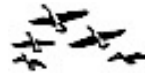


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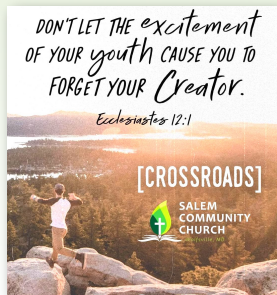
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## Salem's Bell Tolls with a Message

By Bill Burrier

Sunday morning, about a half hour before the worship service begins at nine o'clock, someone pulls the bell rope at the rear of the sanctuary to ring the church bell.

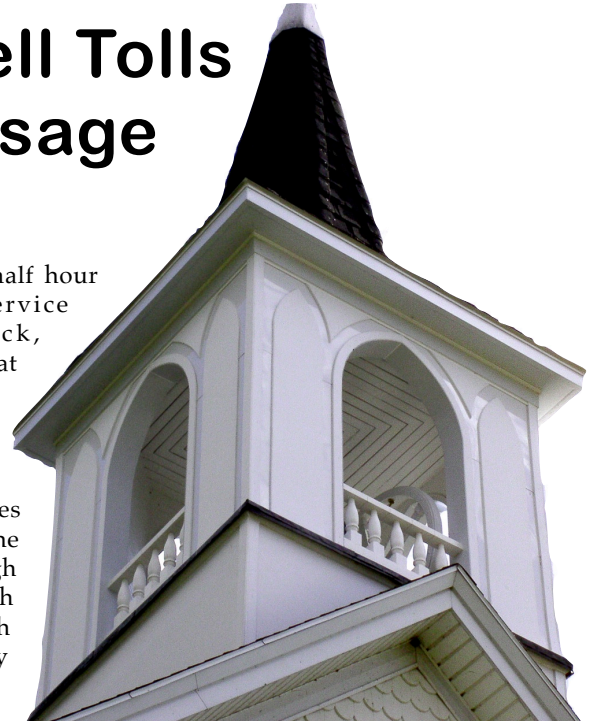
The thick long rope, which has been there as long as anyone can remember, reaches the floor of the sanctuary at the bottom, extends upward through a small opening in the high sanctuary ceiling, goes through the attic, and into the belfry where it is connected to the bell wheel which simply rocks the bell back and forth allowing the clapper to strike the inside of the bell, one side then the other.

Salem's history doesn't tell us where the bell came from or when it was placed in the church steeple, but we know it goes back to the late 1800's.

There is one brief note in Salem's history, dating back to mid 1888, which tells us that while the bell was being rung one Sunday in July of that year, a bolt holding the bell in place broke so that the bell could not be rung for the evening service. That's about all we know. See photo of bell on page 3.

It seems the ringing of the church bell had been on hiatus for a while, but now it's back.

During a recent worship service at Salem, when the congregation is given an opportunity to share joys and concerns, Marlene Young expressed, "What a joy it was this morning to hear the church bell ringing. It just took me back to lots of precious memories of my childhood... hearing that church bell ringing. Good job, Landon. That was a



blessing."

Marlene is referring to one of Salem's young people, Landon, who, with a little instruction from Pastor Neil, has been enjoying ringing the bell on Sunday mornings. See the photo on page 3.

Yes, still today, that old bell tolls every Sunday morning, reaching out to the community with a message to the residents of Wolfsville.

Some people may just hear the "ding dong" sound of a church bell in the distance. But, if you listen carefully, you can hear a message in those bell tolls, a message calling the people of Wolfsville to "Come to church," "Come to church."

Can you hear our bell on Sunday morning around 8:30?

Let it be a reminder of the ministry in this community.

Or better yet, think of the message coming from that old bell, saying to everyone within hearing distance, "Come to church," "Come to church."



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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**  **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. 11*

**Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick**

Dear Salem Community Church, Wolfsville:

As believers we know that Jesus suffered a horrible death for you and me. But it is because of His death and resurrection, we have hope and the promise of abundant life now and our eternity is secured. Thank God for this Truth!

