



Salem Community Church  
Wolfsville

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12479 Wolfsville Rd  
Open to all residents with a Myersville, Smithsburg or Sabillasville zip code

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## Salem welcomes Pastor Neil Suders

### NEW PASTOR BEGINS MINISTRY IN WOLFVILLE DECEMBER 1



**Rev. Dr. D. Neil Suders**

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Neil Suders will be the new pastor of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, beginning December 1, 2023.

Pastor Neil and his wife, Misty, come to us from the Chambersburg, Pennsylvania area, and will be living in Salem's parsonage adjacent to the church at 12477 Wolfsville Road.

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

#### Called into the Ministry

God called Neil into the ministry and he graduated from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, 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.

#### 35 Years of Ministry Experience

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

Pastor Neil will begin his ministry at Salem with a Christmas Sermon Series from Isaiah 9:6. Each sermon will be on a different aspect of the Title of the Child.

**WONDERFUL COUNSELOR • MIGHTY GOD**  
**EVERLASTING FATHER • PRINCE OF PEACE**  
9AM WORSHIP • 10:15AM BIBLE STUDY  
**CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES**  
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**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.

**Salem Physical Facilities:**  
Church built 1847  
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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.

**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. Board of Child Care (Martinsburg Campus) .....	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 . . .**

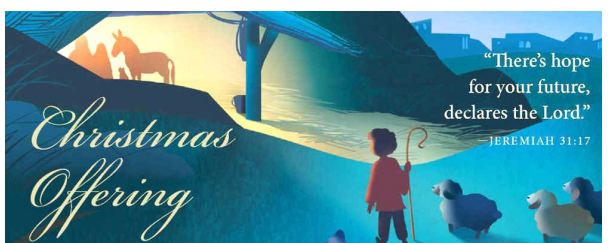
1. Make checks payable to Salem Community Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.
3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem. If you do not designate 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. 11*  
**Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick**



**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING**



It's been a tradition at Salem for the offering on Christmas Eve to be given to an organization that supports children.

Many years ago, when Salem was an Evangelical United Brethren Church, the offering went to the Quincy Orphanage and Home in Quincy, Pennsylvania, which was operated by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Sometime after the 1968 merger with the Methodist Church, Salem's Christmas Eve offering was redirected to the United Methodist Board of Child Care, also an organization which supports children.

In light of Salem's recent disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church, the Salem Church Council decided to once again redirect the Christmas Eve offering. Our desire was to continue to support children— this time in support of the unborn.

This year's Christmas Eve offering will be given to the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick. Founded in 1975, Care Net is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that empowers women and men considering abortion to choose life for their unborn children and find abundant life in Christ.

Care Net acknowledges that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection. Care Net offers compassion, hope, and help to anyone considering abortion by presenting them with realistic alternatives and Christ-centered support through their life-affirming network of pregnancy centers, churches, organizations, and individuals. They do this by not just being pro-life, but by also being pro-motherhood, pro-fatherhood, pro-marriage, and pro-gospel.

# Who's Doing What, When? December 2023

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

<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Organist/Pianist</b>
3 Michael Burrier	3 Valentina Barkdoll	3 Sara Weitzel
10 Janice Harshman	10 Cheyenne Leatherman	10 Sara Weitzel
17 Robin Haupt	17 Brynleigh Irons	17 Sara Weitzel
24 Gary Barkdoll	24 Shelby Leatherman	24 Sara Weitzel
31 Wanda Barkdoll	31 Katie Laky	31 Susie Stottlemeyer
<b>Computer</b>	<b>Camera</b>	<b>Greeter</b>
3 Robin Haupt	3 Camilo Barkdoll	3 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
10 Wanda Barkdoll	10 Robin Haupt	10 Dennis Draper
17 Camilo Barkdoll	17 Wanda Barkdoll	17 Matthew Stottlemeyer
24 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer	24 Dennis Draper	24 Barkdoll Family
31 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer	31 Michael Burrier	31 Joy Barkdoll

## Christmas at Salem

Celebrate the Advent & Christmas Season with us . . .

**\* Sunday Worship Themes — 9:00 a.m.**

Pastor Neil will have four sermons from Isaiah 9:6. Each sermon will be on a different aspect of the Title of the Child. We will also be featuring the Advent candles.



