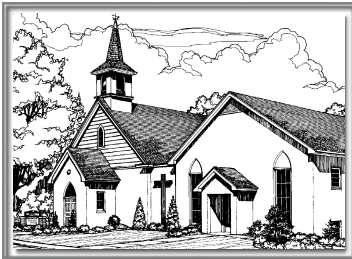


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FOOD
pantry
TUESDAYS
6:30-7:30 PM
SALEM UMC - WOLFVILLE

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

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Soup & Sandwich Sale coming in February



ARE YOU TIRED OF WINTER?

If the cold of winter has you down, the “Bee-lievers” Women’s Group may have a remedy. Remember the good food from the Lord’s Acre Festival? The ladies will bring back some of those items with a “Soup and Sandwich Sale” on March 11 and 12, 2023. They will offer four kinds of soup: vegetable, turkey noodle, turkey corn, and bean with rivels at \$6 per quart, and country ham sandwiches for \$3.75 each and turkey salad sandwiches at \$2.75 each.

These items must be ordered by **Sunday, February 5, 2023**. Order forms are also available in the church hallway, or you may contact Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer at ses1313@comcast.net or Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436.

Items may be picked up on Saturday, March 11, from 4-6 p.m., or on Sunday, March 12, from 9-11 a.m., after morning services. Please indicate your preferred pick-up time on your order form.

The “Bee-lievers” thank you for supporting this event. Proceeds are used to assist with church projects.

✦ **FOOD SALE ORDER FORM** ✦
Orders Due February 5, 2023

Please contact Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer at ses1313@comcast.net or Fonda Gormer 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 | | | |
| Country Ham | \$3.75 each | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Turkey Salad | \$2.75 each | _____ | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL amount due at pick up | | | \$ _____ |

PICK UP (check one) Sat Mar 11 (4-6 p.m.) Sun Mar 12 (9-11 a.m.)

Who's Doing What, When?

January 2023

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

Lay Reader

- 1 Bobby Fogle
- 8 Lavena Jenkins
- 15 Mary Cline
- 22 Lora McGraw
- 29 Gary Barkdoll

Acolyte

- 1 Loralli Snyder
- 8 Valentina Barkdoll
- 15 Loralli Snyder
- 22 Valentina Barkdoll
- 29 Valentina Barkdoll

Organist/Pianist

- 1 Sara Weitzel
- 8 Sara Weitzel
- 15 Sara Weitzel
- 22 Sara Weitzel
- 29 Susie Stottlemeyer

Computer

- 1 Donna Snyder
- 8 Wanda Barkdoll
- 15 Lori Williamson
- 22 Robin Haupt
- 29 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Camera

- 1 Lori Williamson
- 8 Dennis Leatherman
- 15 Wanda Barkdoll
- 22 Dennis Draper
- 29 Michael Burrier

Greeter

- 1 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 8 Dennis Draper
- 15 Matt Stottlemeyer
- 22 Barkdoll Family
- 29 Ken & Dianna Poling

News and Notes

Community Thanksgiving Offering

Offering from the Community Thanksgiving Service held at Salem was designated for the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick and totaled \$386.

The Religious Coalition wrote the following Thank You Note:

"For the past four decades, the Religious Coalition has been serving Frederick County residents in need. The Coalition works to guide our neighbors from crisis and despair to hope. We offer Frederick County residents two emergency shelter programs, provide healthcare, dental, rental, and energy assistance to people and families in need.

Your gift is an investment in our mission: to prevent and alleviate the effects of poverty on the residents of Frederick County.

Thank you for choosing to support us with your gift.

—Meg Kula, Director of Philanthropy

CROP Walk Supports Local Needs

This year's Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk raised \$3,145 in donations. Of that amount, Church World Service returns 25% to be dispersed locally to the Salem Food Pantry, the Middletown Food Bank, and the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick.

Church World Service recently sent a check to Salem for \$264.38 in support of the Salem Food Pantry.

Rev. Hayden Sparks Memorial

A former pastor of the Wolfsville United

Methodist Charge, Rev. Hayden L. Sparks, passed to his eternal life in Heaven on November 11, 2022.