I recently sat with a young lady that had made choices that she deeply regretted. She chose to stay in a toxic relationship (for many reasons). The toll of this relationship stripped her of any self-confidence. When she faced a pregnancy decision, she believed the lies she was told and allowed him to pressure her to have an abortion.

Unfortunately, this is a story we hear far too often. As we sat and talked, she shared that she had heard from people in her life (and on the Internet) that once she had made the decision to abort that God didn't want anything to do with her.

My heart broke for her hopelessness, but I was so glad that she sat across from me so I could share the truth of God's love and forgiveness provided through Jesus.

She has a tough road ahead of her, but seeds of Truth were planted and I pray that I and others will have the opportunity to water these seeds so her life can be transformed.

Thank you for faithfully giving to this center, where Kingdom work happens every day! Thank you for praying for the clients, volunteers and staff. I am thankful for each one of you, and pray you had a wonderful Easter, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.

Blessings,  
Linda King, Executive Director



[So far in 2024, Salem has provided \$750 to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick.]



# Who's Doing What, When?

April 2024

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

### Lay Reader

- 7 Janice Harshman
- 14 Dennis Leatherman
- 21 Jim Laky
- 28 Michael Burrier

### Acolyte

- 7 Valentina Barkdoll
- 14 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 21 Brynleigh Irons
- 28 Shelby Leatherman

### Organist/Pianist

- 7 Sara Weitzel
- 14 Sara Weitzel
- 21 Sara Weitzel
- 28 Sara Weitzel

### Computer

- 7 Robin Haupt
- 14 Wanda Barkdoll
- 21 Michael Burrier
- 28 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

### Camera

- 7 Camilo Barkdoll
- 14 Brandon Leatherman
- 21 Robin Haupt
- 28 Cathie Elsbach

### Greeter

- 7 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 14 Dennis & Ruth Draper
- 21 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 28 Barkdoll Family

## The Salem Church Bell

Photos by Robin Haupt in 2003



Photo by Michael Burrier • March 2024



Top Left, the view from the steeple looking west. Lower Left, the bell, dating back to the late 1800's, still rings in the belfry of Salem's steeple today. Above, Pastor Neil gives Landon some instructions on bell ringing before worship on Sunday. The bell rope is at the rear of Salem's sanctuary.

## It's Your Day!



### April Anniversaries

- 2 - Bill & Darlene Burrier
- 10 - Michael & Jennifer Burrier
- 25 - Robert & Mary Cline

### April Birthdays

- 1 - Travis Keller
- 4 - Matthew MacPhee
- 4 - Paula Main
- 7 - Tim Duley
- 9 - Sophie Wagaman
- 10 - Emily Stottlemeyer
- 11 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 12 - Charlotte Wisner
- 12 - Holly Irons
- 13 - Mason Crutchley
- 16 - Adam Stottlemeyer
- 17 - Judy Hamilton
- 17 - Lawson Rouzee
- 18 - Dennis Leatherman
- 20 - Ali Robinson
- 20 - Mike Young
- 22 - Richard Kline
- 23 - Craig Brown
- 24 - Vernon Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Jase Wesley Haddock
- 29 - Karen DeLauter
- 29 - Evelyn Eccard
- 30 - Payton Robinson

### Senior Luncheon

The Salem "Bee-lievers" Women's Group is inviting our senior citizens, 65 and older, for a luncheon on Sunday, April 21, 2024, starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Salem social room.

Salem members and friends are asked to also invite seniors from the community to join us for the luncheon.

To help know the amount of food to prepare, please contact Wanda Barkdoll if you plan to attend. 301-575-4293

### 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

### Jesus Holds My Hand

I cannot know, nor would I know  
The way my God has planned;  
But this I know, by faith below —  
My Jesus holds my hand.

My path may be through sunshine bright,  
Along the seashore's sand,  
The wind and waves a pure delight,  
As Jesus holds my hand.

