



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

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6:30-7:30 PM
SALEM UMC - WOLFVILLE

Sunday
July 30, 2023
6:30 p.m.

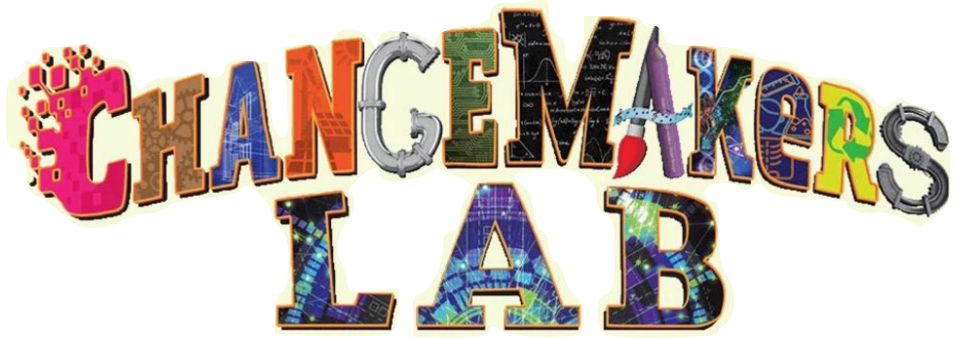


Ice Cream,
Drinks, Games &
Family Fun
No evening meal
Ice Cream & Drinks provided

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Wolfsville Community
Vacation Bible School



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Become a Changemaker at Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, July 17-21, at Salem Evenings 6:30—8:30 p.m.

— Children ages 4 through 6th grade —

■ By Fonda Gormer

The Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School will be held July 17-21, from 6:30—8:30 p.m. at Salem Church in Wolfsville.

Children ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to participate.

This year's Vacation Bible School is called "Changemakers Lab" and is based on Mark 1:15: "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

At the Vacation Bible School, the children will learn that everyone can make a difference in the world.

Join us as the mad scientist works on ways to change the world, and is visited by a Bible-times person.

Five Bible Stories

The five Bible stories explore examples

of people who experienced and brought about change in the world around them.

These people provide a model for asking hard questions, working together to solve problems, reaching across differences, caring for all people, and imagining a new world.

Through worship and drama, Bible study, STEAM activities, games and refreshments, children are invited to see and experience the transforming love of God. Grounded in God's love, children can use their unique gifts to make a difference wherever they go!

This Vacation Bible School is a cooperative project of Salem UMC and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, with the Wolfsville Ruritan Club as a sponsor.

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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 Vision Statement:
(What we are always doing.)
Building Connections.
Growing God's Family.

Salem Mission Statement:
(How we accomplish the vision.)
Bringing hope by sharing the peace of Christ
through teaching His word, extending His grace,
and serving others in His love.

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 (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	486
13. Open for 2023	0
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	420
TOTAL GOAL for 2023	\$9,521

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 Projects No. 11
Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

Moral & Spiritual Decline


As we see the continued decline of our moral and spiritual compasses in our community (and country); we unfortunately also see the fruit of this decline, in the individual lives of our clients. We see the rampant disregard of the definition of marriage leading to multiple unhealthy relationships. We see their brokenness as they face pregnancy decisions, and yet we rejoice that these clients come to the center for services. This is exactly what God has called us to do . . . care for the lost and hurting.

Yesterday, we received notification from our website from a client that is strongly considering abortion. This pregnancy is unplanned and both she and the father of the baby are in shock. As we spoke, I could hear the fear and desperation in her voice. I explained our services and how important they are in this decision-making time. She agreed to make an appointment and showed up. After the ultrasound, she shared she wanted to continue the pregnancy!

Every time a client contacts us through our website, calls the center for information, and comes to the center for services; it is possible because of you. Every dollar given is used to serve clients in our center, in this Frederick community!

Blessings, Linda King, Executive Director

So far this year, Salem has provided \$1,100 to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick



While Salem is recruiting for a new pastor, the office in the parsonage WILL NOT be staffed.

- Phone messages on the office phone (301-293-1616) will be monitored by Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer.
- Mail to the church address (12477 Wolfsville Road) will be forwarded to Salem's Post Office Box 144 at the Myersville Post Office.

