

The  Newsletter of  
Salem Community Church — Wolfsville

# Mountain Shepherd

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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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## Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Salem Mission Project No. 2

### Turning "shoe boxes" into Christmas gifts for children

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

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

**Boxes are due by Sunday, November 12, 2023**

#### HOW TO PACK YOUR BOX

We are asking anyone wishing to participate in this program to fill their shoe boxes at home and bring them to the church on or before **Sunday, November 12th**.

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

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

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

#### POSTAGE is \$10.00

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

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

**Salem Contact: Barbie Stottlemeyer 301-293-2372**

## SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

**Filled Stockings are due by Sunday, November 12, 2023**

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

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

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**Salem Physical Facilities:**  
Church built 1847  
Educational Building built 1967  
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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            |
| <b>TOTAL GOAL for 2023 .....</b>                                 | <b>\$9,521</b> |

**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**

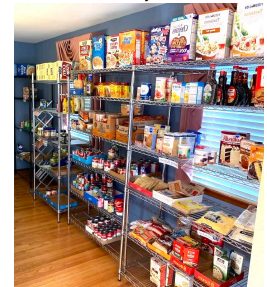
*Mission Project No. 5*

**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. We have had anywhere between 3-11 families each week. There are several items that are popular among our families.. Any donations are greatly appreciated. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please reach out to Justinn (301-788-9537).

Photo by Michael Burrier



**Items Needed:**

- Canned Fruit
- Relish
- Pickles
- Beef Stew
- Chili with beans
- Canned Chicken
- Spam
- Vienna Sausages
- Crackers (sandwich-peanut butter & cheese, Ritz, Club)
- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- “Kid’s” Cereal
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Cleaning Supplies

**Thanksgiving:**

We are planning to give Thanksgiving baskets to our Food Pantry families who sign up. The baskets will include a turkey and side dishes. We are planning to hand out the baskets on Monday, November 20th. We will put the baskets together on Sunday, November 19th after Sunday school. If you are interested in helping put the baskets together or donating a turkey, please sign up on the sign up sheet on the door. If you have any questions, please reach out to Justinn at 301-788-9537.

# Who's Doing What, When?

November 2023

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

### Lay Reader

- 5 Dennis Leatherman
- 12 Gary Barkdoll
- 19 Michael Burrier
- 26 Heidi Agostini

### Acolyte

- 5 Valentina Barkdoll
- 12 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 19 Brynleigh Irons
- 26 Shelby Leatherman

### Organist/Pianist

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

### Worship Leader

- 5 Jim Laky
- 12 Tim Harvey
- 19 Frank & Rebecca Stottlemeyer
- 26 Dennis Leatherman

### Computer

- 5 Robin Haupt
- 12 Wanda Barkdoll
- 19 Camilo Barkdoll
- 26 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

### Camera

- 5 Camilo Barkdoll
- 12 Robin Haupt
- 19 Wanda Barkdoll
- 26 Dennis Draper

### Greeter

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

### Worship Bulletin Preparation:

Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

### Prayer Requests:

Michael Burrier

## Final Report

### Lord's Acre Festival

September 9, 2023

#### Sales:

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Produce .....               | 416.00          |
| Needlework & Crafts .....   | 347.50          |
| Flea Table .....            | 845.25          |
| Silent Auction .....        | 853.00          |
| Auction .....               | 1,657.50        |
| Soup, Sandwiches, etc. .... | 3,776.46        |
| Baked Goods .....           | 1,323.00        |
| Ice Cream .....             | 637.00          |
| <b>Total Sales .....</b>    | <b>9,855.71</b> |

#### Contributions:

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| UMW Bee-lievers .....            | 6,000.00        |
| Individuals .....                | 2,350.00        |
| <b>Total Contributions .....</b> | <b>8,350.00</b> |

**Total Income ..... 18,205.71**

#### Expenses:

|                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Supplies & Food .....                | 1,381.82        |
| Music .....                          | 300.00          |
| Wolfsville Ruritan (Use of Park) ... | 700.00          |
| <b>Total Expenses .....</b>          | <b>2,381.82</b> |

**Net Profit ..... 15,823.89**

This is Salem's largest fundraiser. Thanks to the outstanding support of the Wolfsville community, this year's profits exceeded last year's profits of \$13,637.36.

