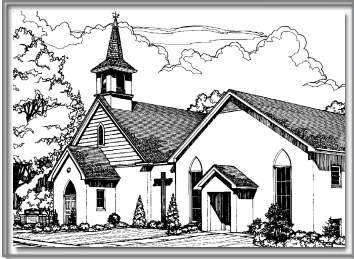


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Salem Community Church
Wolfsville

**Wolfsville
FOOD
PANTRY**
Open Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm
Located at
**SALEM
COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
12479 Wolfsville Rd
Open to all residents
with a Myersville,
Smithsburg or
Sabillasville zip code

**The
Food Pantry
has moved
across the parking lot
to the lower level
of Salem's
Educational Building**

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LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL: WE'VE DONE THIS 63 TIMES!

Thank you to the Wolfsville community for supporting the Lord's Acre Festival for 63 years! We had both sunshine and rain and God is faithful through it all.

By Bill Burrier

Many of us have memories of Lord's Acre Festival's over the years.

There are many in our congregation today who have attended all 63 of them since its beginning in 1960. My first Lord's Acre was in 1966.

I have been church treasurer since 1986, and have since followed my predecessor, Charles Martin's practice of giving a Lord's Acre report in worship the following morning.

This year, when I was preparing the report for the congregation, I was reminiscing... thinking back to those Lord's Acre memories that have remained in my mind over the years.

I revealed to the congregation a Lord's Acre memory that posed a challenge to the church. My mind took me back to 1969, 54 years ago, when the Lord's Acre was held in the old Wolfsville School. (Salem's parsonage now occupies the site.)

That's the year, the Little German Band was playing full blast... and boom... one end of the floor fell into the crawl space below.

I asked the congregation, "How many of you remember that? Many raised their hands. The following year, the festival was moved to the Ruritan Park.

Well, we also made a memory this year. The weather was beautiful until



This year's heavy rain storm brought some water onto the pavilion floor. Cody quickly took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy floating a toy duck in the puddle.

4:45 when the rain storm hit. The doors on the pavilion were all open until the wind started to blow the rain... so all the doors had to come down.

With the pavilion all closed in and the sound of pouring rain outside, someone commented, "This is like being in Noah's Ark... without the animals. Hope we don't have to stay in here 40 days?"

The storm passed, the doors opened and the festival continued. Another memory was made.

More Lord's Acre Festival results on page 4



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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:
Building Connections.
Growing God's Family.

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

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 (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 Community 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. 5

Wolfsville "Food Pantry" at Salem

The Food Pantry is open every Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Justinn & Holly Irons, Food Pantry Leaders

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Food Pantry. With your support, we are able to serve many families in the area. There are a few items that continue to be popular among the families that we serve. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, please reach out to Justinn (301-788-9537).

New Location at Salem

The location of the food pantry has recently changed from its current location in the parsonage, back to its original location in the **lower level of the Educational Building**. This will enable the parsonage to be prepared for the arrival of a new pastor.

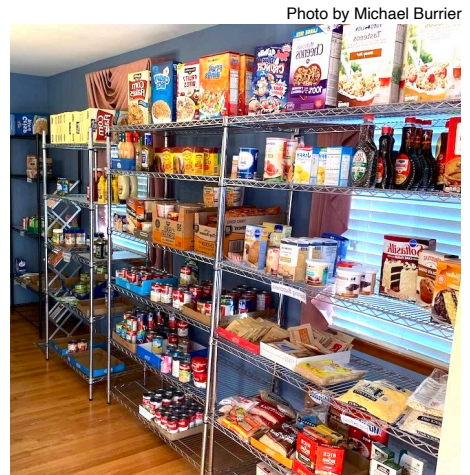


Photo by Michael Burrier

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

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

Who's Doing What, When?