Who's Doing What, When?

July 2023

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

Lay Reader

- 2 Jim Laky
- 9 Janice Harshman
- 16 Bobby Fogle
- 23 Lora McGraw
- 30 Marlene Young

Acolyte

- 2 Valentina Barkdoll
- 9 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 16 Valentina Barkdoll
- 23 Shelby Leatherman
- 30 Valentina Barkdoll

Organist/Pianist

- 2 Sara Weitzel
- 9 Sara Weitzel
- 16 Sara Weitzel
- 23 Sara Weitzel
- 30 Susie Stottlemeyer

Worship Leader

- 2 Bill Burrier
- 9 Denny Leatherman
- 16 Gary Barkdoll
- 23 Michael Burrier
- 30 Wanda Barkdoll

Computer

- 2 Robin Haupt
- 9 Wanda Barkdoll
- 16 Camilo Barkdoll
- 23 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 30 Robin Haupt

Camera

- 2 Camilo Barkdoll
- 9 Robin Haupt
- 16 Michael Burrier
- 23 Dennis Draper
- 30 Bill Burrier

Greeter

- 2 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 9 Dennis Draper
- 16 Ken & Dianna Poling
- 23 Barkdoll Family
- 30 Joy Barkdoll

Worship Bulletin Preparation:

Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Prayer Requests:

Michael Burrier

Mark your Calendar

Lord's Acre Festival set for Saturday, September 9th



Wolfsville Ruritan Park

Beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Christian Music Group at this year's Lord's Acre "His Word Ministries"

The Christian music group called, "His Word Ministries," will provide the music at this year's Lord's Acre Festival.

The group was formed several years ago with the intent to help spread the love of God to our communities and beyond.

In a recent communication, Bev Hood said, "We first met while attending a religious retreat and quickly became friends. Our love of music and the Lord

bonded us together. We attend different churches yet continue to gather and support each other and the ministry as we're called."

The members of the group include Joyce and Larry Bellela from Waynesboro PA, Steve and Karen Purcell from Thurmont MD, and Andy and Bev Hood from Keymar MD.

You may follow them on Facebook.

It's Your Day!



July Anniversaries

- 4 - Michael & Mandy Mellott
- 10 - Robin & Theresa Haupt
- 20 - Randy & Karen Sowers
- 29 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll

July Birthdays

- 2 - Phyllis Beall
- 4 - Marlene Young
- 5 - Brett Haupt
- 10 - Randy Sowers
- 11 - Alyssa Fogle
- 13 - Patty Blickenstaff
- 14 - Tyler Zimmerman
- 18 - Amanda Hawkins
- 21 - Donald Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Pat Eccard
- 27 - Cyndy Weddle
- 28 - Kim Tolland
- 28 - Jennifer Burrier
- 28 - Austin Hebeisen
- 29 - Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 29 - Katy Hornbecker

Salem Iron Men: New Summer Schedule

• By Bill Weaver

Sunday, July 9 — 7:00 p.m.

On the second Sunday in July, the Salem Iron Men (SIM) will have a virtual Bible Study via zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84886568446>

This will be a topical Bible Study on "Hope - Beyond" . . . from the books of first and second Peter.

For our July study, we will begin our study with I Peter, chapter 1.

Monday, July 17 — 6:30 p.m.

On the third Monday in July, there will be a Salem Iron Men LIVE Gathering for a pot luck dinner at the Weaver's.



(8931 Crystal Falls Drive, Boonsboro, MD 21713)

Please RSVP to Bill at 301-730-7247 to assist us with planning. Meat & Drink will be provided by the Weaver's.

Sunday, July 23 — 7:00 p.m.

On the fourth Sunday in July, there will be a Couples Virtual Gathering. We will kick-off a study of the book of Daniel on zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84886568446>



Missions is the Mission of the Church

Salem Mission Projects . . .



Salem Mission Project No. 1

A Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer

Retired Senegal Missionaries



Dear Folks at Salem United Methodist Church:

We want to thank you again for your part in our lives through your prayers, gifts, and your friendship. We appreciate you very much.

In April, we celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. Our “kids” were waiting until later this month for Rebecca and Eric & Wendy to get back from Senegal to have a celebration for us.