- Sun Dec 3** "And His name shall be called *Wonderful Counselor*" ...  
Advent Candle: Hope  
We have HOPE because of the birth of the Messiah.  
Special Music: Salem Choir
- Sun Dec 10** "And His name shall be called ... *Mighty God*" ...  
Advent Candle: Joy  
Because Christ was born, we can have Joy.
- Sun Dec 17** "And His name shall be called ... *Everlasting Father*" ...  
Advent Candle: Love  
Christ will nurture us for all eternity and love us endlessly.
- Sun Dec 24** "And His name shall be called ... *Prince of Peace*" ...  
Advent Candle: Peace  
The Christ Child is not only the cause of peace but also the provider of peace.  
Salem Choir Christmas Cantata: "*Repeat the Sounding Joy*"
- Sun Dec 31** "*The Gifts of the Magi*" Matthew 2:1-12  
We'll set the tone for the new year with a new vision, a new mission, and a renewed passion.

**\* Candlelight Christmas Eve Service — 7:00 p.m.**

- Sun Dec 24** "O Holy Night" Luke 2:8-14  
Children's Recitations  
Salem Choir "*Repeat the Sounding Joy*" (Two songs)

**\* Salem Christmas Party — 5:30 p.m.**

- Sat Dec 9** Potluck Dinner  
Musical Chairs • Package Exchange Game  
Visit from Santa

## It's Your Day!



### December Anniversaries

- 12 - Bob & Petie Stup
- 24 - Dennis & Ruth Draper

### December Birthdays

- 4 - Judith Harne
- 6 - Cody Blickenstaff
- 8 - Sara Weitzel
- 9 - Theresa Haupt
- 9 - Mark Koons
- 11 - Amber Breneman
- 12 - Laura Green
- 17 - Holly Rippeon
- 18 - Holly Brashears
- 23 - Bill Burrier
- 25 - Stuart Tolland
- 28 - Lavena Jenkins
- 28 - Hannah Rouzee
- 29 - Jackson Haddock
- 30 - Keagan Mellott

### Salem Offering Envelopes

MY REGULAR CHURCH OFFERING	
For Church Expenses.....	\$ _____
For Missions .....	\$ _____
For Building Fund .....	\$ _____
Name _____	

Offering envelopes are available for those who do not use electronic offering. If you are currently using offering envelopes, Lora McGraw, Salem's Financial Secretary, will automatically provide you with new envelopes for 2024.

If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2024, or stop using envelopes, please contact Lora at [kre8ive4u@yahoo.com](mailto:kre8ive4u@yahoo.com) or call 301-824-3322 and leave a message.

### Pastor Neil's OFFICE HOURS

**Monday** 10:00-5:00 (office)

Study and Sermon Prep

**Tuesday** 8:30-5:00 (office)

Study and Sermon Prep

**Wednesday** 9:00-5:00 Visitation

**Thursday** 8:30-5:00 (office)

Study and Administration

**Friday** 8:30-5:00 (office)

Study and Sermon Prep

**Saturday** (day off)

(I am available to meet with you and family members at the hospital prior to surgery.)



**INSPIRATIONAL**  
*Reading*

**His Star Still Shines**

*By Kay Hoffman*

The little town was crowded when  
 Mary and Joseph sought the inn.  
 "No room," the busy innkeeper said,  
 But offered them the cattle shed.  
 Above the stable close to the inn,  
 A star blazed forth proclaiming Him,  
 The little Savior born for all  
 Lay in a lowly manger stall.  
 The shepherds and the Wise Men came,  
 Led by the star's radiant flame,  
 And humbly knelt and worshipped there  
 The holy Christ Child, wondrous fair.  
 The innkeeper so tired that night  
 Saw naught the star of wondrous light.  
 Had he but known who'd sought his door,  
 He would have given his bed and more.  
 We must keep the vigil bright  
 Lest we'd not see His star tonight.  
 It shineth still with guiding ray,  
 If only we but seek the way.  
 O, weary one — heart gone afar —  
 Look up! Behold! His Christmas star.