October 2023

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

Lay Reader

1 Michael Burrier
8 Dennis Leatherman
15 Lora McGraw
22 Bobby Fogle
29 Mary Cline

Acolyte

1 Valentina Barkdoll
8 Cheyenne Leatherman
15 Brynleigh Irons
22 Shelby Leatherman
29 Katie Laky

Organist/Pianist

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

Worship Leader

1 Neil Suders (Pastoral Candidate)
8 Gary Barkdoll
15 Wanda Barkdoll
22 Bill Burrier
29 Dennis Leatherman

Computer

1 Robin Haupt
8 Wanda Barkdoll
15 Camilo Barkdoll
22 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
29 Robin Haupt

Camera

1 Camilo Barkdoll
8 Robin Haupt
15 Bill Burrier
22 Dennis Draper
29 Wanda Barkdoll

Greeter


1 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
8 Dennis Draper
15 Matthew Stottlemeyer
22 Barkdoll Family
29 Joy Barkdoll

Worship Bulletin Preparation:

Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Prayer Requests:

Michael Burrier

Salem Choir Notes 

■ Sandy Lewis & Marlene Young, Co-Choir Directors

Practices begin**Tuesday, October 3rd, 7:30 p.m.**

Salem's Adult Choir will begin Fall practices on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Marlene Young will once again be directing us and she has selected some wonderful songs for us to offer during morning worship and for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Singing is a surefire way of finding joy and deeper connection with the Lord and fellow choir members.

Don't read music? Don't let that hold you back. All you need is a willing spirit and a desire to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

The songs are not difficult and Marlene and I will be glad to help anyone who would like to join us. We will have an audio CD to help in learning our Christmas musical. When we use the



musical gifts God has given us to bless others, we are also blessed.

We look forward to having our choir members back this season and welcome new and returning voices who would like to sing with us.

"It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High."

—Psalm 92:1 NLT

—Sandy Lewis

It's Your Day! **October Anniversaries**

6 - Brett & Kendra Haupt
9 - Josh & Trista Wright
9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
14 - George & Barbara Stottlemeyer
20 - Meredith & Janice Harshman

October Birthdays

1 - Mary Brown
3 - Henry Wright
4 - Charlie Beall
4 - Justin Fogle
5 - Tim Brown
6 - Ron Ellis Jr.
9 - Brandon Ferris
12 - Saralynn Irons
13 - George Hawkins
17 - Jamie Lafferty
18 - Adam Robinson
18 - Tyler Ferris
20 - Dennis Draper
26 - Bailey Blickenstaff
29 - Riley Mellott
31 - Jason Buhrman

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR TIME**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH****6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.****TRUNK OR TREAT**

AT

**SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
WOLFSVILLE ELEMENTARY
ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**



SEE MARY ELLEN ECCARD TO SIGN UP YOUR VEHICLE OR TO DONATE CANDY
240-818-7136 TMECCARD@COMCAST.NET

If you have an announcement for the Sunday bulletin, contact

Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
301-293-1470

If you have a Prayer Request, contact:

Michael Burrier
301-401-7575



2023 Lord's Acre Income

as of September 21, 2023

Produce	\$416.00
Crafts & Youth Activities	\$347.50
Flea Tables	\$845.25
Silent Auction	\$818.00
Live Auction	\$1,657.50
Soup/Sandwiches	\$3,731.46
Baked Goods	\$1,323.00
Ice Cream	\$637.00
Bee-lievers' Contribution	\$6,000.00
Individual Contributions	\$2,350.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,125.71

Major Items Sold at the 6 p.m. Auction

■ Robert Wilson, Auctioneer

Stool made by Ernie Leatherman ...	\$100.00
Stool made by Frank Stottlemeyer	\$75.00
Bird House	\$75.00
Bird House (Red)	\$65.00
Salem Church (Replica)	\$210.00
Featured Quilt	\$325.00

Photo by Bill Burrier



2023 Lord's Acre Featured Quilt sold for \$325.00 at auction. Quilt donated by Richard & Anita Harshman.

Successful Fundraiser

As of this writing, this year's income totaled \$18,125.71. Last year's income totaled \$15,768.30.

