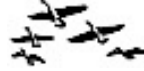


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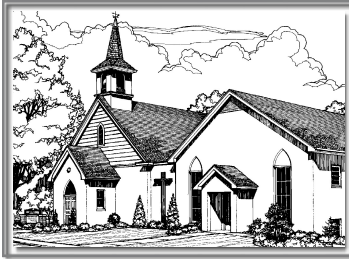
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FOOD
pantry
TUESDAYS
6:30-7:30 PM
SALEM UMC - WOLFSVILLE

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

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Orders due February 5, 2023

Soup & Sandwich Sale



**Don't forget to order
SOUP and SANDWICHES!**

Just a reminder to get your soup and sandwich orders in by **February 5**.
Food must be pre-ordered for pick-up at Salem on March 11 or 12.
See the order form below for details.

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 5, 2023

Please contact Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer at ses1313@comcast.net or Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436 to place your order.

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.)



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 230
2023 New Members: 0

Salem Physical Facilities:
Church built 1847
Educational Building built 1967
Parsonage built 1974-75

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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 **2023 MISSION PROJECTS** **2023 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 2023	0
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry at Salem	1,180
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - France)	1,320
7. United Methodist Board of Child Care	750
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	300
9. Open for 2023	0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)	780
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	600
12. Compassion International	456
13. Open for 2023	0
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	420
TOTAL GOAL for 2023	\$9,491

Here's how you can give . . .

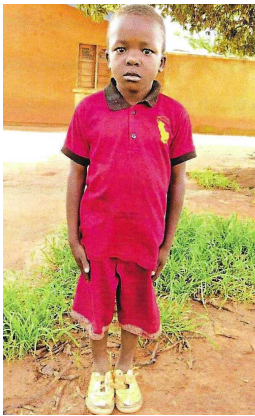
1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.
3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.
If you do 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

Meet our New Sponsored Child

Last month we reported that Barnaba, who we have been supporting through Compassion International in Tanzania, has moved away from the community where he was receiving support and is no longer enrolled in Compassion's sponsorship program.
Since then, Compassion has introduced us to another young boy named Luckman. Luckman, who is 6 years old, also lives in Tanzania and has been waiting for a sponsor.



Luckman

Luckman lives with his grandmother in an area where most people speak Swahili. He attends the Compassion center which is run through a local church.
Salem will be sending \$38 each month to Compassion International to support Luckman in Tanzania.

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

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

Who's Doing What, When?

February 2023

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

Lay Reader

5 Michael Burrier
12 Janice Harshman
19 Dennis Draper
26 Dennis Leatherman

Acolyte

5 Loralli Snyder
12 Valentina Barkdoll
19 Loralli Snyder
26 Valentina Barkdoll

Organist/Pianist

5 Sara Weitzel
12 Sara Weitzel
19 Sara Weitzel
26 Sara Weitzel

Computer

5 Donna Snyder
12 Wanda Barkdoll
19 Lori Williamson
26 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Camera

5 Lori Williamson
12 Dennis Leatherman
19 Wanda Barkdoll
26 Dennis Draper

Greeter

5 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
12 Dennis Draper
19 Matt Stottlemeyer
26 Barkdoll Family

Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

Financial Report 2022

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES



Dear Christian Friends:

Once again, the members of Salem's Church Council wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continuing faithful support in time, talent, and finances. In the spirit of Christ, we have worked together to carry out God's work in this church and in this community in which we are privileged to live and serve.

During the year 2022, with your help and conscientious giving, our income was sufficient to cover our expenses. We were also able to take advantage of the IRS Employment Retention Tax Credit which gave us funds to cover employment expenses during the pandemic shutdown. We continue to offer the convenience of electronic giving and a substantial amount of our offering is now given electronically.

Your faithful giving has allowed us to:

- Pay our apportionments in full to the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church;
- Meet our obligations for pastoral ministry, including pastor's salary, travel, medical, pension, etc.;
- Meet expenses for ministry programs, including newsletter, supplies, music, flowers, youth and family activities, and electronic expenses; and
- Meet expenses for maintenance of church buildings, parsonage, and grounds, including heat & electricity; fire/storm & liability insurance; telephones & internet; custodial services; mowing church and parsonage yard; purchase of equipment; and building repairs and maintenance.

