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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
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.

Go  **2024 MISSION PROJECTS**
"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission \$205/Monthly
 2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) Offering Varies
 3. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs)..... As Needs Arise
 4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber) **NEW in 2024** \$50/Monthly Min
 5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem) Community Support
 6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada) \$110/Monthly Min
 7. Board of Child Care (Martinsburg Campus) Offering Varies
 8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) \$25/Monthly Min
 9. Open for 2024 0
 10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) \$65/Monthly Min
 11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick \$50/Monthly Min
 12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) \$43/Monthly
 13. Open for 2024 0
 14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) \$35/Monthly
- TOTAL GOAL for 2024 \$10,146

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

Salem Mission Project No. 4
Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber)



**Christ Cream Van
Now Scheduling for 2024**

Warmer weather is coming! 😊
Mr. Leber is offering FREE individually wrapped ice creams and prayers
at any of your events this spring, summer, and fall!
Available mid-April through mid-October . . .
Just send an email to schedule.
With appreciation and much love!
Tim Leber — timleber10@gmail.com

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 -- "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Who's Doing What, When?

March 2024

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

Lay Reader

- 3 Heidi Agostini
- 10 Bobby Fogle
- 17 Wanda Barkdoll
- 24 Gary Barkdoll
- 31 Lora McGraw

Computer

- 3 Robin Haupt
- 10 Wanda Barkdoll
- 17 Michael Burrier
- 24 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 31 Wanda Barkdoll

Acolyte

- 3 Valentina Barkdoll
- 10 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 17 Brynleigh Irons
- 24 Shelby Leatherman
- 31 Katie Laky

Camera

- 3 Camilo Barkdoll
- 10 Brandon Leatherman
- 17 Robin Haupt
- 24 Cathie Elsbach
- 31 Michael Burrier

Organist/Pianist

- 3 Sara Weitzel
- 10 Sara Weitzel
- 17 Sara Weitzel
- 24 Susie Stottlemeyer
- 31 Sara Weitzel

Greeter

- 3 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 10 Dennis & Ruth Draper
- 17 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 24 Barkdoll Family
- 31 Joy Barkdoll

Salem to Portray "The Last Supper"

Photo by Bill Burrier



APRIL 6, 2023 — Last year's portrayal, from left are Camilo Barkdoll (Bartholomew (Nathaniel)), Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Bill Weaver (Judas), Justinn Irons (Peter), Robin Haupt (John), Jim Laky (Jesus), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), Steve Leatherman (Matthew), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

The men of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, will present a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper," on Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m.

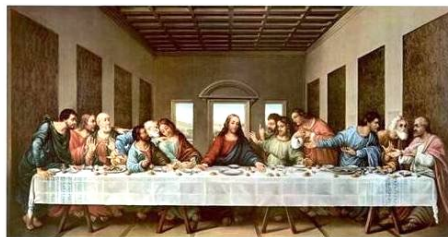
Church members will attempt to duplicate the look and feel of da Vinci's famous painting, where he chose what he considered to be the most dramatic moment of The Last Supper, that moment just after Jesus said, "One of you will betray me."

Instantly, the 12 apostles became men of 12 different moods. The only composed person was Jesus himself. In the excitement, Judas overturned the container of salt... and Peter drew his knife. Some of the apostles just stared at Jesus in amazement... some just looked at each other in disbelief.

At the beginning of the service, the apostles will move up the main aisle, take their places at the table, and casually mingle. Jesus will then proceed up the aisle and take His place at the table. Once Jesus takes his place, Jesus and the apostles will go into a motionless pose like the ones in the painting. Each will come out of their pose only to speak.

In turn, the 12 apostles speak their minds to themselves, to each other, and to Jesus. They are reflecting on the tragic words which they had just heard Jesus speak. Those words being, "One of you will betray me." Each end their dialog with the dramatic words "Is it I?"

Communion will be served, first to the apostles, then to the congregation. Everyone is invited to attend.



Leonardo da Vinci (Italian, 1452-1519)
Last Supper (1495-98)

It's Your Day!