We are doing okay as far as our health is concerned. I, Frank, did have a pre-cancer treatment of my face & arms and I had strong reactions to the treatment. Then I had an allergic reaction to an antibiotic the dermatologist prescribed which caused lots of very itchy hives. I’ve pretty well recovered from all of that.

There is not much change in the things we are involved in. Nancy continues to visit a number of widows either in their homes, in nursing homes, or by phone conversations. Frank continues to serve on the board of our home church, he is the bookkeeper/treasurer, he occasionally teaches Sunday School or Wednesday evening Bible study, he prepares a weekly bulletin insert of prayer requests and announcements, and he helps at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission one day each week. This Sunday evening V.B.S. is scheduled to begin for five evenings, and we plan to help with that.

As far as our family, our daughter, Wanda, helps at their home church and is praying about what further ministry God has for her since she stopped working at the rescue mission. Lynn is part of the leadership of their home church, and he preaches at various churches in the area, besides working full-time at Fed-Ex. Our son and daughter-in-law, Eric & Wendy, plan to come to the U.S. for a month for our anniversary celebration and the graduation of their grandson. In Senegal, Eric teaching Bible to the Badyaranke people. Wendy is helping with the Bible translation into the Badyaranke language. Our daughter, Rebecca, arrived back in the U.S. yesterday for a 6-month home assignment. In Senegal she prepares all the materials and oversees a literacy program for the Badyaranke people. Our son & daughter-in-law, Gary & Lisa, serve at a missionary retirement center in Florida. Gary oversees the grounds crew and works on other projects, and Lisa helps with cooking for the residents.

Thank you so much for all you do for us and for our family.

Joyfully in Christ,
Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer

Salem Mission Project No. 10

The Least of These Ministries — Dominican Republic

Dear Salem Church:



Through your support, our team in the Dominican Republic not only serves families with nutritious food and solid Bible teaching, but is also working to encourage and build up the Christian churches in these communities.

We know that the local church is the focal point for community evangelism and discipleship, and are working to support these local churches in their mission to the communities they serve. Please pray for these servant leaders and the work that lies before them!

In Christ alone,
—Marty Hogan, Executive Director

So far this year Salem has provided \$1,425.00 to The Least of These Ministries.

News & Notes

Summer Music Concert at St. Mark’s

Sunday, July 16, 2023

3:00 p.m.

St. Mark’s Lutheran Church

Kokopelli Woodwind Quartet

- Paulela (Lutz) Burchill, flute
- Mary Huegel, oboe
- C. Douglas Remsberg, clarinet
- Scott Ziegler, bassoon

Lois Kuhn will also share several organ selections.

All are invited for a special afternoon of music of various styles — something for everyone. All are welcome.

Electronic Giving at Salem

In response to several questions, there will be no change in your electronic giving at Salem after disaffiliation.

The company we have been happily using for the past 9 years, Vanco Payments, is NOT associated with the United Methodist Church.

Salem is well satisfied with Vanco’s service, and therefore no changes are anticipated.

Those who write checks for their tithes and offerings should continue to make the checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church until late August when the disaffiliation process should be complete. We will advise when the change to Salem Community Church will be effective.

Worship Leaders at Salem

Although the disaffiliation agreement between Salem and the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church will not be finalized for several more months, the Conference chose to move Pastor Bob to another appointment effective July 1.

Meanwhile, Salem has posted a job opening for a new pastor.

During the time it takes for review, evaluation, and selection of qualified candidates, Sunday worship at Salem will be led by laity and guest speakers.

July 2 - Bill Burrier

July 9 - Denny Leatherman

July 16 - Gary Barkdoll

July 23 - Michael Burrier

July 30 - Wanda Barkdoll

We look forward to good messages from these volunteers.



Summertime

By Mamie Osburn Odum

The countryside dons a softened peace
 When summer days appear;
 The fields, meadows, and mountains, too,
 Rest free of haste and fear.

And every quiet brook and stream
 Meets the rivers silent flow,
 And lakes with sunlit, softened gleam
 Give scenes a regal glow.

Summer fields with upturned face,
 With harrowed rows of grain,
 Nod and wave in perfect rhythm
 To the fall of summer rain.