With some expenses yet to be paid, a full report, indicating the amount of profit, will be published in next month's *Mountain Shepherd*.



Photos by Michael Burrier

SO PROUD OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE! Cheyenne and Shelby did an outstanding job at the Lord's Acre Festival. They were on duty, enthusiastically helping to fill orders, serving soft drinks, iced tea, and water at the food stand.

**NEW NAME
SAME COMMUNITY
RENEWED MISSION**



What does our new logo represent?

It begins with an open Bible from which we learn about God's love (the heart), and the Good News of salvation through Jesus (the cross), leading to spiritual growth in our lives (a growing leaf).



These vinyl decals look great on a car, truck, SUV ... anywhere! Now available at church on the hallway table.



New Church Name introduced to the Wolfsville Community

The recent Lord's Acre Festival was a perfect time to introduce Salem's new name to the Wolfsville Community. We did this in several ways.

- Oval vinyl stickers, like the one shown above, were worn on the lapels of Salem's members.
- A large banner with the new logo and times of Sunday worship and Bible study hung prominently near the food cashiers.
- A brochure titled **NEW NAME • SAME COMMUNITY • RENEWED MISSION** was placed on every food tray.
- Placards were placed on every table where folks ate their food and enjoyed fellowship.

**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**



God's Gift

By Russell T. Brown



I talked with God just yesterday
For it was early spring;
I watched His green world come to life —
A most inspiring thing.

I walked with Him through summer
And watched the whole world grow;
I basked in summer's sunshine
And prayer 'twould never go.

But I awoke this morning,
And autumn filled the air;
The green leaves turned to crimson,
And God was everywhere.

I strolled through field and woodland,
Ablaze on every knoll,
A preview of God's heaven;
Its beauty filled my soul.

Tomorrow will be winter,
And God will still be there;
But I'm sure He sent me autumn,
His jeweled gift to share.

The Butterfly

By Idella Pearl Edwards



I stood by my kitchen window,
Heart heavy with despair.
Hope was gone, my spirit spent,
Unsure that God was there.
My unseeing eyes gazed outward
While inward thoughts ran wild.
Chasing elusive answers,
My soul, by doubt, beguiled.
Then my mind came into focus
As a movement caught my eye —
Outside among the flowers
Was a tiny, yellow butterfly.
It looked like a bit of sunshine,
Dancing in the breeze.
Darting in and among the flowers,
It fluttered by with ease.
Entranced by this tiny miracle,
Suddenly I knew
That God in all His mercy
Would gently guide me through.
The God who made the universe,
The God who created me,
The God who made the butterfly
Set my spirit free!

RECIPE

Apple Dumplings

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 cups sugar	2 cups sifted flour
1 1/2 cups water	2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon	1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg	2/3 cup shortening
6 to 10 drops red food coloring	1/2 cup milk
3 tablespoons butter or margarine	6 medium apples (pared & cored)

DIRECTIONS:

Combine sugar, water, spices and red food coloring. Bring to a boil and remove from heat. Add butter. Sift together dry ingredients; cut in shortening, mix until resembles coarse crumbs; add milk and stir until all flour is moist. On floured board, roll dough and cut to cover apples. Sprinkle each apple with sugar, cinnamon and a dot of butter. Put dough over apples. Place in pan, one inch apart with syrup poured over them. Bake at 375 degrees for 35 minutes or until apples are done.

A recipe of the late Catherine Harne



God Is Forever

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD

God is forever
Not just today,
But lives in tomorrow
Lighting the way.
God is forever,
Not for just now,
Answering more prayer
Than time will allow.

God is forever,
With a harvest to reap,
And a love that's forever
With promises to keep.
God is forever,
And lives in the heart,
A faithful companion
Always a part.

Autumn Abounds in things to delight the sense and the spirit. Trees flaunt a lavishness of color. Fruit ripens and mellows for the eating. The harvest of the year's endeavors has come. And the coolness of the air points to hearthside and holiday and the gathering of friends. It is time to enjoy and to share the abundance that is ours.