**A Season of the Heart**

*By Clay Harrison*

There is a season of the heart  
 When all is calm and bright,  
 When peace on earth seems possible  
 In the silence of the night.  
 This is a time for giving,  
 A time for sacrifice . . .  
 A time to be forgiving  
 While trying to be nice.  
 It's a time for rejoicing,  
 For singing songs of cheer  
 Which calm our fears and bring us Hope  
 for the new year.  
 It's a season for sharing,  
 A time to reminisce . . .  
 A time for friends and loved ones  
 To share a hug or kiss.  
 There is a season of the heart  
 That's blessed by God above  
 When we decorate for Christmas  
 With ornaments of love.



"And when they saw the young Child... they fell down and worshipped Him. When they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh."  
 —Matthew 2:11



**RECIPE**



**Chocolate-Cherry Squares**

**CRUMB MIXTURE:**

1 cup unsifted all-purpose flour	1/2 cup chopped nuts
1/3 cup butter or margarine	Red candied cherry halves
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar	

**FILLING:**

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened	1 egg
1/2 cup sugar	1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup Hershey's Cocoa	1/2 cup chopped red candied cherries
1/4 cup milk	

**DIRECTIONS:**

Combine flour, butter and brown sugar in large mixer bowl. Blend on low speed to form fine crumbs, about 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in nuts. Reserve 3/4 cup crumb mixture for topping; pat remaining crumbs into ungreased 9-inch square pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Prepare filling: Combine cream cheese, sugar, cocoa, milk, egg and vanilla in small mixer bowl; beat until smooth. Fold in cherries. Spread over warm crust. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture and garnish with cherry halves. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool; cut into squares. Store in refrigerator.

Makes about 3 dozen squares.



**Wonder of Christmas**

*By Elisabeth Weaver Winstead*

In manger bed on fragrant hay,  
 The precious Baby Jesus lay;  
 Gentle Mary proud vigil kept;  
 The Holy Infant smiling slept.  
 Soft lambs and sheep beside Him stayed,  
 Warm shields from chilling, cold winds made.  
 Wise Men and shepherds traveled afar,  
 Guided by rays of gold-gleaming star.  
 Heraldng angels chorused in flight  
 The gladness of that glorious night.  
 Rich gifts of praise were given to greet  
 The sacred Christ Child, precious and sweet.  
 A brilliant, bright halo encircled above  
 The cradled dear Baby, God's gift of love.  
 The hopes of joy and peace were born,  
 Our wondrous gift,  
 that first Christmas morn.

As you go about getting everything ready for Christmas, just keep reminding yourselves what Christmas is really all about —  
**REMEMBER JESUS!**

**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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**A Christmas Prayer**

*By Elisabeth eaver Winstead*

I do not ask for riches, Lord,  
 In this my Christmas prayer,  
 Nor do I seek fame's transient glow,  
 However bright and fair.  
 The gift I seek is richer far,  
 Purer, undefiled —  
 Oh, give me, Lord,  
 the love and trust  
 In the heart of a little child.



## Message from the Pastor and Worship in December

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

**We** are thrilled to be a part of the Salem Community Church family. As my wife, Misty, and I get under way with our new ministry, I wanted to introduce you to my philosophy of ministry. Here are some basic beliefs that influence the way I serve as a pastor.

1. I believe that it is a SIN to make the Bible boring! The Bible is the revelation of God's love to us. It is a "lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path". It is the sole authority for what we do and how we do it. To make it boring and irrelevant is a huge disservice to God, so I truly believe making it boring is a sin!

2. I believe it is also a SIN to make church boring! Please don't get me wrong. I believe we are to be reverent in our worship, but I feel that when we come together as a family of believers, there should be life and enjoyment. A famous preacher once said, "When I am preaching, I would gladly trade five minutes of laughter for ten minutes of slumber"! People should look forward to going to church!

3. I believe the role of the pastor is to "equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:12). That means it is my role as your pastor to equip you to work alongside of me in the ministry. The word "pastor" means shepherd. I am looking forward to being your shepherd. Christianity is not a spectator sport!

4. I believe that there is a benefit to being a part of God's family. Churches thrive when the members come together and work as a family. I believe building relationships to help us all grow is going to be an important priority at Salem Community Church.

5. I believe that "God doesn't always call the equipped, but He DOES always equip the called". My seminary training



was to equip me to preach the Word of God with conviction and accuracy, "correctly handle the Word of Truth".