Wild birds of every hue and size
 Fill the limbs of leafy trees,
 And every branch seems to sing,
 Accompanied by the summer breeze.

Summer with its quiet peace,
 The stars, the moon, the night,
 Makes sweet the joys of living
 In the summer's golden light.

Fourth of July Celebrations

By Betty W. Stoffel

Let there be prayers as well as great parades,
 Let hymns combine with patriotic songs,
 Let there be leaders of the future days,
 With heroes of the past amid the throngs.
 Let reverent silence punctuate the noise,
 Let God be praised for this great land of ours,
 Let sober meditation balance joys
 And grave humility mark crucial hours.

Let statesmanship grow from this nation's need,
 Let citizenship be equal to these days,
 That godly men who gave their lives indeed
 Be not betrayed by dull, indifferent ways.
 Let joyfulness, not wildness, mark the free,
 That God may find us worth our liberty!

Try to live today with no negative thoughts.
 Smile at people, don't complain and
 give at least one compliment.
 At the end of the day, say a simple
 Thank You God.



RECIPE



Cranberry & Vanilla Chip Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- | | |
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| 1/2 cup margarine or butter,
softened | 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour |
| 1 1/3 cups sugar | 1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats |
| 1/2 cup refrigerated or frozen fat-free egg product, thawed, or 2 eggs | 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda |
| 1 teaspoon imitation butter flavor | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| | 1 cup sweetened dried cranberries |
| | 2/3 cup white vanilla chips |

DIRECTIONS:

- Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray cookie sheets with non-stick cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine margarine and sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Add egg product and butter flavor, mix well. Add flour, oats, baking soda and salt; mix well. Stir in cranberries and vanilla chips. Drop dough by tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart onto sprayed cookie sheets.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 9 to 11 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets. Cool on wire racks 15 minutes or until completely cooled. Yield: 4 dozen cookies.

NOTE: You may substitute raisins, currants or chopped dried apricots for the dried cranberries.

Barbie Stottlemeyer made these cookies for Salem's "Bee-lievers" Women's Group recipe exchange.



Out in the Fields

By Elizabeth Barrett Browning

The little cares that fretted me,
 I lost them yesterday
 Among the fields above the sea,
 Among the winds that play,
 Among the lowing of the herds,
 The rustling of the trees,
 Among the singing of the birds,
 The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might pass,
 I cast them all away
 Among the clover-scented grass,
 Among the new-mown hay,
 Among the husking of the corn,
 Where drowsy poppies nod,
 Where ill thoughts die and
 good are born . . .
 Out in the fields of God.

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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Dear God,
 Enlighten what's dark in me,
 Strengthen what's weak in me,
 Mend what's broken in me,
 Bind what's bruised in me,
 Heal what's sick in me,
 And lastly . . .
 Revive whatever peace and love
 that has died in me. Amen.

Scenes from

Happenings at Salem... Baptism, Graduates, Family Hangout, Picnic

Photo by Bill Burrier



On Sunday, May 28, 2023, the Salem congregation celebrated with the Lafferty family in the baptism of Landon Ray Lafferty. From left, Pastor Bob Snyder, and Landon's parents, Jamie & Dan Lafferty.

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



On Sunday, June 11, 2023, the Salem congregation recognized its high school and college graduates. From left are Emily Burrier and Sarah Burrier. Lily Mueller was unable to attend. Emily received a Student Life Application Study Bible and Sarah and Lily received a financial gift.

Photos by Michael Burrier



On Saturday, June 10, 2023, Salem has its 2nd Family Hangout at The Bog Shack at 10909 Wolfsville Road! Our next event will be called "Party on the Hill" and will be held Sunday, July 23, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brandon & Jessie Leatherman, 10908 Harp Hill Road.

Emily Burrier

Emily graduated from Catoclin High School in Thurmont. During high school Emily was active in theater and chorus and was inducted into several academic and arts honor societies. Her plans are to attend Frederick Community College in the fall and pursue a degree in Early Elementary education.

Sarah Burrier

Sarah graduated from Frederick Community College. At FCC, Sarah was active in the arts program and won several awards for her drawing and illustration

work. Her plans are to transfer to Towson University in the fall where she will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Illustration and Graphic Design.