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

Salem Board of Trustees

## Parsonage Painting and Renovation

### Phil's Painting

The interior painting of the parsonage is complete. Phil Tosten of Phil's Painting, 13936 Wolfsville Road, Smithsburg, recently completed his work of patching where needed and painting ceilings and walls.

### E.B.J. Home Improvements

Currently underway are numerous jobs concerning the downstairs bathroom and some hardwood floor work.

The following work is being performed by E.B.J. Home Improvements, 13050 Locust Level Road, Greencastle, PA.

In the downstairs bathroom the contractor will remove the existing floor and repair as necessary, install new flooring, replace the bifold door, stain and finish, and replace grab bars in the shower.

In the hallway outside the downstairs bathroom, remove and replace damaged hardwood flooring and repair any damaged sub floor; then install new hardwood flooring.

Repair a 4' x 4' area of hardwood flooring in the living room.

In one of the bedrooms, remove ceiling fan and install new ceiling fan with light kit.

Exterior doors will be repaired and stained on the inside, and both front doors will be sanded and painted. Weather stripping and door stop will be replaced.

## It's Your Day!



### November Anniversaries

- 10 - Harry & Karen DeLauter
- 19 - Justinn & Holly Irons
- 24 - Ronnie & Sue Kinna

### November Birthdays

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



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



## INSPIRATIONAL Reading

### A Prayer for Thanksgiving

By Harriet Feltham

Lord, bless the bounties of this table  
And the length that it extends,  
Making room for all the children,  
Plus the neighbors and our friends.

Bless the beauty of the springtime  
And the heat of harvest day,  
Bringing crops to feed the family  
And enough to store away.

Bless the cozy home that holds us  
Through the rains and winter storm  
With a fireplace that's glowing  
And the wood to keep us warm.

Bless the health that gives us courage  
For the tasks we have to do,  
And the power to enjoy it  
When a hard days work is through.

Make us grateful for the little things  
That chance to pass our way,  
Making life seem extra special,  
When comes Thanksgiving Day.

### Horn of Plenty

By Elizabeth Searle Lamb

O dear God, I give Thee thanks  
For the horn of plenty filled with the fruits  
That flourish in every land upon this earth;  
A painter's palette in the red of apple,  
Purple grape and green of melon.  
I give Thee thanks for all the food we eat . . .  
The pod, the stalk, the root, and seed.

O dear God, I give Thee thanks  
For the horn of plenty, filled and running over  
With all the things that make life good . . .  
The fruit of the loom, the carving of the sculptor,  
The words of the poet and the artist's canvas  
Interspersed with the plate, the spoon,  
The bed, the board, the roof over all.  
I give Thee thanks for all we use each day.

O dear God, I give Thee thanks  
For the horn of plenty, invisible but real,  
Filled with the great abundance of the Spirit,  
Filled with joy and beauty, wisdom and peace;  
Filled with creativity, filled with love.  
Oh, I give Thee thanks for these intangibles  
And for all my brothers on this earth  
With whom I share this heritage of life



## RECIPE



### Pumpkin Torte

#### INGREDIENTS:

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1 2/3 cups (24) crushed graham<br>crackers | 1/2 cup sugar           |
| 1/2 cup margarine                          | 1/2 cup milk            |
| 1/2 cup sugar                              | 1/2 teaspoon salt       |
| 2 eggs                                     | 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon   |
| 3/4 cup sugar                              | 1 envelope Knox gelatin |
| 2 8-ounce packages cream<br>cheese (soft)  | 3 egg whites            |
| 1 can pumpkin (small)                      | 1/2 cup sugar           |
| 3 egg yolks                                | Cool Whip               |
|  | Nuts                    |

#### DIRECTIONS:

Mix graham crackers, margarine and sugar. Pat lightly in 9x13 pan. Beat 2 eggs, 3/4 cup sugar and cream cheese. Put on top of crust. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool. Mix and cook the pumpkin, egg yolks, 1/2 cup sugar, milk, salt, and cinnamon. Cool until thick, 3-4 minutes. Add 1 envelope Knox gelatin dissolved in 1/4 cup cold water. Cool well. Beat egg whites until stiff, add 1/2 cup sugar. Fold in pumpkin mixture, pour into baked crust — let set. Top with Cool Whip, sprinkle with nuts. Serves 15.