Or it may be through forest glade,  
A way I hadn't planned,  
But even there I'm unafraid,  
While Jesus holds my hand.

If He should lead to mountain peak  
And bid me there to stand;  
Though storms should rage and wild winds shriek,  
Still Jesus holds my hand.

And when I tread the valley deep,  
I may not understand;  
But even there my soul He'll keep,  
For Jesus holds my hand.

Someday I'll find when I have stepped  
Into the gloryland,  
Each hour, each day my soul He's kept,  
While He has held my hand.

### A New Beginning

*By Starrlette L. Howard*

Spring unfolds and touches our soul  
Somewhere deep within.  
We may recall memories of other Springs  
Or on paths we may have been.

As hardy as the small crocuses  
Which survive the Winter snows,  
The heart holds onto hope  
For a sun-warmed glow.

New growth upon the trees  
That have stood so old and bare,  
Prophetic of life itself,  
A reminder of God's care!

Let springtime echo melodies  
In new songs of the heart,  
Our world knows reawakening  
For the Spring is at its start!



## RECIPE



### Blue Ribbon Cheesecake

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 cups graham cracker crumbs	3 large eggs
1/2 cup butter or margarine (1 stick), melted	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon	1/8 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups sugar	1 cup sour cream
3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened	

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a 13" x 9" glass or ceramic baking dish, mix crumbs, butter, cinnamon, and 1/2 cup sugar until crumbs are evenly moistened. Reserve 1 cup crumb mixture. Press remaining mixture firmly onto bottom of dish.
2. In large bowl, with mixer on medium speed, beat cream cheese, eggs, vanilla, 1/8 teaspoon salt, and remaining sugar until creamy, about 3 minutes. Add sour cream; beat 30 seconds or until blended.
3. Pour cream cheese mixture over crust and spread evenly. Bake 20 minutes. Remove cheese cake from oven; sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Return to oven; bake 10 minutes longer. Turn oven off; leave cheesecake in oven 1 hour. Remove and cool completely on wire rack. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled, at least 3 hours or overnight.

*Makes 16 servings*



### April

*By Edgar A. Guest*

April, and the showers are falling;  
April, and the birds are calling  
To their kin of song and feather,  
Quite regardless of the weather.

From the ground the cold is going;  
Now the violets are showing,  
And the constant pitter-patter  
Of the rain seems not to matter.

April, and the birds are humming  
Everywhere that May is coming;  
Plant and tree are not complaining  
That this morning it is raining.

All around us there is beauty,  
Smiling, faithful to its duty;  
And the dandelion humble  
Seems too big and brave to grumble.

When it's April in our dreaming  
And the storms of care are teeming,  
May we see beyond our sorrow  
All the beauty of tomorrow.

God's plans always lead to victory.

### 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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### In Sympathy

#### William W. "Billy" Wolfe

The Salem congregation wishes to express sincere sympathy to the family of William Wayne "Billy" Wolfe, who passed away on February 21, 2024, at the age of 73, at his home on Pleasant Walk Road. Services were held at Salem on February 29, 2024. Burial was in the Wolfsville Reformed Cemetery on Black Rock Road.



## Message from the Pastor

and

## Worship in April

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

### I'm Going Out to Fish

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the most powerful event in the history of the earth! The disciples and over five hundred people had seen the risen Savior.

Jesus spent time with his closest followers in the upper room in His glorified state to be an encouragement to them. And then, just like that, Jesus was gone.

We do not know what was on the minds of the disciples at that time. We do not know how much time had elapsed, but in the 21st chapter of John's gospel, we see that some time had elapsed.

Not sure of what to do, the disciples had to conclude that for the first time in three years, their teacher was not going to be with them.

"I'm going out to fish," was Peter's statement. It made sense. He had been a fisherman when Jesus called him. It was all he knew.

It made sense to revert to his life of the familiar since his teacher was now gone.

