lent our hearts, like the sun, may be tired and weak. We wonder if spring will ever come. Christmas is a memory. Easter's exciting alleluias are distant.

Yet as Lent progresses, we see signs of Resurrection. There are warm, sunny days among the gloomy ones. The sun, growing warmer, starts rising earlier and setting later.

Tiny purple and yellow flowers burst from the ground. Gardeners plant early vegetable seeds. It's as if the world outside is preparing for the new life of Easter.

The World Inside

What about the world inside? Inside our homes, our families, our hearts? Are we preparing for Jesus to touch us through the



victories and suffering of Holy Week and the glorious Resurrection of Easter? Are we making room for Jesus?

Spring Cleaning

Lent is often when families do their spring-cleaning to get ready for the new season. We clear out closets, dust, vacuum and wash floors. Spring-cleaning is how we make room for the new life and light of springtime.

We come together as a family to pray with scripture and prepare for the new life and light of Jesus.

We read, pray and act to "spring-clean" our lives so that we can welcome Jesus into our homes and hearts.

**How 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



"My mom says the ten commandments are: settle down, stop that, wash your hands, be quiet, go to sleep, eat your vegetables, drink your milk, sit up straight, pick up your room and listen to your mother and father."

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.

Make the best use of what is within your power, and take the rest as it happens.

Just remember...when life knocks you on your knees, you are in the perfect position to pray.

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