### In Sympathy

#### Rhea E. Poling

August 24, 1930 - October 8, 2023

The Salem congregation expresses sincere sympathy to the family of Salem member Rhea Poling who passed away on October 8, 2023, at the age of 93.

Funeral services were held at Salem on October 13, 2023, followed by burial at the St. Mark's Lutheran Cemetery, Wolfville.

### 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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### God Loves a Thankful Heart

By Loise Pinkerton Fritz

Have you thanked God in the  
morning,  
When the sun lit up the blue,  
That He watched you all the  
nighttime  
To see another day of life  
in which to live for Him,  
The One Who lights our pathway  
here  
In this dark world of sin?

Have you thanked God in the  
evening  
For each opportunity  
To share the love of Jesus  
Who died for you and me?  
God loves a thankful heart, we  
know,  
And one that in Him rests;  
Oh, let us ever thankful be . . .  
Then you and me He'll bless.

Every life we touch is a field. What will the harvest be?



**NEW PASTOR AT SALEM** — Rev. Dr. Neil Suders will be the new pastor of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, effective December 1st. Neil and his wife Misty come to us from the Chambersburg, PA, area and will be living in the parsonage following completion of some painting and renovation work to the home.

## Salem Selects New Pastor: Rev. Dr. Neil Suders

By Michael Burrier

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Neil Suders, *MAR, M. Div, D. Min*, will be the new pastor of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, beginning on December 1, 2023.

Neil and his wife, Misty, come to us from the Chambersburg, PA, area and will be living in the parsonage following completion of some painting and renovation work to the home.

Neil received Christ as his Savior at the age of five and followed in believer’s baptism at the age of sixteen.

God called Neil into the ministry and he graduated from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pastoral Ministries. Since then, he has earned a Master of Divinity from Liberty Theological Seminary and a Doctorate of Ministry from Antietam Biblical Seminary in Hagerstown, MD.

Neil married his wife, Misty, in June of 2021, and they currently live in Chambersburg. Together they have four children and four granddaughters.

Neil has been in ministry for over thirty-five years; serving as both youth pastor and senior pastor. “The pastorate is my passion,” says Neil.

On a personal level, Neil says he “enjoys brain teasers, watching most sports, and playing most sports. While I am somewhat athletic, I am arguably the WORST cornhole player in the world!!!”

## The Pastor Search Process at Salem

By Michael Burrier

The Pastor Search Committee has been working since May to develop procedures, post the job opening, screen candidates, conduct interviews, contact references and review survey feedback results from the congregation.

Robin Haupt, committee chairperson, recently said, “The Pastor Search Committee did an outstanding job on this new process for our church. It is a task and process that we can be proud of. This was truly a committee effort and no one took the task lightly. The committee was a relatively diverse group with each person willing to express their opinion.”

We give thanks for the work of Search Committee members Wanda Barkdoll, Bill Buhrman, Caroline Buhrman, Michael Burrier, Cathie Elsbach, Robin Haupt, Debbie Irons, Dennis Leatherman, Linda Marenic, Sandy Miller, Donald Stottlemeyer, Vernon Stottlemeyer, and Joy Weaver.

The Salem congregation’s engagement was also a critical component to the success of the selection process.

Average attendance was over 100 on each of our Pastor Candidate Sundays and the congregation faithfully responded to the request to provide written feedback on the candidates. We give thanks for the support and prayers lifted for the search process.

On October 16, 2023, the Pastor Search Committee voted 10-3 to recommend Pastor Neil to the Church Council. The Council then voted unanimously on October 19, 2023, to accept the Search Committee’s recommendation.

Pastor Neil was made an offer and he accepted.

We give God all the thanks and praise for His leading during the pastor search process.



