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Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville



FOOD
pantry
TUESDAYS
6:30-7:30 PM
SALEM UMC - WOLFVILLE

the **FOOD PANTRY**
is located at
12477 WOLFVILLE RD
in the
PARSONAGE
adjacent to Salem Church

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Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Salem Mission Project No. 2

Turning "shoe boxes" into Christmas gifts for children

Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.

We will once again be participating in **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**, in which we fill shoe boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

Boxes are due by Sunday, November 13, 2022

where they will then be sent to another distribution center in North Carolina, and then will be sent out to the children.

HOW TO PACK YOUR BOX

We are asking anyone wishing to participate in this program to fill their shoe boxes at home and bring them to the church on or before **Sunday, November 13th**.

Your shoe boxes should be packed for children ranging in ages from 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, or 10-14 years old.

Shoe boxes are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary, or you can wrap your own shoe box. Labels are available at church to place in the box, identifying if the items inside are for a boy or girl, and the appropriate age group.

Once we have filled our boxes, we will take them to a local distribution center

POSTAGE is \$10.00

There is a \$10.00 postage charge for each box. Place the postage amount in the donation envelope and place the envelope on top of the gift items inside the box so it is clearly visible.

Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child. If you are unable to pay the postage, Salem will pick up this cost from our Mission Project No. 2.

Salem Contact: Barbie Stottlemeyer 301-293-2372

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Filled Stockings are due by Sunday, November 13, 2022

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings are available at church again this year. The stockings are marked for boys or girls with ages printed in blue and pink. Beside the stockings are information sheets with suggested ideas for each age group..

The stockings will be taken to the Salvation Army in Frederick for distribution to less fortunate children within Frederick County.

Salem Contact: Theresa Haupt 301-293-2201



Who's Doing What, When?

November 2022

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

Lay Reader

- 6 Wanda Barkdoll
- 13 Patrick Boyton
- 20 Michael Burrier
- 27 Bobby Fogle

Acolyte

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

Organist/Pianist

- 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

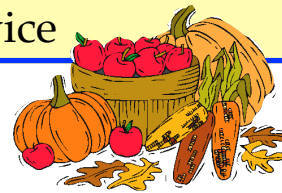
- 6 Lori Williamson
- 13 Dennis Leatherman
- 20 Patrick Boyton
- 27 Dennis Draper

Greeter

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

Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 23, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
at Salem Church, 12479 Wolfsville Road



Wolfsville Community to Celebrate God's Blessings

This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be held the evening before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 23, 2022, 7:00 p.m. at the Salem United Methodist Church, 12479 Wolfsville Road.

The service will include scripture, prayer, and music. According to Sandy Lewis, Salem's Adult Choir Director, the Salem Choir has invited anyone in the community and folks from St Mark's Lutheran, Grossnickle Church of the Brethren and Garfield United Methodist churches to join us in a combined choir for that evening. Sandy said, "We will present the anthem "Hymn of Praise" to offer thanksgiving to the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed on this community." A special practice will be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 23rd at Salem, prior to the Thanksgiving Service.

The Community Thanksgiving Service is rotated among the four area Wolfsville churches: Salem United Methodist, Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, Garfield United Methodist, and St. Mark's Lutheran.

The schedule is as follows:

- 2022 – Salem United Methodist Church 2024 – Garfield United Methodist Church
- 2023 – Grossnickle Church of the Brethren 2025 – St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Salem Iron Men "Movie Night" at Salem



The Salem Iron Men launched a new monthly event in October called "Movies for Men." The series will continue the 4th Monday night of each month. Salem's fellowship hall is transformed into a theatre to view a Christian feature film. This month on the 4th Monday— November 28, at 7 p.m. at Salem, the Salem Iron Men will feature another Christian film by the Kendrick Brothers titled "Courageous," released by Sony Pictures in 2011, featuring the personal lives of four police officers.

The contemporary Christian band Casting Crowns released a song titled "Courageous" to promote the film with a video featuring scenes from the movie.

A review of the film by *Focus on the Family* said it is "A compelling story line with plenty of action and just the right amount of humor. The film underscores the importance of fatherhood... plus it creatively weaves in the Gospel."