Our emphasis on missions is commendable. We made a difference in people's lives through our many mission projects and our outreach efforts in our local community, as well as nationally and internationally. Every year we strive to tithe our mission support and in 2022 we did well. Our mission offerings were 9.6% of our discretionary income.

We are pleased to report an excellent 2022 Lord's Acre Festival profit of \$13,637.36, which has been placed in our Building & Improvement Fund.

Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer
Salem United Methodist Church - Wolfsville

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 - 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 5, 2023

9:00 a.m.



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.

Salem's Board of Trustees has engaged Dan Lafferty of D. L. Home Enhancements, LLC, to clear snow and ice from the Salem parking lot.

Our thanks to Todd Harme who did an excellent job of snow removal at Salem for many years.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in February

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

February means the start of Salem's annual Soup and Sandwich Sale. Orders are taken during February, then these items are prepared and sold in March.

During this time, we have good fellowship as we serve together in a worthy cause, and the delicious soups and sandwiches provide comforting nourishment during the cold days of winter.

Something else happens in February that nourishes us. It is the start of the 40-day Season of Lent, a time to receive good spiritual nourishment.

Lent is a special opportunity when God invites us to examine ourselves, turn from a remaining sin, and seek God's will for our future as individuals and as a church family.

It is a time that ends on Easter with us being restored and renewed by God for the journey ahead. I encourage you this year to make the most of this opportunity our Lord offers. May God bless you greatly this upcoming Lenten Season!

—Pastor Bob



But he desired for them to do something in exchange as he was providing restoration.

He desired for them to be their own instruments of restoration, caring for those in need among them.

God is calling us to this restorative work also, that as he is lifting our lives, we will lift up the lives of those in need around us.

February 12 "Point to Christ" 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

1 Corinthians 3:8 - "The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward."

In the church in Corinth, the church family became divided.

Some were drawn to the leadership of Apollos and others to Paul. These two workers for Christ could have allowed the admiration of others to selfishly feed their own egos.

Instead, Paul appealed to the church to cease the division. He reminded them that the role of church leaders is to point others to Christ alone.

This is good instruction for us to remember as well.

God has given each of us gifts to be shared with others. The purpose of our sharing is solely to point others to Christ and the saving grace he offers to all.

February 19 "Spiritual Magnification" Psalm 99

Psalm 99:9 - "Magnify the Lord our God! Bow low ... because the Lord our God is holy!"

God wants us to know that he is approachable and we are invited to come to him anytime.

But it should never be lost that God is also the most holy being in existence.

I don't think God wants us to be meek in approaching him, but I do feel he wants us to be humble before him.

It is very clear that he is God, and we are not. As we approach God with humility, we can better see and understand who God is and what God does for us, and we become better equipped to share with others the meaning God holds in our lives.

Many times our sharing results in the building up of another person's relationship with God.

February 22 Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m. at Salem

February 26 "God's Watchful Care" Psalm 32

Psalm 32:8 - "I will instruct you and teach you about the directions you should go. I'll advise you and keep my eye on you."

On the back of today's bulletin, author Rita Hayes describes how the navigation system in her car keeps watch over where she is going and keeps her headed in the right direction.

These navigation systems have changed the lives of those of us who are more directionally challenged.

Today's psalm reminds each of us that we are under the eyes of God who is watching where we are going spiritually and who is steering us back in the right direction when we get off course.

We're foolish to think we can navigate life on our own.

But by accepting the help God provides we can stay on course and live the life he offers to us.

February 5 Holy Communion "Making Restoration Happen" Isaiah 58:9b-12

Isaiah 58:11a - "The Lord will guide you continually and provide for you, even in parched places."

The people of Judah had returned home from their 70-year long captivity in Babylon.

Jerusalem was in ruins, their homes and the temple destroyed.

God spoke words of encouragement to them through the prophet Isaiah telling these Israelites that he would guide them and provide for them to restore their way of life.



Flight #2023

Author Unknown

Hello, welcome to Flight #2023. We are prepared to take off into a brand new year.

Please make sure your Attitude and Blessings are secured and locked in an upright position.

All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away.

Should we lose Altitude under pressure during the flight, reach up and pull down a Prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated you can assist other passengers.

There will be no baggage allowed on this flight. The Captain (GOD) has cleared us for takeoff.

Destination GREATNESS.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Earth's Dark Floor and Snowflakes

By Loise Pinkerton Fritz

Whiteness veiled the village
As sparkling snowflakes fell;
Garbed in white were hillsides,
Forests, meadows, dells.