“We give God all the thanks and praise for His leading during the pastor search process.”



## Salem Iron Men to host “King Me” Book Tour • November 30 • at Salem

By Bill Weaver, Leader, Salem Iron Men



Join author Michael Thompson and Greg Sailors from Zoweh at the “King Me” Book Tour at the Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, on Thursday, November 30, 2023, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (EDT).

At this free event, Michael Thompson will deliver encouragement about what it means for men to love and lead well in a wounding world; and how men can be invited to build their kingdoms in partnership with the King of Kings.

All attendees are encourage to pre-register at:  
[www.tickettailor.com/events/zoweh/1040151#](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/zoweh/1040151#)

By pre-registering, you will receive a free copy of “King Me” when you arrive on the 30th. Additional copies will be available to purchase on site as well.

This event is sponsored by the Salem Iron Men of the Salem Community Church, Wolfsville. Salem Iron Men is a recognized Allie of Zoweh.

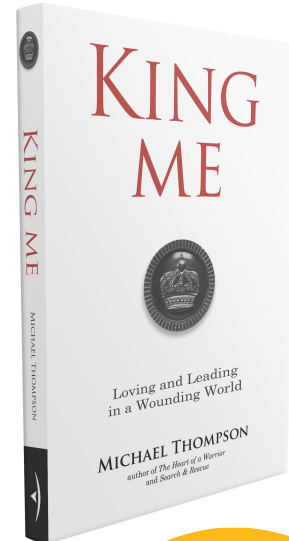
I am excited to have this opportunity to have Michael and Greg visit our church and trust we will be able to generate a good turn-out.



### About Michael Thompson:

Michael Thompson is a kingdom guide for the hearts of men, women, and marriages. The author of “Search & Rescue,” “The Heart of a Warrior,” “King Me” and other books, Michael is co-founder with his wife, Robin, of Zoweh in Durham, North Carolina.

Michael and Robin live, work, and play to see hearts set free through experiencing the transforming love of God. Married since 1990, they have three grown daughters, Ashley, Hannah, and Abbey, and one “son-in-love,” Anders, married to Ashley.

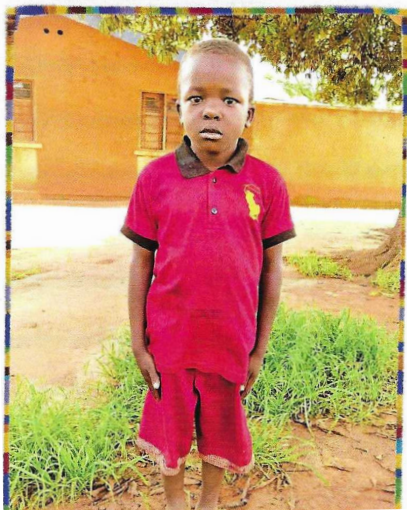


### About Zoweh:

Zoweh (pronounced ZO-way) comes from the ancient Greek for “Life.”

Zoweh is a discipleship and friendship initiative that focuses on the spiritual battle for the heart of men, women, and marriages.

The men and women who make up the Zoweh Team love to create resources and environments for people to experience intimacy with God and others.



*Salem Mission Project No. 12*

### A Letter from our Sponsored Child in Tanzania

#### I am the 1st/2nd child in my family?

First born

#### How tall am I?

118 centimeters (46 1/2 inches)

#### The color of my hair.

Black

#### The color of my eyes.

Black

#### One thing I do really well is.

Drawing pictures

#### One thing I really like to do.

Draw pictures on the ground.

#### Comments from his advisor.

Praise the Lord Jesus. The child greets

you and is happy about continuing to be a part of his life. The child continues to grow well. He likes football. The child continues his studies. He is currently studying basic education; he is able to read letters, count, read numbers and calculate simple addition and subtraction calculations.

The child and his parents are praying to God to bless your church family.



## Salem Mission News & Notes

*Salem Mission Project No. 11*

### Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

For each woman making a pregnancy decision, their circumstances can range from happiness to despair.