John said they fished all night and caught nothing. When Jesus told them to throw their nets on the other side of the boat, the result was a catch of 153 fish!

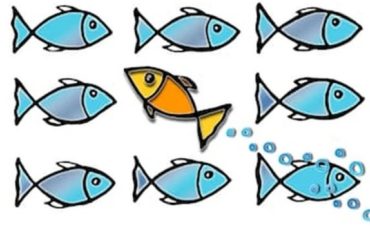
Jesus invited them to shore where he fed them fish and bread from the fire He had made.

I can only imagine what was on Peter's mind. He was remembering the three times he denied knowing Jesus prior to the crucifixion.

But remember this: Jesus still planned to use Peter to be fundamental in the start of the church.

To reinstate Peter into service, Jesus asked him three times if Peter loved Jesus. Peter was given an opportunity for a three-fold affirmation of his love for Jesus to offset his three-fold denial.

And each time Peter affirmed his love



for Jesus, Jesus commanded Peter to "feed His sheep." In other words, Peter was challenged to prove his love through Christian service.

#### What does this mean?

We can go through times where we feel we have "denied" our Lord and feel tempted to withdraw and "go fishing" spiritually.

Jesus will forgive us for our shortcomings and nudge us back to serving Him faithfully. We can confirm our love and devotion and then get back to serving Him.

#### Why does it matter?

It matters because we have been saved to serve. We have an opportunity to grasp the momentum from the resurrection and be energized into a closer walk with Christ and more dynamic service for God. —Pastor Neil

### Worship in April

The excitement of the Holy Week celebration is a climax of the church calendar. For the Christian, the Easter weekend reminds us of the power of God that brought victory over sin with the crucifixion, and victory over death with the resurrection.

After all that joy and exuberance, most church worship services can seem anti-climactic. The sermons in April are

intended to focus on the Bible and what we believe.

#### Sunday, April 7 "What We Believe"

Matthew 3:1-16

We will look at the two ordinances of the church: Communion and Baptism.

The sermon will answer the questions of Who? How? When? and Why? of them.

We will also be observing baptisms following Sunday school at 11:45 on April 14, [at the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren baptistry for immersion baptisms].

#### Sunday, April 14 "Questions and Answers"

Any questions you might have about ANYTHING relating to the Christian faith can be answered.

If you have a question about the Bible, Church, Prophecy, Christian morals, etc., you can either write it down on a Salem Notes page in the pews and give them to me, or send me an email. Hand-written notes can be anonymous.

If we have time, I can answer questions from the floor, as well. If you are writing questions in advance, I would appreciate having them by April 10.

#### Sunday, April 21 "What's the Bible all about?"

II Timothy 3:16-17

This message will look at the history of the Bible, the original manuscripts, different translations, etc.

We will look at the inspiration, inerrancy, and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures.

#### Sunday, April 28 "How to Study Your Bible"

II Timothy 2:15

The old saying is, "Give a man a fish and feed him for a day; teach him to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

If your diet of the Bible is limited to a Sunday sermon, you will starve spiritually. However, if you are able to study the Bible on your own, you will grow much more rapidly.

We will discuss and instruct simple ways to conduct your own Bible study.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. —2 Timothy 2:15 NIV



## Salem Iron Men: April events at Salem

■ By Bill Weaver, Leader, Salem Iron Men



**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

**6:00 p.m. at Salem**

### "Family Flicks" Movie Night Featuring "Overcomer" (2019)

High school basketball coach John Harrison and his team face an uncertain future when their town's largest manufacturing plant shuts down unexpectedly. As hundreds of people move away, John reluctantly agrees to coach cross-country, a sport he doesn't even like. His outlook soon changes when he meets Hannah Scott, an unlikely runner who pushes herself to the limit. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, John starts to train Hannah for the biggest race of her young life. Directed by Alex Kendrick.