March Anniversaries

- 8 - Monty & Phyllis Beall
- 18 - Sam & Jane Zimmerman

March Birthdays

- 5 - Sarah Haddock
- 5 - Richard Harshman
- 6 - Jane Zimmerman
- 7 - Joshua Koons
- 8 - Madison Elsbach
- 9 - Janice Harshman
- 9 - Mary Ellen Eccard
- 11 - Dawn Nelson
- 12 - Jennifer Harné
- 15 - Vicki Robinson
- 16 - Ken Poling
- 17 - Audrey Tolland
- 19 - Bobby Doyle
- 19 - Ralph Wright
- 23 - Chris Leatherman
- 24 - Allison Adams
- 24 - Sharon Harshman
- 25 - Jody Eccard
- 28 - Shelby Leatherman

Inclement Weather Policy

If inclement weather forces the church building to be closed for Sunday service, Pastor Neil will send out an email and voice message by 7 a.m. An abbreviated worship service will still be held at 9:00 a.m. using Zoom, giving folks an opportunity to worship at home.

If you are not currently on Salem's distribution list for prayer requests and church announcements by phone and/or email, please provide your phone number and/or email address to Pastor Neil (717-753-2112) or Michael Burrier (301-401-7575).

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

The Coming of Spring

By Kay Hoffman

When the days begin to lengthen,
And winter's on the wing,
Nothing cheers my heart as much
As the coming of the spring.

I wait with sweet expectancy
To hear the robin's song,
While the sun-warmed little brooklet
Bobs happily along.

Bright daffodils and tulips nod
Along the garden way;
The fragrance sweet of lilacs near
Makes heavenly my day.

On a hill nearby, a dogwood tree
Is gloriously abloom,
And in my heart it seems that I
Am in the Upper Room.

I lift my eyes to heaven
Toward skies so blue and clear;
Consider how a springtime day
Can bring God's presence near.



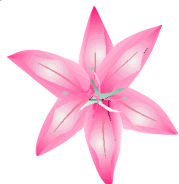
That First Easter

By Becky Jennings

When the organ music swells
And the church begins to fill,
May we remember Gethsemane
And a cross on Calvary's hill.

When we don our Easter finery
And stroll proudly down the street,
Keep in mind the bleeding nail prints
In His hands and in His feet.

Don't forget the awful suffering
For our sins He had to pay
And His wondrous Resurrection
On that first glad Easter Day.



An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.



RECIPE



Irish Soda Bread

INGREDIENTS:

3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/2 cup sour milk

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar

DIRECTIONS:

Mix all ingredients together except the milk. Make a well and add milk. Mix into a stiff dough. Shape into a ball. Place in a greased casserole. With a sharp knife, slash center 4 inches across and 1/4-inch deep. Brush with beaten egg yolk.

Bake at 350 degrees for 3/4 hour or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Serve in slices. Makes 1 loaf.

Selected from "Ideals" magazine



The Rose

By Helen Steiner Rice

It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I can't unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I;
The flower that God so sweetly opens,
In my hands would fade and die.

If I can't unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust Him for His leading
Every moment of each day,
And I'll look to Him for guidance
All along my pilgrim way.

For the path that lies before me
My Heavenly Father surely knows;
I'll trust Him to unfold each moment
Just as He unfolds the rose.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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

In Sympathy

Harry M. Keller

Oct 27, 1940 — Feb 7, 2024

The Salem congregation wishes to express sincere sympathy to the family of Harry McComas Keller, who passed away on February 7, 2024, at the age of 83, at his home on Martin Road, Wolfsville.

Harry was a long-time member of Salem Church, and was well-known in the community as a skilled mason.

The Salem Church family was pleased to see Harry worshipping again at Salem during the past year. The family greeted friends to share memories on February 11th.



Message from the Pastor

Compassion on Display

By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

In the second chapter of Mark's gospel, Jesus was at his home preaching. As Mark recorded it, there was a large crowd that gathered in the house to the point where nobody could get into the house.

Four Friends

If you have heard this narrative before, then you know that there were four friends who carried their paralyzed friend on his mat to meet Jesus. Their desire was that Jesus could heal their friend.