So bring a friend, your favorite folding chair and soft drink. Plenty of Weaver's Kettle Corn will be on hand too. Grandfathers, fathers, sons, grandsons . . . you're not going to want to miss this impactful film.

Contact: Bill Weaver 301-730-7247

It's Your Day!



November Anniversaries

- 10 - Harry & Karen DeLauter
- 24 - Ronnie & Sue Kinna

November Birthdays

- 3 - Caroline Buhrman
- 4 - Darcy Gormer
- 13 - Leah Tolland
- 13 - Fonda Gormer
- 14 - Karen Sowers
- 16 - Polly Doyle
- 17 - Christopher Haupt
- 17 - Beth Snead
- 17 - Darlene Burrier
- 18 - Ben Swope
- 22 - Liz Waite
- 25 - Jadie Buhrman
- 26 - Mary Fogle
- 28 - Susie Stottlemeyer

Holy Communion

November 6, 2022
9:00 a.m.



Final Report

Lord's Acre Festival

September 10, 2022

Sales:

Produce	528.50
Needlework & Crafts	257.50
Flea Table & Plants	655.80
Silent Auction	241.00
Auction	2,356.50
Soup, Sandwiches, etc.	3,610.00
Baked Goods	1,038.00
Ice Cream	361.00
Total Sales	9,048.30

Contributions:

UMW Bee-lievers	5,000.00
Individuals	1,720.00
Total Contributions	6,720.00

Total Income 15,768.30

Total Expenses 2,130.94

Net Profit 13,637.36

Net profit placed in Salem's Building & Improvement Fund, to be used for maintenance of our buildings and grounds; equipment purchases and repairs.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in November

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

As I write to you today, I'm looking at beautiful red and yellow leaves on the tress outside my window. It seems the colors have been especially vibrant this year!

In a few weeks the leaves will fall, but their departure will be replaced by some good things that happen during November in the life of the church:

- All Saints Sunday
- Christ the King Sunday
- Thanksgiving
- First Sunday of Advent

The choir will be singing on All Saints Sunday, Works in Progress will sing at "The Bridge" on the second Sunday of November and then again on the fourth Sunday at morning worship.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Salem this year and I really encourage you to attend. Several musical groups will be performing.

It will be my last Community Thanksgiving Service held at Salem, making it extra-special for me.¹

Have a great November! God Bless.

—Pastor Bob

November 6

All Saints Sunday

Holy Communion

"Great, Good, Grace, Glory"

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

Psalm 145:4 – "One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts."

Four attributes of God are lifted in today's scripture reading. The attributes are: Great, Good, Grace, Glory. God is great. He is the maker of all that is, and he rules over all that is. God is good. He loves and cares for all of creation. God demonstrates grace. He is at work in our lives for our good, making himself known to us, saving us from sin and death, and

leading us on to become more and more like him. God's glory is seen in God's actions: establishing his kingdom, saving and delivering us, protecting us, and working against evil.

These attributes of God compel us to praise him, believe in him and follow him, and "tell others of his mighty acts."

November 13

"I'm Afraid"

Isaiah 12

Isaiah 12:2a – "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid."

"I am afraid" are three of the most honest words we can say. On the back of today's bulletin, author Tammy Tilley quotes President Franklin D. Roosevelt, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." The president, speaking these words during the Great Depression was addressing Americans who needed something to believe in again, something to give them hope. "I am afraid" are the words we spoke during the height of the COVID pandemic.

Our fears are at the root of so many of our struggles. Admitting we are afraid, exploring the cause of our fears, and owning them – these are healthy ways of overcoming our fears and moving forward.

As we strive to overcome our fears, these three words are invaluable: "God, help me."

November 20

Christ the King Sunday

"Everyone's King"

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah 23:5 – "'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.'"

Recently, the people of the

Commonwealth of England celebrated the life and 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth. There were speeches, funeral processions, people filed by her coffin, and there were several funeral services. She was their earthly sovereign and thousands turned out to thank her and pay their respect to her.

As grand as it all was, there is one who is everyone's King— sent by God, born in a stable, no place to call home, crucified on a cross, gave all of himself for us— He is Christ our King. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and we celebrate Him today!