Winter's darkened earth-floor
Became a sparkling sight,
All because of snowflakes
God sent to earth that night.

What a transformation!
God changed the earth's darkened floor
Into one of whiteness
By opening Heaven's door.

Earth's dark floor and snowflakes...
Just then my mind was stirred;
I recalled God's promise,
According to His word.

Though our sins be scarlet,
They'll be made white as snow
If we'll trust in Jesus,
Redeemer of our souls.

*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord:
Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white
as snow. —Isaiah 1:18*

Life has no question that faith can not answer.



RECIPE



Pecan Kisses

INGREDIENTS:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 large egg white | 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar | 2 cups pecans, roughly chopped |

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees with racks in top and bottom positions. Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Beat egg white in a large bowl with an electric mixer on high speed until soft peaks form, 1-2 minutes. Gradually add sugar and vanilla; beat until smooth, about 2 minutes. Fold in pecans. Drop mixture by 1 1/2 tablespoonfuls about 1 inch apart on prepared baking sheets.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes, rotating baking sheets between top inside. Let cool about 30 minutes. Remove from oven. Transfer cookies to a wire rack; let cool completely. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 5 days. Makes about 16-24 cookies.

Fonda Gormer made these Pecan Kisses for the "Bee-lievers" Women's Group Recipe Exchange. Fonda selected the recipe from Southern Living magazine.



What Can I Give

What can I give to Jesus
On this special Valentine's Day?
How can I tell Him I'll love Him,
And follow Him, come what may?

How can I show I need Him?
Should I send a red heart, with lace?
How can I thank Him enough
For his sacrifice, love and grace?

What Valentine can I give Him,
My adoration to impart?
I'll give to Him what He wants most;
I'll yield to Him my heart.

Submitted by Margaret Yowell

Love

By Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Love does not consist
In gazing at each other
But in looking outward together
In the same direction.

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

God's Wonderful Grace

By Olive B. Elvin

Just as sure as the stars in Heaven
Shine forth in the darkness of night,
We can rely on the love of God
To carry us through our plight.
Just as sure as the sun each morning
Gives of its light through the day,
We know that we have God's presence
No matter what comes our way.
We may not have all the answers
To the many trials we face,
But one thing we can always rely
We are kept by God's wonderful grace.

Sing Praises to the Lord


Salem Choir Notes 

Photo by Bill Burrier



December 18, 2022

Sandy Lewis & Marlene Young, Co-Choir Directors

The Salem Choir will begin practices for the Spring season on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7:30 pm in the church sanctuary. We will be preparing musical offerings for morning worship services and for the Lenten and Easter season. Marlene and I welcome back our Salem singers and also extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us. Whether or not you can read music, we extend a warm invitation to any and all to come join us to make a joyful noise to the Lord in praise! *"Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God. How pleasant and fitting to praise Him!" Psalm 147:1 (NIV)* —Sandy Lewis

Choir practices begin

Tuesday, Feb 21

7:30 p.m.

Salem Sanctuary

Explaining LENT
to Children

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday which falls on February 22 this year. It is a reminder of when Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness. He was tempted but He stood firm against Satan's temptations.

**Open Up, Clear Out, Sweep Up
and Plant Seeds**

Although Lent begins in winter, it will be spring before it's over. So, let's think spring for a bit. In the springtime, we like to OPEN UP. We open up our windows and let fresh spring air fill our home.

For Lent, a great thing to do is OPEN UP our Bibles and read them more. When we read our Bibles, God speaks a fresh word to us.

In the springtime, we like to CLEAR

OUT— especially the clutter in our closets. We go through our closets and take out the things we don't really need: heavy coats, old shoes— things that will just be in the way.

For Lent, it is good to CLEAR OUT the things in our lives that we don't really need— things that get in the way of following Jesus.

For example, maybe we watch TV or play video games a lot. Why not put them away for a while and use that extra time to do something for our parents.

In the springtime, we always need to SWEEP UP. We try to find and clean up all the dirt in our home that has been hiding all winter— dirt that no one else sees, but dirt that we know is there.

For Lent, it is good to ask ourselves, "Have we made any mistakes or messes that we need to clean up? Do we need to

apologize to someone for something we said or did? Do we need to ask God to forgive us?"

In the springtime, we love to PLANT. We plant seeds in our garden pots and water them as we wait and watch them grow into something beautiful.