When they arrived at the house, there was no room to get their friend to Jesus. Not to be deterred, they went up to the flat roof and dug a hole in it. They then lowered their friend in the presence of Jesus.

The Bible said when Jesus saw the faith of the four friends, he told the paralytic that his sins were forgiven! (Which was not what the friends were looking for.)

Of course, the religious elite were



critical and rebuked him for forgiving sins, which they said only God could do. To demonstrate His power, Jesus healed the paralytic and told him to take up his mat and go.

The people marveled when they walked away and said, "We have never seen anything like this before."

This brings me to two simple observations. First, what had they never seen before? Had they never seen Jesus heal or perform miracles?

Yes, they had. What they had never seen before was the concern the men had for their friend and how they were

willing to overcome obstacles to get him to Jesus.

We must ask ourselves, to what extent are we willing to go to invite our friends to church or tell them about Jesus?

Do we KNOW a friend or relative who does not know Jesus as Lord and Savior?

Do we KNOW a friend or relative who needs a loving church family?

The second observation is that Jesus gave the man what he NEEDED before giving him what he WANTED.

Until our sins are forgiven, we are incapable of enjoying life to the fullest.

So, if we have never received Christ as our Savior, we are still in our original sins, which means we are out of fellowship with God.

On the other hand, if we are followers of Jesus but have some unconfessed sins in our lives, we are also out of fellowship with God.

What does this mean?

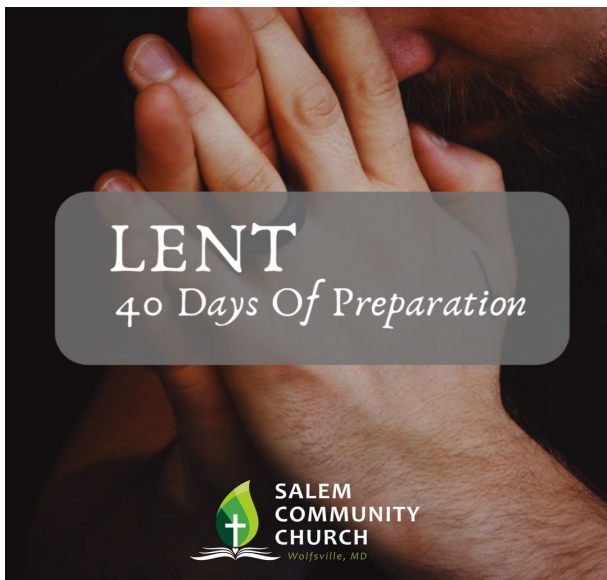
God gives us what we need before He will give us what we want. Therefore, we must have our sins forgiven.

Also, if there are people we know that need to hear about Jesus or be invited to church, we must exhaust every resource to reach out to them.

Why does it matter?

It matters because people need the Lord. Seventy-five percent of people who visit a church do so because someone they know invited them.

In Christ, —Pastor Neil



The Journey Towards Holy Week

Whatever your commitment for the Lent season, my prayer is that your relationship with your Heavenly Father will be closer than ever before.

God desires you to experience an intimate relationship with Him. But your commitment during these six weeks will not go unopposed.

Whenever we are distant from God, it seems that there is little opposition from the Enemy, Satan.

However, whenever we aspire to take drastic steps toward a closer, more intentional, more meaningful walk with our Savior, there will be all sorts of "things" that will threaten to diminish our resolve. Be steadfast.

Please do not let any minor setback or misstep get you off course. If you are passionate about your commitment, and bathe this season in prayer, God will surprise you with your growth.

To God be the glory.

In Christ,

—Pastor Neil



PASTOR NEIL SUDERS working on his Sunday message.

When Jesus celebrated His final Passover with His disciples, He washed their feet knowing that He was about to be betrayed by one of them.

We will see a reenactment of the Last Supper as each of the disciples ask Jesus if he is the one who will betray him.

Friday, March 29, 2024

Good Friday

Matthew 27:32-43

“No Greater Love; the Crucifixion”

God required sacrifice to atone for mankind’s sins. Throughout the Old Testament, the act of sacrifice had to be repeated often.

But God’s plan was to provide His son to be the Lamb of God which would take away the sins of the world. Jesus not only endured death, but he also suffered the death of a cross.

