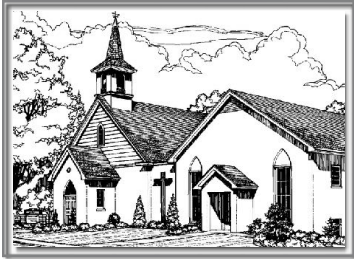


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Every woman in attendance on Mother's Day will receive a gift of a potted flowering plant.

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In Wolfsville . . .

Flower & Plant Sale

Saturday • May 11 • 8:00 am



Photo by Michael Burrier - May 13, 2023

Salem Community Church "Pavilion"
12479 Wolfsville Road



Photo by Bill Burrier - May 13, 2023

Barbie Stottlemeyer will be traveling to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with her family, to hand-select the beautiful flowers to be sold at this year's flower & plant sale.

.....
Sandwiches &
Baked Goods, too!



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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
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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) Support 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) Support 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 church, designate electronically, 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. 8

Potato Project — Society of St. Andrew (Big Island, VA)

THANK YOU, Salem Community Church, for making the Society of St. Andrew your partner in ending hunger, with your recent gifts. Through these gifts, you shared fresh, nutritious produce with people who simply don't have enough to eat.

Much of the food rescued and shared through the Society of St. Andrew would have been lost as waste or sent to landfills without your intervention. Instead of letting it go to waste, you made sure good food was used to feed hungry Americans.

Through the Society of St. Andrew's network, every \$1 you gave put 20 servings of healthy food on the tables of people in the greatest need.

Harvest season for several fruits and vegetables is under way. As school ends, so do many important daily meals. Your continued support will feed families through the spring and summer months.

Thank you for all the ways your congregation reaches out as the hands and feet of Christ, and thank you especially for your faithful concern for hungry brothers and sisters in your community.



Society of St. Andrew, 3383 Sweet Hollow Road, Big Island, VA 24526
www.EndHunger.org

[So far in 2024, Salem has provided \$75 to the Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA.]

Who's Doing What, When?

May 2024

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

Lay Reader

- 5 Gary Barkdoll
- 12 Robin Haupt
- 19 Marlene Young
- 26 Heidi Agostini

Acolyte

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

Organist/Pianist

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

Computer

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

Camera

- 5 Camilo Barkdoll
- 12 Brandon Leatherman
- 19 Robin Haupt
- 26 Cathie Elsbach

Greeter

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

More about the Salem Church Bell

Photo by Robin Haupt in 2003

In last month's "Mountain Shepherd" we featured an article about Salem's bell. Many of you hear the bell ringing every Sunday morning about a half hour before worship begins at 9 a.m. That sound is a reminder of the bell's message "Come to church, come to church."

In last month's article, the origin of the bell seemed to be in question. Well, much to our delight, the answer has been revealed.

During Salem's 200th anniversary year (2019), Fonda Gormer wrote a series of 14 articles for this newsletter expanding on Salem's history and the church's relationship to the Wolfsville community.

In the chapter titled "A Sanctuary for Salem Church," Fonda's research uncovered some additional facts about Salem's bell that were not previously a part of Salem's historical writings.

Forty-six years after the original church building was constructed, the church was rebuilt. Fonda's article described it this way:

"On April 26, 1893, J. H. Maugans, C.C. Stottlemeyer and the trustees were appointed to a building committee to rebuild the church. This was a major rebuilding according to a newspaper account in *The Valley Register*, which reported that the roof was taken off, seats and windows taken out, walls rebuilt and the steeple and outside woodwork repainted."

Fonda's article also reveals the origin of Salem's current bell, saying, "John H. Maugans donated the 600-pound bell which was placed in the belfry of the new [rebuilt] church."

So, thanks to Fonda's excellent research, we know the origin of our bell. It is interesting to know, the bell being rung today dates back to 1893, that's 131 years, but it's message is still the same, "Come to church, come to church."



In 1893, Salem member John H. Maugans donated the 600-pound bell which is still being rung every Sunday morning at Salem.

It's Your Day!



May Anniversaries

- 14 - Dan & Jamie Lafferty
- 20 - Deane & Patty Weagley
- 21 - Bobby & Mary Fogle

May Birthdays

- 2 - Mandy Mellott
- 2 - Leann Eccard-Crutchley
- 6 - Mark Burrier
- 7 - Austin Main
- 8 - Anita Harshman
- 11 - Steve Leatherman
- 13 - Loralli Snyder
- 17 - Deane Weagley
- 17 - Elijah Sowers
- 18 - Cindy Harp
- 19 - Brandon Leatherman
- 20 - Abigail Weagley
- 24 - Nelson Hipkins
- 25 - Sam Zimmerman
- 26 - Sharon Hipkins
- 30 - Bobby Fogle Jr.