While I earned the Dr. Of Ministry degree, I only use that title in written correspondence. While some pastors like being called "Dr. So-and-so", that's not me. I would love to be called "Pastor Neil" or just "Neil". (It goes back to that relationship perspective!!)

So, in a nutshell, I am committed to keeping the sermons alive and relevant, while making sure the church services aren't stuffy and boring.

I am also committed to being your shepherd and building relationships with everyone. Please extend me grace when I do something that you might not be used to. We are on this new journey as an independent community church and together we will be a light in the community and the world!

### Advent Worship

This is my favorite time of the year! I LOVE preaching sermons about the birth of the Christ Child and the Greatest Gift ever!

Our sermon series for this Advent will feature four sermons from Isaiah 9:6. Each sermon will be on a different aspect of the Title of the Child.

We will be featuring Advent Candles, as well. Please understand that the lighting of the Advent Candles is a tradition that dates back over several centuries. However, the tradition is not inspired by God, nor included in the Holy Scriptures. I say that, because we will be changing the order of which candle is lit on which Sunday. That is okay! I just do not want to throw anyone a curveball by doing the Peace candle last.

### Sunday, December 3 (Hope Candle)

"And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor" ...

We have HOPE because of the birth of the Messiah. As the Wonderful Counselor, Jesus has the most wisdom. Let us follow Him.

### Sunday, December 10 (Joy Candle)

"And His name shall be called ... Mighty God" ...

Because Christ was born, we can have JOY. As the Mighty God, Jesus was able to defeat His enemies soundly. Let us hide behind Him.

### Sunday, December 17 (Love Candle)

"And His name shall be called ... Everlasting Father" ...

The Child will be called "father." This means that Christ will be able to nurture us for all eternity and love us endlessly. Let us enjoy Him.

### Sunday, December 24 AM (Peace Candle)

Christmas Cantata in the morning service!

"And His name shall be called ... Prince of Peace" ...

The Christ Child not only the cause of peace but also the provider of peace. As the Prince of Peace, he reconciles us while we are still his enemies. Let us submit to Him.

### Sunday, December 24 PM (Christ Candle)

"O, Holy Night"

Luke 2:8-14

As we recognize and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, we see the impact that evening had on the shepherds and, ultimately, the entire world. Nothing ushers Christmas like a Candlelight Christmas Eve service!

### Sunday, December 31

"The Gifts of the Magi"

Matthew 2:1-12

When did the wise men arrive? What did they offer the Christ Child? This passage will help us set the tone for the new year as we enter 2024 with a new vision, a new mission, and a renewed passion.

## Salem Choir Notes

Photo by Bill Burrier



November 19, 2023 — “We Bring Thanksgiving”

In Nehemiah, chapter 12, the writer makes reference to “thanksgiving choirs” singing with “great joy” for all that God had done for the people, both collectively and individually. We at Salem Community Church give thanks for God’s faithfulness in our midst. Sandy Lewis & Marlene Young are Co-Choir Directors at Salem.

In the above photo, Sandy Lewis is at the piano and Marlene Young is directing (not seen). Front row (l to r), Joyce Weaver, Linda Marenic, Susie Stottlemeyer, Susan Koons, Joann Leatherman, Sara Weitzel, Jody Eccard, Katie Laky; back row (l to r), Denny Leatherman, Steve Leatherman, Bobby Fogle, and Jim Laky.

### Salem Choir Notes for the Christmas Season

Marlene and I have been overjoyed at the response we have had from previous and new members joining us to sing with our choir this season. It has truly been a blessing to have each and every one!

We have some special offerings planned for the Christmas season. There will be a little change in our order of presentation, in that we will be performing the Christmas musical “Repeat the Sounding Joy” in part on Christmas Eve morning December 24, 2023, during the morning worship.

We are delighted that Pastor Neil will be singing with us and we also have a number that will include our children.

That evening at the regular Christmas Eve service we will offer 2 numbers to welcome and celebrate His birth. —Sandy Lewis

Saturday, December 9, 5:30 p.m.

### Salem Christmas Party

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Due to the pandemic, the Salem Christmas party was put on hold for three years, and it has been missed... but it’s coming back this year.

You, your family, and your friends are invited to the Christmas Party to be held at Salem Community Church on Saturday, December 9, at 5:30 pm.