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

I Corinthians 15:1-18

“No Greater Love; the Resurrection”

History documents that Jesus did, indeed, die on a cross.

The Bible also said that He was buried in a borrowed tomb. But the scriptures also say that he rose from the grave.

Easter is all about the resurrection of Jesus.

Our text today reasons that if there WAS NO resurrection, then Christ would not have risen. And if Christ were not risen, we would still be in our sins.

Worship in March

Sunday, March 3, 2024

James 4:13-17

“The Best Laid Plans”

Most of us are prone to making plans. Some of us are INTENSE about sticking to our plans. But it is important for us to consider God’s plan for our lives.

James said our life is but a vapor. God is in control, and we will find contentment when we align our plans to His.

Sunday, March 10, 2024

James 5:1-12

“The Patience of Job”

This passage addresses several topics. James rebuked the wealthy for their abuse of their laborers, and then he turned his thoughts to everyone and how we need to be patient during suffering.

He used the examples of Job and the prophets to show us how to endure.

Sunday, March 17, 2024

James 5:13-18

“The Power of Prayer”

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

Prayer is the key to unlocking the power of God into our lives.

Christians are often intimidated by the concept of a prolonged period of prayer. But we need not commit blocks of several hours, thinking God is expecting that.

However, it is not the length of time God requires. Rather, it is the integrity of our lives that matters.



Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

“Hosanna”

The Triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem marked the start of Holy Week.

We celebrate Palm Sunday because the crowd welcomed Jesus into the town by placing coats and palm branches on the road. They shouted “Hosanna” as he passed.

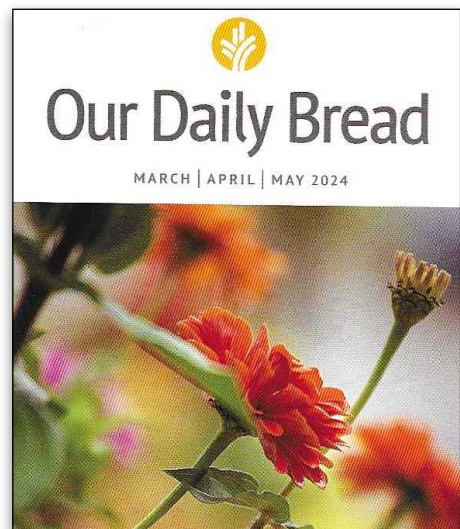
We will discuss what “Hosanna” means and how their greeting should reflect ours, as well.

Thursday, March 28, 2024

The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17-22

“Is It I?”



Copies of the “Our Daily Bread” devotional for March•April•May are available at church on the hallway table and can also be viewed online from Salem’s website.



Sunday, March 10, 2024

(snow date March 17)

10:15 - 11:00 a.m.

Salem’s first Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 10 (snow date March 17), at 10:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

All formal members of Salem Community Church have a vote at the meeting and are invited and encouraged to attend. Non-members are also welcome to attend but may not vote. The meeting will not be broadcast online.

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the Congregational Meeting will be to:

- Elect church officers and ministry leaders for the remainder of 2024;
- Receive a report from our new pastor, Neil Suders, on his vision and ministry plans for the upcoming year;
- Receive reports from other church leaders including the Church Treasurer and the Board of Trustees.

First All-Church Meeting Since Disaffiliation

This will be the first all-church meeting since Salem completed its disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church in September 2023, and became an independent, non-denominational congregation following traditional Christian values.

We are excited to share what God has been doing through the ministry of Salem Community Church in Wolfsville.

Please make plans to join us on Sunday, March 10, for worship at 9 a.m. followed by the Congregational Meeting at 10:15 a.m. (in place of Sunday School that morning).

Please direct any questions to Vernon Stottlemeyer, Chair, Church Council, at 301-471-2386.