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont.

Men are also invited to attend and will be seated separately in another area of the restaurant.

Cost of Meals

- \$21.20 Adults
 - \$10.59 Children 5-12
 - \$2.68 Children 4 & under
- Price includes meal, tax and tip.

Sign-up sheets are on the hallway doors or contact Wanda Barkdoll, 301-575-4293. Women pay Wanda the evening of the event. Men will pay at the restaurant checkout.

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**

A Lifetime of Prayer

By Lydia E. Harris

Once a young mother
Bowling in prayer,
"Lord, keep my children
in your tender care."

A young grade school mother
More fervent in prayer,
"Protect my dear children;
Remove all my care."

A junior high mother
Intent on my knees,
"Lord, keep them from evil."
More anxious my pleas.

A college-age mother,
Empty nest now in view.
"Lord, guide all their choices;
Draw them closer to you."

A still-in-touch mother,
How soothing to pray
For my grown children,
"Lord, teach them to pray."

A gray-haired grandmother
Well-seasoned in prayer,
With confidence upholding
Generations in prayer.

A mother in heaven
On bended knees,
Praising the Savior
Who heard all her pleas.



Gardeners of God

By Michael Dubina

The seeds we sow are made to grow
In acts and deeds we do
And what we harvest, in return,
Is what our efforts grew.
So, if we sow God's seeds of love –
Throughout our years of time –
The crops we harvest, every day,
Will always be divine.

It is, for us, to sow His cares
In deeds of every kind
And live the Christian way of life –
In body, heart and mind –
So we may harvest, every day,
The joys He wills to be
To gardeners of His love and care –
And Christianity.



RECIPE



Cheesy Chicken 'n' Shells

INGREDIENTS:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1-1/2 cups uncooked medium shell pasta | 1/4 teaspoon salt |
| 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour | 1/4 teaspoon pepper |
| 1/4 cup water | 1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning |
| 1-1/4 cups chicken broth | 1/8 teaspoon paprika |
| 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted | 1-1/2 cups cubed cooked chicken |
| 1/2 cup process cheese (Velveeta), diced | 3 tablespoons dry bread crumbs |
| | 1 tablespoon butter, melted |

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a saucepan, combine the flour and water until smooth. Gradually stir in broth.
2. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat; add the soup, cheese and seasonings. Cook and stir for 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.
3. Drain pasta; place in a bowl. Stir in soup mixture and chicken. Transfer to a greased 1-1/2-quart baking dish. Toss bread crumbs and butter; sprinkle over the top. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until golden brown. Yield: 2-4 servings.



Old Memories

By James J. Metcalfe

There are those special memories
We cherish through the years,
The most of them are happy ones
A few are touched by tears.

They all become more beautiful
The older now they grow,
And with their age they take their place
As days of long ago.

They are the pictures of a past
For which we sometime yearn,
But which we know so well is gone
And which cannot return.

They have no market value in
Our commerce of today,
They are not even anything
That we can give away.

And yet those memories can play
A most important part,
As they inspire or console
Or else-wise help the heart.

The best and most beautiful things
in the world cannot be seen or even
touched. They must be felt with the
heart. —Helen Keller

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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The Gift of Days

By Marion Schoeberlein

I wonder why we often spend
Our gift of days complaining when
We should be thankful to our God
For little things like rain and sun,
The birds and trees,
the air we breathe,
The carpet of the grass He lays,
If only we would realize
How precious is
God's gift of days.



Message from the Pastor

and

Worship in May

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

Theology at the Grocery Store

The other day I was at a grocery store in Frederick. I have loyalty cards for every store we use, so I scanned my loyalty card at the checkout register.

Then I heard those beautiful words we all love to hear. “You’ve earned a \$2.00 discount”, said the cashier with a smile. This was followed by a question: “would you like to claim those savings today?”

Without hesitation, I answered that I did, indeed, want to save money today.

She then instructed me to go to the screen and click the “REDEEM” button. And that got me thinking.

To “redeem” means to buy back something. As we read in, I Peter 1:18-19, we see the concept of redemption.

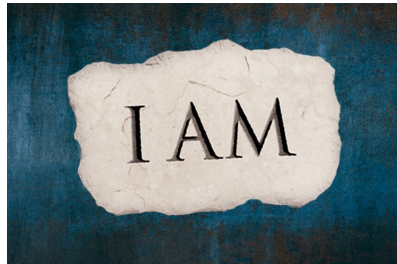
Peter wrote, “¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.”

So, we see that God, our loving Father, redeemed us from our sinful way of life. But the price He paid for our redemption was not silver, gold, or any other tangible material.