For Lent, it is good for us to PLANT— different kind of seeds. We can plant seeds of love in the hearts of others when we are kind, or helpful, or when we tell someone about Jesus.

For Lent, think of something we can do that will become something beautiful for someone else, and do it in the name of Jesus, the one who did something really beautiful for us.

Dear Jesus, We love you. Help us to OPEN UP our Bibles, CLEAR OUT our clutter, SWEEP UP our messes, and PLANT SEEDS of Love. Amen.

Missions is the Mission of the Church

Salem Mission Projects . . . News & Notes



**DOING
THE MOST
GOOD**

Christmas Stockings

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 1,159 children in Frederick County. Thank you again for helping those in need.

*Morrisa Travers
Social Service Program Manager
The Salvation Army — Frederick County*

NOTE: Salem folks filled 25 Christmas stockings for children in Frederick County.



The Least of These Ministries — Dominican Republic

Dear Salem Church:

As we provide food to families, a pastor brings a biblical teaching to those receiving the food. Our desire is that people will trust in Jesus as their savior. Paul teaches that, in doing so, they will "... overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." What a wonderful news that is for people in such need of hope!

Thank you for supporting our work in the Dominican Republic with your gifts. Elderly couples, widows and widowers, and families with young children are hearing of the peace, joy, and hope that Jesus offers, as well as receiving nourishing food to sustain them physically because of your generosity.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." —Romans 15:13 (NIV)

*Marty Hogan
Executive Director
The Least of These Ministries*

NOTE: Salem provided \$1,925 to support this ministry in the Dominican Republic in 2022.

World Vision®

Building a better world for children

Sponsored Child in Colombia

Dear Salem Church:



Yurley Paola
Colombia

We are grateful that, with your support, children received education kits that helped them to go and stay in school, instead of dropping out because their families couldn't afford school supplies.

In Colombia, especially during the Christmas holidays, families cook a special dish called "Los Tamales," made of pork, chicken, egg, carrot, onion, and rice dough, wrapped in banana leaves. It might be eaten for dinner on Christmas Eve, or for breakfast on Christmas morning.

Salem's sponsored child, Yurley, is learning the importance of friendship— having good friends. Yurley is learning how to be a good friend by being interested in what happens to her friends; observing the way her friends treat each other; and working on activities at school together with her friends makes learning more fun. Yurley also has a desire to travel and explore the world.

Thank you for being part of our children's lives and helping them to build brighter futures.

*Peter Gape
World Vision, Colombia*

NOTE: Salem provided \$420 to World Vision for Yurley's support in 2022.

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick



Dear Salem Church:

We are looking forward to this year for many reasons. (1) Each new day brings new opportunities to share the love of Jesus with our clients; (2) Each client is a divine appointment sent to us to care for her at the point of her need; (3) Each decision we encounter will be filtered through Proverbs 3:5-6; (4) And we celebrate 40 years of serving the community.

Your faithful and generous giving makes it possible to keep our doors open for our clients, and train the staff and volunteers to walk with our clients in their difficult journeys as we share the truth that all life is valuable.

Linda King, Executive Director

NOTE: Salem provided \$1,900 to support this ministry 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:

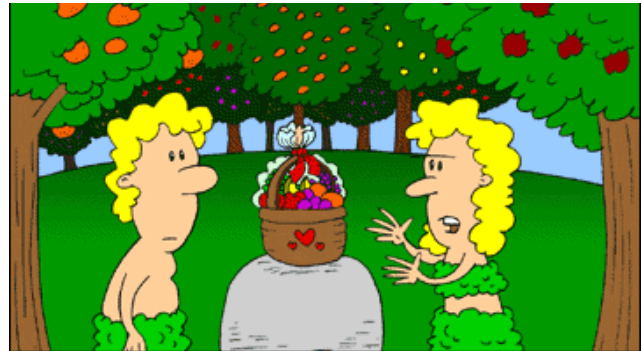
Salem United Methodist Church
 Church Treasurer
 P. O. Box 144
 Myersville, MD 21773-0144

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



**Really Adam . . . a Valentine's Day
fruit basket . . . in the Garden of Eden?**

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March.

If you get tired, learn to rest, not to quit.

Enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others, be the carrier!

Submitted by Margaret Yowell

The Mountain Shepherd

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SERVICE TIMES

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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