In the event of inclement weather, view the church website for announcements concerning the meeting;

www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

Meeting Agenda

I.	Gathering / Member Count	10:00-10:15 a.m.	Theresa Haupt
II.	Call to Order, Welcome & Prayer	10:15 a.m.	Vernon Stottlemeyer
III.	Election of Officers ¹	10:20 a.m.	Michael Burrier
IV.	Treasurer’s Report	10:30 a.m.	Bill Burrier
V.	Trustees’ Report	10:35 a.m.	Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
VI.	Pastor’s Report	10:40 a.m.	Neil Suders
VII.	Open Discussion / Questions ²	10:50 a.m.	Vernon Stottlemeyer
VIII.	Closing Prayer	11:00 a.m.	Neil Suders
IX.	Adjournment		Vernon Stottlemeyer

NOTES:

1 Officers elected at the meeting will serve through the end of 2024. There will be a vote on the full slate of officers with no nominations from the floor. The slate of officers has been prepared by the Nominating Committee and the Church Council.

2 Time for members to ask questions or make comments. No motions from the floor.

POSITIONS to be ELECTED at CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: March 10, 2024

■ By Michael Burrier, Nominating Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee met in January to nominate persons to serve in ministry and leadership roles at Salem Community Church. Thank you to all those who said “yes” to serve in our church!

A full slate of proposed office holders was presented to the Church Council in February. The Council recommended that the following nominated persons stand for election at the upcoming Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary. If elected, their terms would begin immediately and continue through the end of the year, or through the year indicated if a multi-year term.

Chair of Church Council	Vernon Stottlemeyer ‡
Vice-Chair of Church Council	Gary Barkdoll ‡
Secretary of Church Council	Theresa Haupt ‡
Church Treasurer	Bill Burrier ‡
Young Adult Member of Church Council (age 19-39)	Holly Irons ‡
Youth Member of Church Council (age 18 and under)	Open ‡
Church Council, Members-at-large	Heidi Agostini ‡, Wanda Barkdoll ‡ Michael Burrier ‡, Dennis Draper ‡ Bobby Fogle ‡, Mike Irons ‡ Dennis Leatherman ‡
Annual Financial Auditor	Meredith Harshman

‡ = indicates voting member of Church Council

POSITIONS to be ELECTED

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Board of Trustees	Dianna Poling (2024) Donald Stottlemeyer (2024) Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (2024) (Chair) ‡ Tim Eccard (2025), Mike Irons (2025) Dan Lafferty (2025) Meredith Harshman (2026) Klaus Mueller (2026) George Stottlemeyer (2026) Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Cemetery Committee	Bobby Fogle (2026) Robin Haupt (2026) Steve Leatherman (2026) George Stottlemeyer (2026) (Chair) ‡ Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Church Financial Secretary	Lora McGraw
Lay Leader	Dennis Leatherman
Nominating Committee	Michael Burrier (2024) (Chair) Gary Barkdoll (2024) Theresa Haupt (2024) Sara Weitzel (2024) Joy Barkdoll (2025) Janice Harshman (2025) Lora McGraw (2026) Sandy Miller (2026) Dennis Leatherman (Lay Leader) Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Personnel Committee (formerly Staff/Parish Relations Committee)	Wanda Barkdoll (2024) Cathie Elsbach (2024) Sandy Miller (2024) Caroline Buhrman (2025) Robin Haupt (2025) (Chair) ‡ Debbie Irons (2026) Linda Marenic (2026) Ken Poling (2026) Dennis Leatherman (Lay Leader) Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Sunday School Superintendent	Bobby Fogle
Sunday School Treasurer	Mary Fogle

‡ = indicates voting member of Church Council

POSITIONS APPROVED by CHURCH COUNCIL

The following nominated positions do not require a congregational vote and were approved by the Church Council in February. Terms begin immediately and continue through the end of the year. Thank you for serving!