Rev. Sparks faithfully served as Salem's pastor from 1989-1996. One of Rev. Sparks' primary ministry focuses was missions. And so, his family requested in his obituary, that memorial donations be made to Samaritan's Purse International Relief in Boone, North Carolina.

A free-will offering from Salem members and friends totaled \$95 and was recently forwarded to Samaritan's Purse in memory of Rev. Sparks.

Altar Flowers

Barbie Stottlemeyer is the flower coordinator at Salem. The 15 beautiful poinsettias adorning the Salem sanctuary were purchased in Lancaster County at Fisher's Greenhouse, Strasburg, PA.

During the winter months, Barbie has made arrangements to get altar flowers from Roostervane Gardens, in Funkstown.

"Operation Christmas Child" Shipping

Salem members and friends filled 52 shoe boxes for "Operation Christmas Child" and the \$10 shipping cost was paid on each box by the family who filled the box.

In addition, a donation of \$50 was received for postage. This donation was given to Samaritan's Purse as a contribution toward general shipping costs that other churches may not be able to afford.

At least one family placed tracking labels on their boxes which will reveal, online, the destination of each box.

It's Your Day!



January Anniversaries

- 1 - Donald & Susan Stottlemeyer
- 2 - Kyle & Leann Crutchley
- 16 - Charles & Christi Beall
- 21 - Charles & Dawn Brown

January Birthdays

- 6 - Patty Weagley
- 7 - Dwayne Ledford
- 8 - Nora Haupt
- 19 - Bill Buhrman
- 19 - Elizabeth Beall
- 19 - Della Hager
- 20 - Bradley Flook Jr.
- 21 - Joann Leatherman
- 22 - Lora McGraw
- 27 - Carley Weagley
- 29 - Blake Wagaman
- 31 - Chase Woods

Holy Communion

January 1, 2023

9:00 a.m.



Offering Envelopes

- Lora McGraw, Financial Secretary

It's that time of year again. Anyone wanting to start or stop offering envelopes, please let me know.

I will not make changes to anyone's current payment preference unless I'm contacted.

You can email me at kre8ive4u@yahoo.com or call 301-824-3322 and leave a message.

Inclement Weather Policy

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, giving folks an opportunity to worship from home.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in January

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Happy New Year, 2023! During January, you may be starting to follow-through on a New Year's resolution or two. Some popular ones always seem to be dieting, eating more nutritious meals, and sticking to a regular routine of physical exercise. You may have resolved to form a new healthy habit or to stop a bad habit. Those are all good resolutions and I hope you'll be successful!

An opportunity we all have each new January is to resolve to grow into deeper relationship with God in the coming year and to become a better follower of Jesus Christ. It's a life-long journey but undeniably the most exciting and meaningful journey we ever undertake. I wish God's great blessings upon you as you make this journey in 2023!

Grace and peace. —Pastor Bob

January 1
Epiphany Sunday
Holy Communion
"Light Breaks through Darkness"
Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah 60:2 – "See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you."

How often do we see in the Bible and in life a desperate situation in which a person finds themselves and all seems on the verge of being lost, but God steps in and saves the day?

The word "but" signals that God is about to act for the good of a person or community.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God who takes our worst days and turns them into good ones.

God is the one who brings light into our darkness days, and with his light he brings us hope.



January 8
Baptism of the Lord
"Getting Off to the Right Start"
Psalm 29

Psalm 29:2 - "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness."

My worship professor in seminary advised us to begin our prayers by telling God something of God's greatness. This is called "adoration."

Adoration at the beginning of a prayer could be something like, "God, you created all that is, and you sustain all living creatures, even me."

Why start with adoration? Because it demonstrates our love and respect for God, rightly deserved. It keeps us humble, reminding us that there is but one God and it is not me. It connects us at the outset of our prayer with the One who can help us like no other. It's always good to connect with God first when we pray or begin any endeavor.

January 15
"Being a Good Partner"
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:9 – "God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful."

When Donna and I met forty-two years ago, we were both coming out of bad relationships. We were honest with one another, no games. As we became more serious in our relationship, we vowed to be equal partners, 50-50, where neither she nor I felt subservient to the other. Sometimes in our marriage I've taken the lead and at other times

Donna has, but we continue to strive to be good and equal partners.