Lily Mueller

Lily graduated with honors from University of Maryland where she earned dual degrees, Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science. She's been working at Cardarock since her sophomore year, one day a week and when not in class. She hopes to get a masters in software engineering while working full time.

Farewell Picnic for Pastor Bob held June 11th

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



Thank you for the wonderful picnic. We loved being with each of you and had a great time! Love, —Pastor Bob, Donna, and Loralli



■ By **MICHAEL BURRIER**, *Transition Team Leader*

During June, our Transition Team working groups continued their work and additional tasks were completed. Again, a sincere 'thank you' to each person who responded to the call and volunteered to serve on the Transition Team.

Your commitment in time and energy enabled Salem to cover much ground in the relatively abbreviated amount of time available to complete the disaffiliation process.

Progress updates will continue to be provided each month in *The Mountain Shepherd*.

Disaffiliation Approved

On June 1, 2023, our disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church (UMC) was approved by the delegates at the Annual Conference of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The vote carried with 92.3% of the 653 delegates in attendance voting to approve the disaffiliation of Salem and 22 other churches in our Conference. All of the churches had met the criteria for disaffiliation.

Legal Work in Progress

Salem's Transition Team and Church Council, along with our attorney, Michael Delauter, Esq., are now working to complete the legal work necessary to form the non-profit corporations that will receive the assets of Salem United Methodist Church currently held in Trust by the UMC.

Salem has selected the date of August 25 by which the signed Disaffiliation Agreement and disaffiliation payment of \$412,104 must be submitted to the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

Salem's disaffiliation will be effective, and we will be an independent church,

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when these items are received by the Baltimore-Washington Conference Trustees. The formal transfer of the deeds and property will occur on or around September 15.

New Church Name

We will adopt our new church name of SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH along with our new mission and vision statements shortly after the Disaffiliation Agreement and payment is delivered to the BWC (end of August).

An exciting new chapter of Salem's history will begin as we support the church's mission of "Bringing hope by sharing the peace of Christ through teaching His Word, sharing His grace, and serving others in His love" and living out the church's vision of "Building Connections and Growing God's Family."

New Church Logo

On June 15, 2023, the Church Council approved a new logo and branding for SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH that was recommended by the Transition Team.



Our new logo represents an open Bible from which we learn about God's love (the heart) and the Good News of salvation (the cross) leading to spiritual growth in our lives (a growing leaf).

The color green will be used in branding across the church's communications and online platforms.

Pastoral Coverage

Pastor Bob Snyder's last day serving Salem Church will be June 30, 2023, and the United Methodist Church will not appoint another pastor for the time period between Pastor Bob's departure and our date of disaffiliation (end of August).

Salem is responsible for arranging pastoral coverage after July 1, 2023. Our monthly apportionment payments (also known as Mission Share) to the Baltimore-Washington Conference will also end as of June 30, 2023.

New Pastor Recruitment

The Transition Team's focus is now turning to hiring a new pastor.

The Pastor Search Committee consists of Robin Haupt, Vernon Stottlemeyer, Michael Burrier, Wanda Barkdoll, Donnie Stottlemeyer, Sandy Miller, Debbie Irons, Joyce Weaver, Linda Marenic, Cathy Elsbach, Caroline Buhrman, and Bill Buhrman.

This group met on May 10 & 22 and June 12 to establish policies and procedures for hiring a pastor. These procedures were approved by the Church Council on June 15th and the pastor job posting went live on June 16th. View the job posting here: www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=ea89b01b99b051f4

The pastor selection process will consist of screening applicants, interviewing candidates, checking references and performing background checks, preaching on a Sunday, receiving feedback from the congregation, bringing back top candidates to preach again, receiving additional feedback from the congregation, and ultimately making a hiring recommendation to the Church Council.

We know that God has a pastor selected for Salem Community Church and we need to be diligent and prayerful during this process. Thank you for continuing to keep the Transition Team and church leaders in your prayers — we have felt your support.

Adopted 05 / 25 / 2023

Statement of Beliefs of Salem Community Church

SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH operates in accordance with the following Christian beliefs.

Because these beliefs are foundational to our ministry (Matthew 7:24), everyone involved in our ministry is expected to act in a manner that promotes and supports these beliefs.