“Bee-lievers” Women’s Group President	Wanda Barkdoll
Children’s Coordinator(s)	Caroline Buhrman Mary Ellen Eccard
Co-Choir Directors (Adult)	Sandy Lewis * Marlene Young
Co-Choir Directors (Children)	Jody Eccard Sara Weitzel
Church Communications Team	Bill Burrier (newsletter/website) Michael Burrier (social media/ email/calendar) Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (bulletin) Neil Suders (Pastor) (prayer chain)
Church Organist/Pianist	Sara Weitzel * Susie Stottlemeyer
Communion Steward (Prepare)	Amy McCormick
Communion Stewards (Serve)	Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer Susie Stottlemeyer Darlene Burrier (Assistant)
Computer System Coordinator(s)	Robin Haupt, Jim Laky
Custodian	Amy McCormick *
Family Ministries Co-Leaders	Sandy Miller Jamie Lafferty
Flower Coordinator	Barbie Stottlemeyer
Food Pantry Leaders	Justinn & Holly Irons
Ladies’ Bible Study Leader	Debbie Irons
Recorded Music	Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
Salem Iron Men Leader	Bill Weaver
VBS Coordinator(s)	Hannah Rouzee Jody Eccard
Worship Committee	Neil Suders (Pastor) (Chair) Michael Burrier, Jody Eccard Robin Haupt, Jim Laky Sara Weitzel, Marlene Young
Youth Group Leaders	Wanda Barkdoll Neil Suders (Pastor)
Zoom Camera Operators	Camilo Barkdoll, Wanda Barkdoll Michael Burrier, Dennis Draper Cathie Elsbach, Robin Haupt (Leader) Brandon Leatherman Dennis Leatherman Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer Bill Burrier (Alternate)
Zoom Computer Operators	Wanda Barkdoll, Michael Burrier Robin Haupt (Leader) Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

* = indicates paid staff position (managed by Pastor & Personnel Committee)

Salem Community Church, Wolfsville
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
 For ages 12 and under
Saturday
March 30, 2024 2:00 p.m.



Light refreshments and fellowship
 will follow the Easter Egg Hunt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Salem’s Sunday School program is organized by the elected Sunday School Superintendent. The following teachers are currently serving in this ministry.

Pre-K Teachers	Caroline Buhrman Jody Eccard
Elementary School Teachers	Dennis Leatherman Kathy Laky
Middle and High School Teachers	Michael Burrier Jessie Leatherman
Young Adult Teacher	Neil Suders (Pastor)
Adult Discussion Group Teacher	Bill Burrier
Men’s Class Teachers	Bobby Fogle Meredith Harshman Donald Stottlemeyer
Women’s Class Teachers	Mary Cline Darlene Burrier

Please keep all of our church officers and ministry leaders in your prayers! May each person receive strength, wisdom and discernment from our Lord for the tasks He has planned at Salem Community Church this year. Helpers are always needed; if you sense the Lord calling you to get involved in a certain ministry at Salem, please talk with Pastor Neil or reach out directly to the leader of that area to learn more.

Community Sunrise Service at St. Mark’s Lutheran, Wolfsville



This year the Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 12704 Wolfsville Road, at 6:30 a.m.

The Wolfsville Ruritan Club usually serves refreshments following the service. This service is rotated among five area churches.

- 2024 – St. Mark’s Lutheran Church
- 2025 – Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
- 2026 – Garfield United Methodist Church
- 2027 – St. John’s Lutheran Church
- 2028 – Salem Community Church “Pavilion”, Wolfsville



We are reviving the Prayer Shawl Ministry! Shawls will be delivered to those who are ill or in the hospital as a tangible symbol of God’s love and care in their time of need. A number of shawls are already available and Salem folks are continuing to work on new ones. If you know how to knit or crochet and would like to be a part of this new ministry, please contact Jessie Leatherman at 240-676-1811.

NEWS & NOTES

Children’s Choir

I am so excited to be starting up the children’s choir again! We will be practicing right after Sunday School for about 15-20 minutes. Our first performance will be Easter Sunday and we hope to have many kids join us! —Jody Eccard

Adult Choir

Our choir has begun practice for the Spring season each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Marlene and I welcome back our singers and anyone who may not have sung with us before but would like to join us.

We will be practicing songs for morning worship services as well as the Easter Season. We are looking forward to a great time of praising the Lord in song! —Sandy Lewis

Congratulations Jadie Buhrman

The Salem Church family expresses congratulations to Jadie Buhrman, Pleasant Walk Road, who recently received a Bachelor of Science Cum Laude from Mississippi State University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Jadie is the daughter of Jason & Terri Buhrman and granddaughter of Bill & Caroline Buhrman.