God desires all of us to be His partners. He extends his gifts and help to us, but we must partner with him to receive his gifts and follow him. He does not force himself on us. He allows us to decide.

How would we say our partnership with God is at this point in our life and where do we go from here?

January 22
"Fear is at the Core"
Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Psalm 27:1 – "The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?"

Fear is at the core of so many of our behaviors. We think poorly of another and discover that we're really fearing our own self-worth. We say a mean thing to another out of the fear caused by not addressing something we need to take care of in our own lives. We avoid taking an action because we fear being unsuccessful or looking foolish.

God gave us the emotion of fear to alert us to real danger and help us keep safe, but there are many times we fear when no danger exists, only our own insecurities. At its worst, fear can immobilize us.

The good news is that God is with us to help us overcome our insecurities and the fear they bring.

The hymn testifies to a truth, God is our "Rock of Ages." He is the rock to which we can always cling to help us overcome our fears and move forward.

January 29
"Blessed are the Merciful"
Matthew 5:1-12

Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

How often do we put our energy into being right, when what God is many times inviting us to do is to be merciful. This doesn't mean that we condone the sin of another but it does mean that we go to the other as Jesus did, spend time with them, learn their story, and keep the door open for God to be at work.

Sometimes in the process of being merciful to another, we come to realize that God has been at work in our life too, helping us better understand and respond to the person or situation where we were convinced we were right. Mercy brings God's love and care to another and allows us to receive his love and care too.



A Happy New Year's Cake

By Nancy Strine, Frederick, MD

It's 2023 — now HOW can that be?
 It's 2023 — so let's look around and see.
 Reality today seems both blurry and unclear.
 The question? What might we expect to happen this year?

Will there be peace in lands here and away,
 as nations wage war throughout every day?
 Will people world-wide remain hungry and still
 while peering around for hope and good will?

Everyone world-wide must seek Heavenly grace
 and look for God's light in every dark place.
 Then, 2023 could be the start of happiness
 and hope for every frightened heart.

The task won't be easy — hard work every day.
 Success can be made if we let God lead the way
 and show us what's needed
 so that we can make
 a blessed 2023 Happy New Year's Cake.

This cake will be both tasty and sweet
 if we but place our lives at God's feet.
 To let Him guide us as we give hope to all others
 with a slice of this cake to our sisters and brothers.

1 Corinthians 5:8-9 "celebrate ...with new bread of
 sincerity and truth."

Winter Viewpoints

By LaVerne P. Larson

Restful time when the earth
 Slumbers 'neath the snow,
 Hiding all her treasures
 While frosty north winds blow.

A time when woodland creatures
 Have need of bounty store,
 And yet God watches over them
 While winter's at their door.

Enchanted time for children,
 As crystal flakes of white
 Descend to make a wonderland
 And fill hearts with delight.

A fireside time for grown-ups
 When home is best of all,
 And golden memories of the past
 Are pleasant to recall.



You don't have to have it all figured out
 to move forward.



RECIPE



Cherry Pineapple Bars

INGREDIENTS:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 cup butter | 1/2 cup sugar |
| 1 cup light brown sugar, packed | 2 tablespoons cornstarch |
| 2 cups flour | 1 cup maraschino cherries, sliced |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1/2 teaspoon orange flavoring |
| 2 egg yolks, beaten | |
| 1 cup crushed pineapple, undrained | |

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine butter, brown sugar, flour and salt; mix until crumbly. Press about 3/4 of the crumb mixture on the bottom of a buttered 13 x 9 inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for about 15 minutes.
2. Combine egg yolks, pineapple, sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Remove from heat. Stir in cherries and orange flavoring. Spoon fruit mixture over baked layer. Sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Bake at 375 degrees for about 40 minutes. Cool, cut into bars.

Caroline Buhman made these bars for the recent "Bee-lievers" Women's Group Christmas Recipe Exchange.



New Year's Prayer

By Charlotte Anselmo

Thank you Lord for giving me
 The brand new year ahead
 Help me live the way I should
 As each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom
 That I might help a friend
 Give me strength and courage
 So a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty
 Help me fill it with good things
 Each new day filled with joy
 And the happiness it brings.