Come together as a church family for an evening of fellowship and fun. The evening will start with a potluck dinner to be enjoyed by all. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Fun activities and games are being planned for all ages. We will be doing two past favorites to include musical chairs, and the package exchange game to be enjoyed by children, youth and adults. Please bring a wrapped gift under \$5.

There will also be a visit from Santa, so kids get those wish lists ready.



## NEWS & NOTES

Photo by Marlene Young



Those attending worship at Salem have enjoyed the beautiful fall display at the front door created by Barbie Stottlemeyer. Barbie also takes care of the altar flowers each week.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **DECORATE THE SALEM SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT**  
Friday, December 1
- **SALEM CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Saturday, December 9  
5:30 p.m.
- **CHRISTMAS CHURCH TOUR**  
Saturday, December 16.  
Salem 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.

## Salem Mission & Outreach

Photo by Bill Burrier



Salem Mission Projects No. 2 & 3

### Operation Christmas Child

■ By Barbie Stottlemeyer

On Tuesday, November 14, 2023, we delivered 58 Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoeboxes to a drop off center at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Frederick, Md. This is a project in which Salem has participated for many years. Thank you to everyone that participated in this very worthy project by donating a shoebox, or contributed toward shipping expenses.

We send along with these boxes our prayers that these gifts will bring happiness to the lives of children that otherwise would not experience the joy of opening a gift for Christmas, and knowing that someone from far away cares about them.

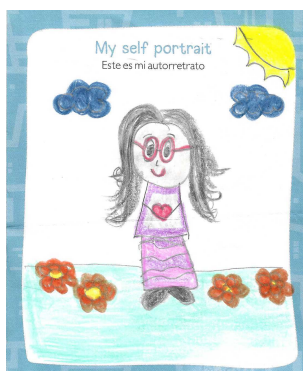
### Salvation Army Christmas Stockings

■ By Theresa Haupt

A special "Thank You" to everyone who participated in filling Salvation Army Christmas stockings this year. Twenty-five stockings were returned to be distributed to needy children in Frederick County. Thanks again for your generous giving to bring joy to a child.

Salem Mission Project No. 14

### Lizeth Dayana • World Vision (Colombia)



#### Interview

- **Someone special to me is...** my mom.
- **They are special because...** she loves me, she teaches me a lot and cares for me.
- **A few things that make me happy are...** to sing, draw and paint.
- **What I love most about my community is...** the friends.
- **My self portrait is at left.**

Thank you for generously sponsoring Lizeth Dayana! Your faithful commitment to her and her community is equipping them to overcome poverty for good. Especially now when needs around the world, including a global hunger crisis, are increasing.

## NEWS & NOTES

### Trash Pick Up Service Changed

Salem's Board of Trustees has selected a new trash service, Regional Waste Services, Inc., beginning Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

Salem was pleased with the service provided by Beard's Trash Service of Thurmont, but unfortunately, they are closing their business in December. They were a family-owned business providing trash service to residents and business owners since 1972, more than 50 years. Beard's had provided trash service to Salem for the past six years; and Gouker's Refuse many years before that.

Regional Waste Services is also a family-owned business, originally from Walkersville, who have provided trash service in Frederick County for 26 years.

According to their website, the company recently expanded their service area, now serving the areas of Wolfsville, Lewistown, southern Thurmont, Jimtown, Creagerstown, Woodsboro, New Midway and Walkersville. Pick up in Wolfsville will be once a week on Tuesdays.

### Parsonage Renovation & Cleaning

As of this writing, work is progressing on parsonage renovation and is to be completed for Pastor Neil & Misty to move in the last week of November.

Salem's Trustees has engaged a cleaning company, *Quality Cleaning Concepts*, to perform a deep cleaning of the home.

They will do a thorough cleaning of the main two floors of the home including inside kitchen cabinets, inside refrigerator, inside oven and windows, inside and out.

Floors will be vacuumed and mopped, and bathrooms will be scrubbed.

A team of two will be working an estimated three to five hours to complete the work.

### Excess Furniture Donated

After Pastor Bob and family moved to their own home in Myersville, Salem's youth group used the parsonage for their meetings and activities.

Donated furniture, etc. was moved into the parsonage living room where youth would hangout. Since the furniture must be moved and is no longer needed, it has been donated to *Habitat for Humanity* who recently came and picked it up.