New Church Doors to be Installed

In response to a recommendation from Salem’s Board of Trustees, Salem’s Church Council recently approved a proposal from D.L. Home Enhancements LLC, Hagerstown, to repair/replace the exterior doors on the vestibule entrance to the sanctuary and the front entrance to the educational building. The new/refurbished doors will be exact replications of the existing doors.

Attention “Young Adults”

Beginning Sunday, March 3, 10:15-11:00 a.m. there will be a new Sunday School class taught by Pastor Neil for post high school graduates to thirty-somethings. Additional activities for this group are also being planned.

Whether you are single, in a relationship, living at home, living on your own, whether you have children or don’t, this ministry is for you.

Soup & Sandwich Food Pickup

- Saturday, March 2, 4:00—6:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sunday, March 3, 9:00-11:00 a.m. after services at Salem

Senior Luncheon

LOOKING AHEAD to APRIL

On April 21, 2024, after Sunday School and starting at 12:30 p.m., the church will sponsor a Senior Luncheon. Anyone from 65 years old and above are welcome to attend this luncheon.

Please contact Wanda Jimenez-Barkdoll at 301-575-4293 or by email jansack@earthlink.net for attendance. Need numbers for cooking purposes.

Salem Iron Men: March events at Salem

By Bill Weaver, Leader, Salem Iron Men



Saturday, March 9, 2024

**6:00 p.m. at Salem
Movies for Men "Risen"**

"Risen" (2016) directed by Kevin Reynolds

A Roman military tribune Clavius (Joseph Fiennes) remains set in his ways after serving 25 years in the army. He arrives at a crossroad when he's tasked to investigate the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) following the Crucifixion.



Saturday, March 23, 2024

**6:00 p.m. at Salem
Salem Iron Men Potluck Dinner & Study**

Bring your favorite dish, and a buddy to join us for an evening of good food, good fun and awesome fellowship with other men as we explore what it means to be a "beloved son."

LOOKING AHEAD to APRIL

April 25 - 28, 2024

**The Heart of a Warrior Encounter
Goshen, Virginia**

No man makes it through life without taking some hits. At "The Heart of a Warrior Encounter," you're invited to join the company of other men who are going to God for healing and training, and to discover the full life He has for you.

During the weekend, you will discover how to live wholeheartedly, and learn how and when to fight for your heart. You will get to experience how Jesus wants to restore your heart, and to ask God to help you see the good He is up to in your life, with teaching inspired by John Eldredge, C.S. Lewis, A.W. Tozer, and others.

You will also have opportunities to explore the adventurous side of manhood through free time activities including hiking, frisbee golf, 3v3 basketball, archery, and a clay shooting experience guided by expert shotgun handlers. We hope to see you there! For more information and to register follow the link: <https://www.zoweh.org/the-heart-of-a-warrior-encounter>



Scenes from . . .

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



On February 26, 2024, the "Bee-lievers" Women's Group sponsored a Spaghetti Dinner. Approximately 60 people attended the event. The donations collected totaled \$751.01. We are very grateful for the people who participated and the volunteers who graciously gave their time to make this a successful event. Looking forward to doing this again in the fall. —Wanda Barkdoll

Scenes from . . .

Photos by Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer



Many players and spectators attended the "Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament.

The winners — From left Tyler Muller (1st place) and George Stottlemeyer (2nd Place)





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.



NOW WE DID IT!

There were three brothers who lived in a small town. They always got into trouble. So one day their mother called the pastor in to talk to the brothers.



The pastor called in the youngest one first. He asked the child, "Where is God?" The little boy started to look around the room, so the pastor asked him again. The boy started to look under things and on top of shelves. The pastor kept asking the boy, "Where is God?"

The little boy finally ran out of the room to his older brothers and said, "We're in trouble!" "Why?" the brothers asked. "Cause God's missing and they think we have something to do with it."

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Failure is never final for those who begin again with God.

Nails could not have kept Jesus on the cross if His love for us had not held Him there.

When we find Christ, we discover we were the ones who were lost.

The way to be anxious about nothing is to be prayerful about everything.



The Mountain Shepherd

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SERVICE TIMES

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