Please give the leaders of our world
 A courage born of peace
 That they might lead us gently
 And all the fighting cease.

Please give to all upon this earth
 A heart that's filled with love
 A gentle happy way to live
 With Your blessings from above.

Submitted by Margaret Yowell

God's forgiveness is always
 accompanied by another chance.

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.

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Glorious New Year

By Frieda Hawes

May the new year— ever hopeful,
 In its promises so bright,
 Lift your heart so every shadow
 Will reveal a guiding light . . .
 For with every Christmas season
 And with every bright new year
 There are always happy wishes
 For new hope, new love and cheer!

January 1 is Epiphany Sunday

At Salem — Hosting Congregation

Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service



Thanksgiving Community Choir

Photo by Bill Burrier



Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service

Nov 23, 2022 — This was the year for Salem to host the Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service.

Participating congregations were from Garfield United Methodist Church, Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, Harmony Community Lutheran Church, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Salem United Methodist Church.

The service was well attended with four Wolfsville-area pastors presenting messages: Rev. Dan Johnson, Rev. Eric Moser, Rev. Bob Snyder, and Rev. Marlene Phillips.

Special music was provided by a community choir that sang a song titled "Hymn of Praise" written by Mary McDonald and Gloria Gaither.

Salem's praise band "Works in Progress" also presented a song titled "House of the Lord" written by Phil Wickham.

An offering was received for The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick which totaled \$386.

Lois Kuhn read a poem written by Wolfsville resident Leah Spade. Lois said, "Leah Spade (100 years young) wrote this poem years ago. She recently revised it slightly and she can recite the entire poem by memory. I thought you might want to also include it at the community Thanksgiving service. She's just such a remarkable person and so clear-minded for her age."

Leah was invited to attend the service to present her poem but was not able, so Lois read the poem in her absence. It is printed at right.

Our thanks to everyone who participated, making this a very meaningful service where the Wolfsville community comes together to thank the Lord for all our blessings.

Rotating Schedule for the Community Thanksgiving Service

2023 - Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
 2024 - Garfield United Methodist Church
 2025 - St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 2026 - Salem United Methodist Church

Thanksgiving on the Farm

By Leah Spade

We hear Banty Rooster crowing
 And feel gentle breezes blowing
 Long before the golden sunrise greets the dawn,
 And the air, so crisp and hazy,
 Makes our cheeks glow like a daisy
 When we step across the glistening, frosted lawn.

What a joy to be advancing.
 Why, we almost feel like dancing
 To our church, that holds a very special charm.
 We'd rather listen to the preacher
 Than be cheering on a bleacher,
 When we celebrate Thanksgiving on the farm.

Wolfsville turkey, ham and oyster dinners
 Always are blue ribbon winners,
 For we grow the fixin's for them on the place.
 We won't hear the children whining
 While at the table we are dining.
 Happiness just beams from every face.

'Mid all the festive glories,
 The kids will share some funny stories
 That will give the meal a fascinating charm.
 We will have a true thanksgiving,
 We will know the joy of living,
 When we celebrate Thanksgiving on the farm.

When the crimson sun is setting,
 Surely, we will be regretting
 Thanksgiving Day comes only once a year.
 We will feel like thanking Heaven
 For all the bounties God has given
 That help to make the day a day of cheer.

We have countless reasons for rejoicing.
 Our President, too, is voicing
 Peace for all the world, without alarm.
 We forget all care and trouble,
 For our hearts will fairly bubble
 With Thanksgiving, here in Wolfsville, on the farm.

Celebrating Jesus' Birth

Christmas *at* Salem



Salem Sanctuary at Christmas

Photo by Robert Buckheit Photography



Dec 10, 2022 — The above photo was taken by Robert Buckheit during the recent “Country Churches Christmas Tour” sponsored by the Myersville-Wolfsville Area Historical Society. Salem’s brochure included these facts: The original portion of this building was constructed in 1847 of natural stone covered with stucco. The church features original 1937 lights in the sanctuary and a painting “Christ Praying in Gethsemane” by C. Guy Stambach above the altar (one of three on the tour). The church building reflects the simplicity of its early Brethren roots.