Recently I met with a woman who wants to keep her baby. Left to her, the decision would be to continue the pregnancy. However, the father of the baby is pressuring her to abort. She is hoping that he will come around, but is not sure that she can hold out until if/when he does.

Although no one can legally make someone have an abortion, they can certainly apply enough pressure that forces a decision that otherwise wouldn't be made.

Because of your faithful giving, she was able to come to the center for services. She found a safe place where she could share her feelings, and she allowed me to pray with her. Please pray for her to find the strength to make the decision she wants to make please pray that the father of the baby will have a change of heart.

Thank you for being part of our community that makes this possible.

Blessings,

Linda King, Executive Director



*Salem Mission Project No. 10*

### The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)

*God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble. —Psalm 46:1 (CSB)*

The Dominican Republic was visited by tropical storm Franklin in August. Fortunately, it was a fast moving storm, so it's impact was minimal. Barahona received high winds and torrential downpours, but there was no significant flooding or wind damage. Impressively, the bateys we serve saw even less impact. Our team was delivering food the day after the storm passed! God's hand of protection was certainly over his children in this very vulnerable area.

Historically, this is the most active time for storm formation in the Caribbean, so please pray for God's continued protection on the island of Hispaniola and the surrounding islands. Your generous support not only allows us to provide food to families in need throughout the year, it also enables us to be ready to respond in emergency situations, should they arise. We are so grateful to God for your partnership with us.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God.*

—2 Corinthians 3-4 (CSB)

The apostle Paul gives such encouragement in the words above that he wrote to the church in Corinth. Jesus himself told us that we will have troubles in this world. Yet Paul teaches us that as God comforts us in our travels, we can then offer God's comfort to others. Our ministry in the Dominican Republic seeks to do just that. Whether it is an uplifting message from God's word, a friendly conversation when someone is feeling down, or the gift of food right when it is needed, our Barahona staff offers comfort and hope to the impoverished residents of the 14 bateys we serve. In Christ alone,

Marty Hogan, Executive Director



## NEWS & NOTES

- **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** ends Sunday, November 5, 2023. Fall back one hour.
- **WORSHIP SERVICES RECORDED** — Salem records its 9 a.m. worship service every Sunday. It may be viewed at SalemChurchWolfsville.org.
- **LADIES BIBLE STUDY** meets on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the church and on Zoom. Contact: Debbie Irons
- **SALEM CHOIR** is rehearsing in the Salem sanctuary on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Sandy Lewis and Marlene Young

### Looking Ahead - Save the Date

- **DECORATE THE SALEM SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT** - Friday, December 1
- **SALEM COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Saturday, December 9.
- **CHRISTMAS CHURCH TOUR** will be held Saturday, December 16. Salem will be participating and the church will be open for visitors 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- **BEE-LIEVERS WOMEN'S GROUP SPAGHETTI DINNER** - January 26.
- **BEE-LIEVERS WOMEN'S GROUP SOUP & SANDWICH FUNDRAISER** - Orders due February 4 - Food pickup March 1 & 2.

### Groups Meeting Monthly

- **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** - 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
- **BEE-LIEVERS WOMEN'S GROUP** - 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
- **CHURCH COUNCIL** - 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

### Memorial Donations

- **RHEA POLING**  
Memorial donations to Salem Community Church in memory of Rhea Poling who passed away on October 8, 2023, at the age of 93, should be mailed to:  
Salem Community Church  
PO Box 144  
Myersville, MD 21773-0144

Remember to give thanks  
during this  
season of Thanksgiving.



**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](http://SalemChurchWolfsville.org) and select GIVE.



**Headache**

Little Susie, a six-year-old, complained, "Mommy, I've got a stomachache."

"That's because your stomach is empty," her mother replied. "You'd feel better if you had something in it."



That afternoon the minister visited, and in the conversation, he remarked he had been suffering all day with a severe headache.

Susie perked up. "That's because it's empty," she said. "You'd feel better if you had something in it."

*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it.

If you wouldn't write it and sign it, don't say it.

Christians never say goodbye to each other for the last time.

A church helps the lost to find their way home when its light shines brightly.

Be sympathetic; you know it could happen to you.

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