One True God

There is only One True God revealed in three persons ... Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (commonly known as the Trinity).

We Believe in one Almighty, Holy God who is the Creator of all things.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ who is the only true Son of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth and sinless life, and in the sin pardoning value of Christ's bloodshed and death on the cross, His bodily resurrection from the tomb, His ascension to glory, and His personal and visible return to Earth.

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation and provides guidance in doing what is right.

Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4, 33:27;

Isaiah 44:6, 45:22, 46:9-10, 48:16;

Matthew 1:22-23, 5:38, 28:19;

2 Corinthians 13:4;

Colossians 1:16-19, 2:9-10;

1 John 5:8, Luke 1:37;

Ephesians 1:9-11, 13-14

Bible

The Bible is God's gift to us. We value the Bible as God's authoritative Word, study it together, and build our lives on its truth.

We believe the original writings of the Old and New Testaments are fully inspired by God and are completely trustworthy and authentic.

We believe God has faithfully preserved His Word throughout all generations. It is our ultimate written source of truth for Christian beliefs and living.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, 4:4; Luke 24:27;



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2 Peter 1:20-21; Matthew 5:18;
1 Corinthians 2:13-16; Psalm 119:105, 160

Salvation

Every day we turn away from God in any number of ways to pursue what we think is best. This turning away from God's plan for our lives is what the Bible calls sin — missing the goal or falling short — and results in a void that can only be filled by God through faith in his Son, Jesus Christ.

We believe that faith in Jesus results in personal salvation and is a free gift from God brought to us by His grace. Everyone must personally accept this gift of grace through confession of sin, repentance (turning away from sin and toward God), and committing to live our lives for Christ.

The gift is free, but salvation will change the way we have been living. Jesus said in Luke 9:23 - If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Denying ourselves and following God's way is hard but the rewards are beyond description — God's forgiveness of our sins, the gift of God's Holy Spirit living in us, a peace that the world cannot provide and heaven as a reward for following God on earth.

Luke 9:23, 13-5; Romans 5:8, 6:23;

Ephesians 2:8-10, 4:22-24,

John 1:12, 5:24, 10:27-30;

Galatians 5:16-23; 1 John 8-10; John 14:6;

Romans 3:23, 5:12, 10:9; Acts 17:30

Marriage & Family

Marriage was instituted by God as a loving, committed, covenant relationship between a man, a woman, and Himself.

For this reason, the Church must resist all attempts to alter marriage from what the Bible has revealed about it.

The purpose of marriage is companionship between a man and a woman in permanent relationship. The marriage relationship reflects the relationship between Christ and His Church. It is out of the marriage relationship that God intended for children to be produced and nurtured.

As such, ministers serving Salem Church, classified with the authority to conduct weddings, shall only participate in weddings and solemnize marriages between one genetic, biological man and one genetic, biological woman.

Facilities and properties owned and used by Salem Church shall only host weddings between one genetic, biological man and one genetic, biological woman.

Mark 10:8, Matthew 19:1-10;

Genesis 2:18-24

Human Sexuality

We believe that God has wonderfully created each person as male or female. These two distinct and complementary genders together reflect the design of God.

We believe that rejection of one's biological gender is denying God's perfectly created design within that person.

We believe that God intended for sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other, as described in Scripture at the beginning; any other form of sexual activity is sinful and contrary to God's good design for marriage and the

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STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

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family. As a church, we require that pastors, teachers or individuals in leadership roles affirm and adhere to these Biblical values regarding human sexuality.

Genesis 1:26-27, 2:18-24; Psalm 139:14;
Matthew 15:18-20, 19:4;
1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:9-10, 18, 7:2-4;
Hebrews 13:4; Romans 1:26-27;
1 Timothy 1:9-10; Revelations 22:15

Church

We believe that the church is made up of all people who trust and worship Jesus. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by loving Him and carrying out His work. The church allows followers to worship, fellowship, study, pray, and be a witness in this world for Jesus Christ.

Matthew 16:18, 28:18-20;
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27; John 16:7;
Acts 1:8, 2:1-14, & 47, 5:23-25;
Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:11-16; Romans 16:5

Eternity

We believe people were created to exist forever — either eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation.