November 23

Community Thanksgiving Service

7 p.m. at Salem

Start your Thanksgiving holiday this year giving thanks to God from whom all our blessings flow throughout the year. It is right that we give God our thanks and praise on this special night.

November 27

First Sunday of Advent

"Salvation Is Near!"

Romans 13:11-14

Romans 13:11b – "Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Webster's Dictionary defines advent as the "arrival of a notable person, event, or thing." In the Christian-sense, Advent is the season that we remember and celebrate the arrival of God who has come from heaven to live with us on earth. This first Sunday in Advent traditionally focuses, not on the coming of Jesus on Christmas but, on the return of Jesus at the end of time. It is in the resurrection of Jesus and his final return that we understand the true meaning of Christmas.

The four Sundays of Advent leading up to Christmas are an opportunity for us to especially practice watching for Christ in our daily lives, seeing his good works on our behalf, and giving thanks and praise to him. Christ, our Salvation, is ever nearby. Do we see him? Now let us give thanks and praise to him!

¹Editor's Note: The reason Pastor Bob indicated this year's Thanksgiving Service at Salem will be "extra-special" for him is because it will be the last time he will host this community service at Salem as Salem's pastor. The mandatory retirement age for ordained ministers in the United Methodist Church is 72. Pastor Bob will be 72 on March 24, 2024, and therefore must retire in 2024.



Genius

By Nancy Strine, Frederick, MD

“Give thanks to the Lord for His Gifts to us.”
— Psalm 136

Who would have guessed
A hundred years ago
Man would walk the moon as
Earth revolved below.



Who could have known then
That crystal lens would show
How illness plagued mankind
And fruitful life did slow.

Who would have found that
Speech could ride a wire
And message sent was loud and clear
And talk could never tire.

Who would have seen a
Building touch the sky
As though to reach the clouds above
And never know just why.

How does genius get its start and
Then where does it go?
If left alone like tide set free
Does genius ebb and flow?

Who can truly recognize
This gift we get for free and
Are there bits of brilliance deep
Within both you and me?

Who'll look back with grateful eyes
In decades far ahead
And know we wasted genius not
And cherished it instead.

Written by Nancy in 2009.



RECIPE



Pumpkin Pie Squares

INGREDIENTS:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3/4 cup salted butter, softened | 1/2 cup raw or white sugar |
| 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour | 3 eggs |
| 3/4 cup brown sugar, packed | 1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin |
| 1 cup oatmeal | 1 tablespoon cinnamon |
| 1/2 cup pecans, chopped | 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg |
| 8 oz. cream cheese, softened | 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger |

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix butter, flour, and brown sugar together. Mixture will be crumbly. Stir in oatmeal and pecans.
2. Reserve 1 cup of crumb topping; press remaining mixture into bottom of a greased 9 x 13 baking pan. Bake for 15 minutes.
3. Beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Add eggs, pumpkin, and spices; mix until smooth and well blended. Pour over crust, sprinkle with reserved crumbs and additional cinnamon. Bake for 25–30 minutes, or until set. Serves 14–16.

Selected from “A Farmer’s Daughter — Recipes from a Mennonite Kitchen”
by Dawn Stoltzfus 2012



Thanksgiving Thought

By Eleanor Halbrook Zimmerman

Thanksgiving comes but once a year,
And yet the whole year round
The heart of love, the heart of cheer
Will make a joyful sound;
And we who keep Christ's loving way
Will have Thanksgiving every day.

Thanksgiving comes but once a year,
But harvests need not wait;
We can cast all our doubt and fear
Daily, and soon or late
Find harvests in our hearts that shine
More fair than wheat fields can design.

Rejoice on this Thanksgiving Day
That it need have no end;
That every hour in every way
Life is a steadfast friend
To all who practice well the art
Of true Thanksgiving in the heart!

Submitted by Margaret Yowell
(Friend of Marilyn Leatherman)

Sticky Buns & Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem’s “Bee-lievers” women’s group, 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



Prayer for Veterans

God, we pray for our Veterans,
for all the jobs they’ve done,
for all their sacrifices made.
You’ve seen every single one.
We pray you bless our veterans
and pray each one will know,
You’ve been their guide,
both far and wide,
Who’s never let them go.