This event is hosted by the Salem Iron Men and is open to the whole family. The Iron Men will be serving free concessions throughout the film and facilitate a brief group discussion immediately following the showing. So bring the whole family and join us for a night at the movies.

\* Note: The Salem Iron Men will not be meeting in April, but will resume activities again in May.

**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>



## Some scenes from Soup & Sandwich Making . . .

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll and Pat Eccard



Friday, March 1, 2024 — Salem's "Bee-lievers" Women's Group wishes to thank everyone who assisted in the preparation of the soup and sandwiches, as well as those who placed food orders. They raised approximately \$2,600. Wanda Barkdoll, leader of the "Bee-lievers" group, expressed, "Thank you from the bottom of our heart." There was a very good turnout of women to help prepare the soup and sandwiches; and as evidenced from the above photos, even the men "pitched in" to help stir the soup.



**Sunday, March 10, 2024**  
**10:15 — 11:00 a.m.**

At the first congregational meeting of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, the membership participated in the election of officers and was informed about church financials, the work of Salem's Board of Trustees, and a report from Pastor Neil.

**Gathering • Member Count**  
**Call to Order • Welcome • Prayer**

Theresa Haupt, Secretary of Salem's Church Council, recorded attendance, and Vernon Stottlemeyer, Chair of Salem's Church Council, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and offered an opening prayer.

**Election of Officers**

Michael Burrier, Chair of Salem's Nominating Committee, presented a slate of officers for the congregation's approval which included 16 positions and committees.

The congregation was also informed of 28 additional positions, committees and Sunday School teachers that had been previously approved by Salem's Church Council and did not need a congregational vote. Officers were listed in the March 2024 "Mountain Shepherd."

**Church Treasurer's Report**

Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer, presented a detailed Treasurer's Report which included income and expenses for all of last year (2023) and the budget for this year (2024).

Bill reported that last year was a transitional year for Salem.

The first half of the year, Salem operated under the financial obligations of the United Methodist Church, paying high apportionment fees to the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Payment of those fees ended June 30, 2023, when Pastor Bob was reassigned.

## First congregational meeting as Salem Community Church: positive, upbeat, well-attended

The second half of the year, Salem operated as an independent, non-denominational church following traditional Christian values, redirecting those funds, previously payed to the denomination, for greater ministry right here in our local community.

Salem was blessed to have the money to make the large disaffiliation payment without having to borrow from outside sources. Salem was also blessed that the payment to disaffiliate did not affect any of Salem's other accounts, like the Cemetery Account, Building and Improvement Fund, Pavilion Fund, Music Program, or any of the endowment funds.

**Salem Mission Projects:** For many years, Salem has had a very strong emphasis on missions. The scriptures set a standard of tithing (10%) for individuals. Likewise, Salem has followed that standard for giving to mission projects locally, nationally, and internationally.

In 2023, Salem's payout for eleven mission projects (\$20,434.43) was 12% of the church's total income, exceeding the goal.

Since disaffiliation, attendance has substantially increased, offerings have increased, and Salem is excited to bring greater ministry to the Wolfsville community and beyond.

**Board of Trustees Report**

Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Chair of Salem's Board of Trustees shared a summary of completed work on buildings and grounds as well as work in progress.

More than 40 tasks were logged since last July, for work in Salem's sanctuary, social hall, classrooms, church grounds, cemetery, and parsonage; the largest of which was to ready the parsonage for Pastor Neil's move in at the end of November 2023.

Another major task performed last July 2023, required by the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, before disaffiliation could be approved by them, was to submit an inventory of all of Salem's property and all contents thereof.

Since the Baltimore-Washington

Conference held all of Salem's property and its contents in trust, an inventory of every item in the sanctuary, vestibule, hallways, social hall, kitchen, classrooms, storage closets, parsonage, shed, garage and pavilion was listed and submitted to the Conference last August 2023.

Last December (2023), all property deeds for Salem's church buildings, parsonage, and cemetery were transferred from the United Methodist Church and officially recorded as Salem Church Property Inc. and Salem Church Cemetery Inc.