Our thanks to Fonda Gormer and her helpers for being available at Salem to guide visitors and discuss the long and interesting history of Salem Church. More than 100 visitors enjoyed the Salem facility on Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m., surprisingly some of them were from out of state. Fonda, who has a keen interest in Wolfsville history, indicated the most discussed topic was the painting above the altar which visitors had seen in two other churches on the tour.

The Christmas Version of 1 Corinthians 13 (The Love Chapter)

This was shared with the Adult Discussion Group Sunday School Class on December 18th and class members requested it be printed here.

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny balls; but do not have love, I’m just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime; but do not have love, I’m just another cook.

If I work at a soup kitchen, sing carols in a

nursing home, and give all that I have to charity; but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels, and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir’s cantata; but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse. Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love does not envy another’s home that has coordinated Christmas china and table

linens.

Love does not yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love does not give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who cannot.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails.

Toys will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust; but giving the gift of love will endure.

Celebrating Jesus' Birth

Christmas at Salem



Salem Choir

Photo by Bill Burrier



Dec 18, 2022 — Salem's choir sang "Good News! Everybody Listen" led by Sandy Lewis & Marlene Young. Singers from left are (front row) Theresa Haupt, Joyce Weaver, Susie Stottlemeyer, Cheyenne Leatherman, Shelby Leatherman, Donna Snyder, Lori Williamson, Loralli Snyder, Katie Laky, & Sara Weitzel, (back row) Denny Leatherman, Robin Haupt, Bobby Fogle, & Jim Laky.

Salem Choir Notes

▪ Sandy Lewis & Marlene Young, Co-Choir Directors

Sandy and Marlene would like to express their heartfelt thanks to every one of the choir members for their dedication and hard work this season.

Everyone has very busy lives and we are so thankful for each one sharing their time and talent in offering praise to our Lord.

We are all especially excited to have several of our young ladies, Loralli Snyder, Katie Laky, Cheyenne and Shelby Leatherman singing with

us, and we always encourage anyone who has a desire to praise the Lord with their voice to join us.

Choir will be taking a short break during the month of January and start up again on February 21st, when we will begin preparing anthems for morning worship services and the Lenten/Easter season.

Praying that everyone will stay safe and well this winter and be back to join us when we resume practices in February.

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



Dec 18, 2022 — George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer light the advent candles during 9 a.m. worship.

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



Dec 18, 2022 — Bill & Joyce Weaver receive Salem's traditional Christmas treat of two oranges and a bag of candy from Bobby Fogle, Sunday School Superintendent. Everyone in Sunday School got the same, which is a tradition going back as far as our oldest members can remember.



Dec 18, 2022 — Salem's Adult Discussion Group Sunday School Class has a tradition of taking a break from Bible Study on the Sunday before Christmas. Class members are invited to bring a favorite dish to share. Class leader Bill Burrier is currently leading a study of the Life of Joseph, son of Jacob, from Genesis 37 and forward. The Bible is our text book. The class is for adult couples and singles and meets in Salem's social room every Sunday from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. Now is a good time to join the study.

Serving the Lord in Wolfsville



Salem Church Leaders for 2023

Church leaders are nominated by Salem's Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, and then elected at the annual Church Conference, October 16, 2022.

Church Council:

Chair of Church Council – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader – Dennis Leatherman
 Chair of Board of Trustees – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Chair of Evangelism - Dennis Leatherman
 Chair of Finance Committee – Bill Burrier
 Chair of Nominations & Leadership Development Committee -
 Bob Snyder
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Robin Haupt
 Chair of Worship Committee – Pastor Bob Snyder
 Church Communications Coordinator – Bill Burrier
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Dennis Leatherman
 “Bee-lievers” Women’s Group President – Fonda Gormer
 Secretary of Church Council – Theresa Haupt
 Sunday School Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Young Adult Member - Open
 Youth Member – Emma Waite, Loralli Snyder
 Member-at-large – Dennis Draper (2023)
 Member-at-large - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (2024)
 Member-at-large – Patrick Boyton (2025)

Annual Audit: Meredith Harshman

Board of Trustees:

Donald Stottlemeyer (2023), George Stottlemeyer (2023), Open (2023),
 Dianna Poling (2024), Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (2024) (Chair),
 Open (2024), Tim Eccard (2025), Dan Lafferty (2025),
 Mike Irons (2025)

Caregiving Team Leader - Susie Stottlemeyer
Chair, Cemetery Committee - George Stottlemeyer
Children’s Coordinator - Caroline Buhman
Co-Choir Directors (Adult) – Sandy Lewis & Marlene Young
Choir Director (Children) – Open
Church Organist - Sara Weitzel

Custodian - Amy McCormick
Family Ministries Leader - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
Food Pantry Leader - Jennifer Gormer
Hero’s Club Leader - Open

Certified Lay Servants:

Gary Barkdoll and Wanda Barkdoll

Youth Group Leaders: Wanda Barkdoll, Pastor Bob

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee:

Pastor - Bob Snyder (Chair)
 Lay Leader – Dennis Leatherman
 Patrick Boyton (2023), Lora McGraw (2023), Sandy Miller (2023),
 Gary Barkdoll (2024), Theresa Haupt (2024), Sara Weitzel (2024),
 Joy Barkdoll (2025), Janice Harshman (2025),
 Lori Williamson (2025)

Salem Iron Men Leader - Bill Weaver

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader - Dennis Leatherman
 Debbie Irons (2023), Open (2023), Linda Marenic (2023),
 Wanda Barkdoll (2024), Cathie Elsbach (2024), Sandy Miller (2024),
 Caroline Buhman (2025), Robin Haupt (2025) (Chair),
 Jennifer Gormer (2025)

Sunday School:

Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Sunday School Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Librarian – Brandon Leatherman
 Pre-K Teacher – Caroline Buhman
 Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Teachers –
 Dennis Leatherman, Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton
 Middle and High School Teacher – Fonda Gormer
 Adult Discussion Group Teacher – Bill Burrier
 Men’s Class Teachers – Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman,
 Donald Stottlemeyer
 Women’s Class Teachers – Mary Cline, Darlene Burrier

Women’s Bible Study Leader - Debbie Irons

Worship Committee

Chairperson - Pastor Bob Snyder
 Communion Steward (Prepare) - Amy McCormick
 Communion Stewards (Serve) - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer,
 Susie Stottlemeyer
 Communion Steward Assistant (Serve) - Darlene Burrier
 Computer System Coordinators - Robin Haupt, Michael Burrier
 Flower Coordinator - Barbie Stottlemeyer
 Recorded Music - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Zoom Camera Operators - Wanda Barkdoll, Patrick Boyton,
 Dennis Draper, Robin Haupt, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer,
 Dennis Leatherman, Donna Snyder, Lori Williamson,
 Michael Burrier, Bill Burrier (Alternate)
 Zoom Computer Operators - Wanda Barkdoll, Robin Haupt,
 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Donna Snyder, Lori Williamson,
 Michael Burrier

Salem approves Budget for 2023

On December 14, 2022, Salem’s Church Council approved the operating budget for 2023, totaling \$175,289.

The budgeted categories include Mission Share (Apportionments) to the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Pastoral Ministry, Ministry Programs, and Church Buildings, Grounds, and Parsonage operating expenses.

A few categories are not budgeted, such as maintenance and repairs to church buildings and grounds. These items are

funded from the Building & Improvement Fund as unexpected and unplanned tasks arise. The proposed building addition has been cancelled.

Cemetery maintenance and mowing is funded from Salem’s cemetery account which receives funds from cemetery endowment investments.

Thank you to the Salem Church family for faithfully meeting our budget in 2022.

**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



**Remember that new year's resolution you made
to try new things?**

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

If you want the rainbow, you have to tolerate the rain.

It is often in the darkest skies that we see the brightest stars.

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.

Submitted by Margaret Yowell

The Mountain Shepherd

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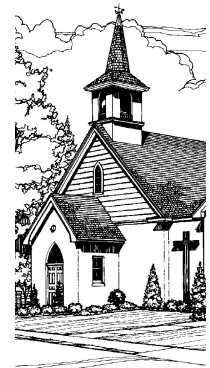
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SERVICE TIMES

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