Salem Choir Notes

■ By Sandy Lewis, Adult Choir Director



Fall-Winter Season

The Salem Adult Choir began its Fall-Winter season on Tuesday, October 4. We had a great turnout and it was good to see everyone and a joy to have Pastor Bob give us words of encouragement and open our first practice with prayer. We are preparing some wonderful selections for November.

Sunday, November 6 — All Saints Sunday

We will honor the saints that have gone before us as we celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 6, with a rousing medley of favorites entitled "Back to the Church in the Wildwood."

Sunday, November 20 — Sunday before Thanksgiving

For the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will present the very popular contemporary worship song "10,000 Joys/Bless the Lord."

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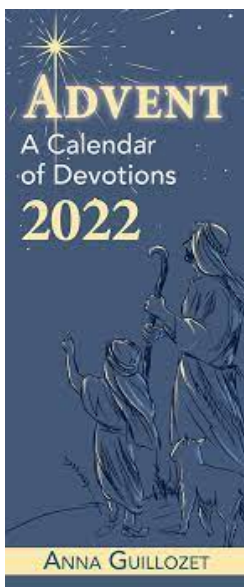
Join the Choir

It is not too late to join us in preparing for the upcoming music presentations. If you are not able to commit to a full time practice schedule but would like to sing for Thanksgiving or Christmas, please come to our practices at 7:30 each Tuesday evening in the Salem sanctuary.

"Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name."

—Psalm 100: vs. 2 & 4

Salem is providing an "Advent Devotional" for each family



Salem will provide an Advent Calendar of Daily Devotions for each family as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. This is a resource to emphasize the importance of the Advent of our Lord.

Each day's reading, from Sunday, November 27, the first day of Advent, to Christmas Day, includes scripture, a short devotion, and a brief prayer.

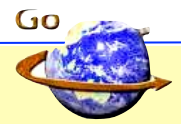
The devotional was written by Rev. Anna Guillozet, Senior Pastor at Linworth United Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio. She is a graduate of Ohio Northern University, holds an M. Div degree from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and is working on her dissertation for her D. Min degree.

Pastor Anna is married to Garrett, her husband of 11 years, and they share in the parenting of their 6-year old daughter. In her down-time, you'll find her reading or out for a run. She's completed 3 marathons.

Pastor Anna feels passionately about building relationships and communities that are focused on the life-changing love of Jesus.

NEWS & NOTES

- **LORD'S ACRE VIDEO** — A 7-minute video of this year's Lord's Acre Festival has been posted on YouTube. The link has already been shared with everyone on Salem's newsletter email list. In addition, Kayla Harkcom, Cumberland-Hagerstown District Administrator of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, recently gave it a wider distribution by posting it on the District's Facebook page.
- **LORD'S ACRE VIDEO LINK** on YouTube— https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2e4_Wr8Bfi&t=14s
- **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** ends Sunday, November 6, 2022. Fall back one hour.
- **THE BRIDGE** contemporary worship will be held Sunday afternoon, November 13, at 4 p.m. in Salem's sanctuary. Works in Progress Praise Band will provide the music.
- **CHRISTMAS CHURCH TOUR** will be held Saturday, December 10. Salem will be participating and the church will be open for visitors.
- **CONTINUING EDUCATION** — In October, Pastor Bob attended a "Next Level Leader Training" virtual speaker series and a 3-day "Living Well Alpha Retreat" at the West River United Methodist Center near Annapolis. In November, he will attend "Sexual Ethics and Boundaries Virtual Training" sponsored by the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- **SALEM MISSION PROJECT NO. 6** — Travis and Mary have returned to France to continue their work with Borderless: AIM International.
- **WORSHIP SERVICES RECORDED** — Salem records its 9 a.m. worship service every Sunday. It may be viewed at SalemChurchWolfsville.org. Copies in DVD format are also made each week for a few members who are not able to attend in person.
- **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT** — Every morning, Pastor Bob prepares and distributes "Words of Encouragement" via email and telephone message. This daily devotion is based on the "Our Daily Bread" devotional. Contact Pastor Bob to be added to his distribution list.



Salem Mission News & Notes

Salem Mission Project No. 6

THANK YOU

Dear Salem UMC:

Thank you so much for your faithful support over the years — in prayer, finances and hospitality. We are so thankful for you! Lord willing, we hope to visit next summer. Travis is eager to meet you!