**Pastor's Report**

Pastor Neil shared a positive and upbeat report about his first three months at Salem and some of his future plans for greater ministry in the Wolfsville community.

Worship attendance has greatly increased with frequent visitors. Pastor Neil is committed to learn visitor's names and follow up with them to learn their ministry needs.

One of his priorities will be to work with youth and young adults. A young adult Sunday School class has been formed. Pastor Neil also plans to focus on the needs of teens and 3rd through 6th grade children.

Pastor Neil has met with the principal at Wolfsville Elementary School to begin a relationship between Salem and the school. Salem has already engaged in a "Fill the Fridge" campaign in the Wolfsville School teachers lounge with soft drinks compliments of Salem Community Church.

Also, Hero's Club will be returning this fall, restarting Salem's after school ministry for elementary school students.

Communion will be observed quarterly and on holidays. More folks have already expressed a desire to become a member of Salem Community Church. Baptism will be by immersion.

**Closing Prayer of Consecration**

The meeting closed with Pastor Neil offering a Prayer of Consecration for the officers and all those who are serving the Lord in Wolfsville at Salem Community Church.



Salem Mission Project No. 10



## The Least of These Ministries *in the Dominican Republic*

“Remember those in prison, as though you were in prison with them....” –Hebrews 13:3a (CSB)



Wilton leads a time of prayer during a visit to the Barahona jail.



Pastor Ramón (L) and Wilton (C) leads worship music.

In downtown Barahona, the National Police of the Dominican Republic operates a jail. Like jails in most cities, the facility houses individuals who have been charged with crimes and are awaiting their trial, and those who have been convicted of a crime, awaiting their sentence or transfer to a prison.

Last December, Ricardo, our Manager in the Dominican Republic, responded to a longtime call from God to visit the jail.

Ricardo coordinated the visit with officials at the jail, who were very welcoming. Wilton, our Director of Evangelism and Social Action, and Pastor Ramón joined Ricardo for the visit. A musician from Wilton’s church also participated.

Very little is provided to men who are incarcerated, and they must provide their own personal hygiene goods as well as cleaning supplies. As part of the visit,

Ricardo and the team brought soaps and other personal goods, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies for the men.

The men were very appreciative of the visit and gifts, and eagerly participated in the teaching & worship program.

We anticipate future visits to the jail, taking the opportunity to share the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ with those who are eager to receive it!

[So far in 2024, Salem has provided \$650 in support of Wilton’s ministry in the Dominican Republic.]

Salem Mission Project No. 1

## Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer, Retired Senegal Missionaries

Dear Folks at Salem Community Church,

Thank you for your part in our lives through your prayers, your gifts, and your friendship for many years. We appreciate you all very much.

We have the aches and pains that come with getting older, but, as far as we know, we don’t have any major health issues. We are thankful to God for the health we have.

Nancy continues to reach out to several widows either in their homes, by phone, or in nursing homes. Most of those ladies don’t have many visitors, so it is an encouragement to them when Nancy contacts them. 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. There are opportunities to talk with the men at the Mission and to have a devotional with the group of men and women that come for the noon meal every day.

Bills are being considered in the Maryland House and Senate that, if passed into law, would make it impossible for the many faith-based homeless shelters in Maryland to continue with that ministry. The recovery program for men and other functions of the Hagerstown Rescue Mission could continue, but it would no longer be able to house the many homeless men that are there every night.

As far as our family goes, our daughter, Wanda & husband Lynn, are very involved at their home church. Lynn is part of the leadership of their 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 to the Badyaranke people in the village. He also records the teaching for those who want to hear the teaching again, and for those who do not attend the teaching. Wendy is helping with the Bible translation into the Badyaranke language. Our daughter, Rebecca, oversees the literacy program for the Badyaranke people so they will be able to read God’s Word in their own language. She is also a literacy consultant for missionaries in other West African countries. Our son & daughter-in-law, Gary & Lisa, serve at a missionary retirement center in Florida. Gary is part of 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



Life-Long Salem Member

## A TRIBUTE TO BILL BUHRMAN

January 19, 1942 — March 17, 2024

Victor William “Bill” Buhrman, 82, of Pleasant Walk Road, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2024, at University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, surrounded by his family.