Salem Mission Project No. 5

## Salem Food Pantry at Thanksgiving

Photos by Justinn & Holly Irons



Sharing Christ's love as volunteers packed Thanksgiving Baskets for our Food Pantry patrons this holiday season.

### Thanksgiving Baskets for 18 Families

■ By Holly Irons

On November 19th, we packed 18 baskets with Thanksgiving meals for our Food Pantry families.

The baskets included a turkey, side dishes, rolls, pumpkin pie, decorative sign, and a card decorated by children from Salem Community Church.

We greatly appreciate everyone who donated a turkey, helped pack baskets, and helped with distributing the baskets on Monday evening, November 20th.



A pumpkin pie topped off the Thanksgiving baskets.



Photo used with permission of the family.

Pastor Neil (right) was on hand to greet food pantry families.

Salem Mission Project No. 1

### Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer, Retired Senegal Missionaries

We want to thank you for your prayers, your gifts, and your friendship. We appreciate you all very much.

There is not much change in the things we are involved in. Nancy continues to visit a number of widows either in their homes or in nursing homes.

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.

As far as our family, our daughter,

Wanda, helps at their home church and is praying about what further ministry God has for her. 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, are in Senegal. Eric is teaching Bible once weekly during the busy harvest time & then plans to teach five nights a week in the village to the Badyaranke people when the harvest is finished. Wendy is helping with the Bible translation into the Badyaranke language. The translation of part of the Old Testament was just checked & is ready to print. There is still a lot of work

to be done going through the completed New Testament to re-check everything before it is printed.

Our daughter, Rebecca, has been in the U.S. living with us since June. She plans to return to Senegal in early January. Then she is to go to Burkina Faso to help missionaries with their literacy program.

Our son & daughter-in-law, Gary & Lisa, continue to serve at a missionary retirement center in Florida. Gary heads the grounds crew and works on other projects, and Lisa helps with the cooking for the residents.

Thank you so much for all you do for us and for our family. Joyfully in Christ,  
*Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer*



### New Members at Salem

Photo by Bill Burrier



October 29, 2023 — We are excited to share that the Salem Community Church family grew by 16 members on October 29th! It was a joyous time of celebration on New Member Sunday as we received and welcomed these dear friends into formal church membership. We are blessed to have each one of you as part of our church family and pray God's continued blessings on your journey of faith in Jesus Christ.

(L-R, Front Row) Daniel Lafferty, Jamie Lafferty, Joy Barkdoll, Tonia Mueller, Sharon Harshman, Heidi Agostini, Cheryl Webb, Cassidy Webb, Rylie Webb, Shannon Webb. (L-R, Back Row) Klaus Mueller, Kenneth Poling, Dianna Poling, Janet Goetzke, Mary Ellen Eccard, Tim Eccard.

**Facebook comments:** God is on the move! Welcome to all. From entering the church this morning to the receiving of new members as brothers and sisters in Christ, to the music and the inspiring, Spirit-filled message "Growing in Our Faith", it was indeed a beautiful day in the house of the Lord! I feel so blessed to have found this family of believers!

### Trunk or Treat Big Success

■ By Mary Ellen Eccard

Trunk or Treat at Salem Community Church, Wolfsville Elementary, and St Mark's Lutheran was held on October 27th.

We had 11 trunks decorated at Salem and over 130 children and their families attended.

Doug Cline brought his Farmall tractor and hay wagon and gave rides between Wolfsville Elementary and Salem.

Tim Leber brought his Christ Cream van and handed out free ice cream. He offered to pray with those who wanted to. We had hot dogs and hot chocolate for everyone too.

It was a beautiful evening and the children and families enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone who participated.





**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.



**THREE WISE WOMEN**

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise women instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made food, and brought diapers as a gift.

**FOUR STAGES**

A man goes through four stages:  
First, he believes in Santa.  
Later, he doesn't believe in Santa. Then, he is Santa.  
Finally, he looks like Santa.

**EXERCISE**

Some people call running a marathon good exercise. Others call it Christmas shopping.

*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

If you make room  
for Jesus in your heart,  
He will make room  
for you in heaven.

Nothing is so strong as  
gentleness, nothing so gentle  
as real strength.

The Birth of Christ brought  
God to man; the cross of  
Christ brings man to God.

You don't need to know  
where you're going if you  
let God do the leading.



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**SERVICE TIMES**

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