We pray that God will encourage you in His perfect presence regardless of what is happening in the world. He's always at work, even when we can't see it!

With Joy in Jesus,
Travis & Mary



Travis & Mary (Elmore) Diede

Salem Mission Project No. 14



Yurley Paola - Colombia

Our Sponsored Child in Colombia — Update from World Vision

Yurley Paola

- I am 19 years old.
- Currently, I am in senior high school studying in grade 11. (COVID held us back in our learning.)
- My health is good.
- This year my family and I benefited from World Vision and Salem's sponsorship in many ways.
- I received books and study materials to help me with my education and personal development.
- My school received supplies to help us with our education.
- I participated in workshops to learn good hygiene and violence prevention. I know what to do and who to turn to if I experience violence.

Salem Mission Project No. 11

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

Our first 2 weeks of October were nothing like what we had planned! We expected to hold our annual Walk for Life on October 2nd. However, a storm developed and our plans had to quickly change. We canceled the walk and rescheduled it to an open house at the center on October 9th. It was a beautiful day! We had lunch, yummy desserts, great fellowship and tours of the center. We saw long time friends, and lots of new friends! It certainly wasn't what we had originally planned, yet it was a beautiful afternoon.

As I am writing this, I realize the parallel for what our clients go through with an unexpected pregnancy decision. They are making plans and living their lives, and then are faced with a "developing storm" – a pregnancy. They are overcome with fear, uncertainty and pressures from within and without! How



does a pregnancy fit their plans... is it possible to change their plans... and can it actually have a beautiful ending?

Care Net Frederick offers the opportunity to educate, equip, and empower these vulnerable clients to make abundant life choices. To help them see that their plans may look different, but there can still be beauty in their lives. YOU make this possible by supporting this center with your finances. We cannot thank you enough for faithfully and generously giving to this center. We want you to know that we appreciate you!

Blessings,
Linda King, Executive Director

Salem Mission Project No. 10

The Least of These Ministries in the Dominican Republic

Our manager in the Dominican Republic, Ricardo, tells of a conversation he had with a new participant in our weekly food distribution. The gentleman, Alberto, asked a helper who he needed to see to send a message to the people who make the food distribution possible. The helper directed him to Ricardo, who listened as Alberto thanked God for providing the food and for the people who God used to make it all possible.

Like Alberto, I am grateful for your involvement in the work God is doing in these communities. Your support enables us to respond to the needs that are before us and helps to ensure that work continues. Thank you for your generosity.

In Christ alone,
Marty Hogan, Executive Director

**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:

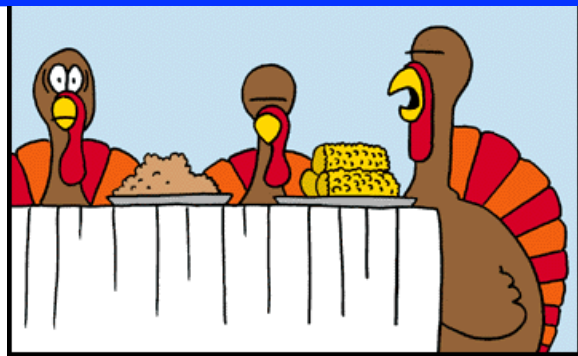
Salem United Methodist Church
 Church Treasurer
 P. O. Box 144
 Myersville, MD 21773-0144

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



WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE BOUNTY THAT
 FARMER BOB HAS BLESSED US ALL WITH THESE
 PAST FEW MONTHS

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

True merit is like a river, the deeper it is the less noise it makes.

Every sunrise is an invitation for us to arise and brighten someone's day.

Too many people overvalue what they are not, and undervalue what they are.

The Mountain Shepherd

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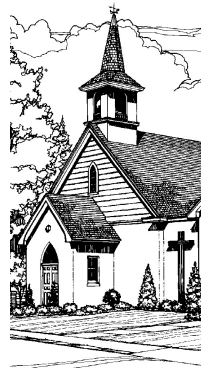
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

THE BRIDGE Nov. 13, 4 p.m.
 Contemporary
 Worship



THE BRIDGE
 CONNECTING FAITH AND LIFE



November 2022