Bill was an active member of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, where he had attended for most of his life, and was a member of the Men’s Sunday School Class.



Most recently, Bill was a proponent of Salem’s decision to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. During the discernment process, Bill spoke his mind and heart, that the church should be guided by the wisdom of the Bible, not the denomination’s book of discipline. After the congregational vote to disaffiliate, Bill was eager to help with the transition, volunteering to serve on the Pastor Search Committee.

Bill’s obituary mentions his love of cars. He worked for years as an auto mechanic and master technician primarily on BMW vehicles at dealerships in Montgomery County.

Bill also enjoyed restoring older model cars that he would fix up to travel back and forth to work and also use as a family car.

Bill was a conscious and caring technician at the BMW dealership. Once in a while, Bill & Caroline would pull into the church parking lot on Sunday morning, not in their familiar family car, but rather driving a plush BMW. It was a car owned by a customer of the dealership that had an intermittent mechanical problem, and as it sometimes happens, when the customer brought it to the dealership for repair, the car would not present the problem for the mechanics to diagnose. So, with the customers permission, Bill would bring the car home, drive it for the weekend, hoping to duplicate the problem the customer had described. Bill was caring that way.

For some 20 years, Bill was dealing with Multiple Myeloma. And for those many years, Bill had been doing well, receiving care from the excellent staff at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Unfortunately, a recent treatment procedure did not go well and led to Bill’s declining health.

The Salem congregation expresses sincere sympathy to Caroline and the family. Services were private. Bill will be missed at Salem. —Bill Burrier



Salem has revived 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

### Adult Choir Notes

Marlene and I want to say a big “Thank you” to all of our choir members for their dedication in sharing their time and talents to lift praises in song to our Risen Lord. The musical offerings you all worked so diligently to prepare certainly were a blessing and encouragement to everyone who heard them!

We will be continuing choir rehearsals through April but will take a break on the first Tuesday which is April 2, 2024, since the previous week was Holy Week and a very busy time for everyone.

We will be breaking for summer from May until Fall, but we would like to encourage anyone who would like to share special music either vocal or instrumental during that time to contact Marlene who will be scheduling musical offerings for worship. We will both be happy to work with anyone who would like to share their talents.

“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.”  
—Psalm 96:1 (NIV) —Sandy Lewis

### 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 was on Easter Sunday and we hope to have many kids join us for choir! —Jody Eccard

### 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 replicas of the existing doors.

Work has begun on the door project, which will include repair and refurbished doors and hardware on the vestibule entrance to the sanctuary; and new replacement doors and hardware on the entrance to the educational building.

### Attention “Young Adults”

On Sunday, March 3, 10:15-11:00 a.m., a new Sunday School class began. It is being 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.

### Looking Ahead to May . . .

- Sun May 5 — NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY, 9:00 a.m.
- Sat May 11 — FLOWER & PLANT SALE, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wed May 15 — LADIES NIGHT OUT, Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont



**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.



**CHILDREN IN CHURCH**

A Sunday School teacher asked the class, "What was Jesus' Mother's name?" One child answered. "Mary."

Then the teacher asked, "Who knows what Jesus' Father's name was" A little boy said, "Verge."

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The boy said, "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge 'n Mary."

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a good time like I am."

*Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman*



*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

What we practice is the best illustration of what we preach.

Our greatest weakness may be our failure to ask for God's strength.

Contentment comes when we want God's will more than our own way.

Lasting happiness doesn't come from sunny days, but from the Son of God.



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**SERVICE TIMES**

**9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship**

**10:15 a.m. Sunday School**