To be eternally separated from God is to be condemned and separated from God's love.

To be eternally in union with him is eternal life. Eternal life begins the moment one receives the free gift of Jesus Christ into their life by faith.
Matthew 25:46

Baptism and Lord's Supper (Holy Communion)

We believe the Bible clearly teaches that followers of Christ be baptized by water as a symbolic act of their commitment to Christ.

We believe the symbolic nature of baptism allows for it to be done by sprinkling, pouring or immersion.

We believe the Lord's Supper should be practiced regularly by followers of Christ. We believe the bread symbolizes the body of Christ and the juice symbolizes the blood of Christ.

We believe that both the Lord's Supper and baptism are holy sacraments of obedience and expressions of our love for Christ.

The Lord's Supper is open to all

believers who have examined themselves before taking communion and asked for forgiveness.

1 Corinthians 11:23-34;
Matthew 26:26-29, 28:19;
Acts 2:41, 8:31-38

Spiritual Gifts

We believe God gives every believer at least one spiritual gift that, along with a person's passion and natural abilities, allow followers of Christ to effectively serve others and share the message of Jesus in our communities and the world.

1 Corinthians 12:7

Tithing and Giving

Believers are called to use their resources (time, ability, finances) as faithful stewards and a matter of obedience to God.

Matthew 23:23, Genesis 28:20-22;
Proverbs 3:9, Luke 6:38

Eternal Security, Free Will, and Social Issues

We believe God made mankind to have a free will to follow God and receive Jesus as their Savior or to reject God and follow their own desires.

The decision to follow Jesus is made by each individual.

Obedience to God's Word and a desire to please God characterizes the life of every Christian.

The goals for every believer are to love God and love others as they grow in faith. Those who trust in Jesus for the payment of their sins are forgiven and receive eternal life.

We believe the Bible addresses many of the social issues and ills of our contemporary society. We believe God's Plan and His spoken Word as recorded in the Bible are for all times and all generations.

Psalm 54:6, 119:1-8; Ephesians 1:5;
Galatians 5:1; Proverbs 16:9; Joshua 24:15;
Hebrews 11:6; Luke 16:14-17;
Deuteronomy 11:18-21;
Matthew 5:17-22, 15:1-9, 23:2-4, 13-15



News & Notes

Pastor Bob's Last Sunday at Salem

The 9 a.m. worship service on Pastor Bob's last Sunday at Salem, June 25, was a very special time.

In addition to the regular order of service, special music was provided by Denny Leatherman, Marlene Young, and Sandy Lewis. They offered two selections, "I Stand Amazed/And Can It Be" and "We Have This Moment Today."

"A Litany of Thanks and Farewell" was led by Marlene Young, followed by a short video produced by Bill Burrier summarizing Pastor Bob's 15 years of ministry in Wolfsville, titled "15 Years in 5 Minutes."

To close the service, Denny, Marlene, and Sandy led a Benediction in Song, "When We All Get to Heaven" with the congregation joining on the last verse & chorus.

Following the worship service, the congregation was invited to the social room to enjoy a snack with the Adult Discussion Group Sunday School Class. A cake was provided in honor of Pastor Bob's last Sunday at Salem.

Prayer Requests

Beginning July 1, Salem will continue to distribute prayer requests via email and the phone message system.

If you have a prayer request, you may contact Michael Burrier at 301-401-7575 or via email at bankermike73@gmail.com.

Michael will distribute the prayer request using the same email distribution list previously used by Pastor Bob.

Michael will also voice record the prayer request and send it out using Salem's phone message system.

Michael is familiar with the process. He cared for prayer request in the past when Pastor Bob was on vacation.

Christmas Church Tour 2023

Fonda Gormer has reported the annual Christmas Church Tour has been scheduled for Saturday, December 16, 2023, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Salem will participate in the tour which is organized by the Myersville-Wolfsville Area Historical Society.

This is a great time to share Salem's rich history in the Wolfsville community.



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.

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read, "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note. "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

God has two dwellings: one in heaven, and the other in a meek and thoughtful heart.
 — Izaak Walton

God's Word in a lamp, but not a flood light. More like a flashlight... God's Word illuminates one step at a time because that's all we really need to see and know.

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