—Esther York Burkholder

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

OUR MISSION & VISION

Our mission as an independent church is to bring hope to a hurting world by sharing the peace that only Jesus Christ can provide.

With our Mission before us, we want to be about Building Connections in our community and Growing God's Family in faith and spirit. This is our Vision.

Scenes from the Lord's Acre Festival

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll & Michael Burrier





**SALEM
COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Wolfsville, MD

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Bible Study

“Disaffiliation agreement was effective on September 15, 2023.”

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

Disaffiliation is Final

During September, we completed our transition to becoming an independent, non-denominational church.

On September 1st, we adopted the name of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, across our signage, website, and social media platforms.

The response has been wonderful—with many more website visits and social media views than we typically see.

We pray that God uses this interest in the community for His glory and more hearts are drawn to Him.

The formal disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church became effective on September 15th, when we received the fully executed Disaffiliation Agreement from the Baltimore-Washington Conference (BWC).

The Baltimore-Washington Conference Trustees also signed a Quitclaim Deed that releases the UMC’s “trust clause” claim on our church property and cemetery.

Our disaffiliation is now complete. We give God all the thanks and praise for His guidance and provision through this process.

Pastor Search

On September 17th, we welcomed our first pastor candidate, Rev. David Barton, along with his wife, Karen Barton.

On October 1st, our second candidate, Rev. Neil Suders, and his wife, Misty Suders, will be our guests.

The Pastor Search Team welcomes and encourages each person in the Salem



August 21, 2023 — Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Chair of Trustees and Michael Burrier, Transition Team Leader, delivered Salem’s disaffiliation agreement, payment, and historical materials to the Baltimore-Washington Conference Center in Fulton, MD.

Church family to complete a feedback survey for each of the candidates.

Survey forms are due back no later than Sunday, October 8th, using the box on the hallway table or by emailing salemchurchwolfsville@gmail.com.

This feedback will be used by the Search Team to make a hiring recommendation to the Church Council.

View Recorded Services

Both of the worship services with Rev. Barton and Rev. Suders are available for viewing on the church website. Just go to www.salemchurchwolfsville.org and click on Sunday Worship > Recorded Services to view these or any of our other weekly services.

Prayer Makes a Difference

Please continue to keep the Pastor

Search Team and Church Council in your prayers as we seek to discern who the Lord has chosen as the first pastor of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville.

**New Member Sunday
October 29, 2023**

Now that our transition to Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, is complete, we are ready to receive new members into our church family.

The Church Council has named October 29th as “New Member Sunday” during 9 a.m. worship.

On that Sunday, our Lay Leader, Denny Leatherman, will lead a meaningful ceremony to receive and welcome our new members.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, please contact Denny at 240-500-6671 by October 23rd.

We look forward to formally welcoming you into our family of believers.

**How to Give
Tithes & Offerings**

1. Offering Plate in Sanctuary

For those at sanctuary worship, an offering plate is available at the rear of the sanctuary.

2. By Mail

You may mail your tithes and offerings to:

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

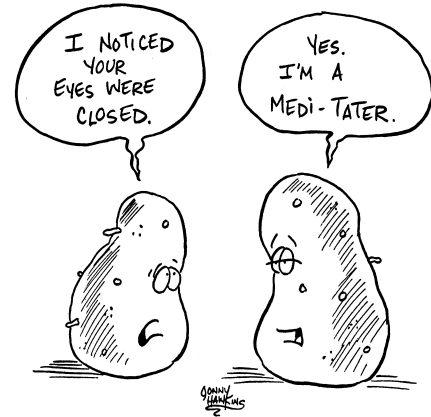


Make checks payable to: **Salem Community Church**

3. Electronically Online

You may give electronically by viewing our website SalemChurchWolfsville.org and select GIVE.

Heavenly Humor



Some thoughts to ponder . . .

People are like tea bags... you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

The world says, seeing is believing. Faith says, believing is seeing.

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SERVICE TIMES

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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