The price God paid to redeem us (buy us back from sin) was the precious blood of Jesus.

We still have Easter in our mind and can reflect on the substitutionary death of Christ, coupled with His powerful resurrection, so we still have the picture in our minds of the blood of Christ being shed for us.

In a practical application, I must ask myself if I am living my life in a manner that pleases God. It is something like trying to keep God from having “buyers’ remorse”!



The famous philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche, once said, “I would believe in a redeemer if God’s people lived like they were redeemed.”

What does this mean? It means that God chose to redeem ANYONE from sin who would accept Christ as their Savior. And the price God was willing to pay was the precious blood of His only begotten Son.

It also means that the redeemed were bought back from sin and defilement. We must not return to the lifestyle that characterizes these aspects.

Why does it matter? We need to live like we have been redeemed so others might believe in our Redeemer.

It will not be as easy as clicking “REDEEM” on a grocery store screen, but it is the mission to which we were all called.

Worship for May

Dear Salem Church Friends,

Having finished the special sermons in April, we will be changing our focus for the next few weeks.

There will be a few exceptions to the series, namely Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day, but for the rest of the time we will be in a series of sermons called the “I Am” Sermons.

We will be looking at the ways Jesus Christ described Himself. Each sermon will highlight a title Jesus used for

Himself and see how they apply to us today.

May 5, 2024

John 6:35

“I am the Bread of Life”

Following the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus used the opportunity to contrast spiritual nourishment from physical nourishment.

Those who ate the bread and fish were hungry again the next day. Jesus said whoever comes to Him will never hunger again. We will see what that means.

May 12, 2024

Mothers’ Day

I Samuel 1:21-28

“What’s a Mother To Do?”

Hannah had prayed for a son. She told God that if He would answer her prayer and give her a son, she would dedicate the child to God forever.

Every mother is responsible to dedicate her child/children to the Lord.

We will see what that means, why it matters, and celebrate every woman who has influence over people.

May 19th

John 8:12

“I am the Light of the World”

Jesus testified that He was the Light of the world and contrasted light with darkness. Following Jesus means not walking in darkness.

We will understand what it means to walk in light and we will see why, in today’s troubling times, it is necessary to not walk in darkness.

And we will see why it matters!

May 26th

John 10:9

“I am the Gate”

Jesus used the image of the shepherd to illustrate His relationship to His followers.

During that discourse, He referred to Himself as the Gate, by which His sheep will be able to go in and out to find pasture.

Today we will see how it benefits His sheep to have Him be the Gate.

There is protection, safety, and provision if we allow Him to be our Gate.

Jesus said . . .

I AM the Bread of Life
I AM the Light of the World
I AM the Gate

Salem Salutes Veterans Buried at Church Cemetery



In honor of Memorial Day 2024, Salem Community Church wishes to recognize our nation's veterans who are buried at Salem Church Cemetery. Visitors to the cemetery on this day will notice a flag at these grave sites.

Lloyd Bear
Robert Bear
Howard Brandenburg
Aaron Craver
Rodger Lee Eccard
Joseph R. Farsht
Elmer R. Finneyfrock
James Richard Frey
George C. Harne
Harold G. Harne
Francis C. Harshman
Robert Woodrow Heefner
William H. Horn
Agnes Kemerer
Verne F. Kemerer
Allen John Kline

Alvey G. Kline
Ary M. Kline
Carroll M. Kline
Floyd Ray Kline
Gaither W. Kline
Kenneth E. Kline, Jr.
Lawrence S. Kline
Raymond W. Kline
Merhle K. Martin
John Henry Maugans
Ronald L. McLucas
Joseph M. Nusbaum
William H. Shuff
Gaither E. Stotelmyer
Daniel Bruce Warrenfeltz
Paul Weiss

We also wish to honor Bill Buhrman who served in the U.S. Army National Guard.

Memorial Day • Decoration Day • Poppy Day

We give thanks on Memorial Day that we live in a free nation and we honor those who gave their lives for that blessing. Memorial Day is sometimes called Decoration Day. Since World War I, it has also been called Poppy Day.

The location of the first observance of Memorial Day is in dispute. Some claim the custom of honoring war dead began in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania. Others claim the custom was originated by some southern women who placed flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers after the Civil War.

According to one writer, the first Memorial Day service took place on May 30, 1866, on Belle Isle, a burial ground for Union soldiers in the St. James River, at Richmond, Virginia. The school

superintendent and the mayor planned the program of hymns and speeches and had the burial ground decorated with flowers.

In 1966, however, the U.S. Government proclaimed that Waterloo, New York, was the birthplace of Memorial Day. On May 5, 1865, the people of Waterloo had honored soldiers who had died in the Civil War. The custom of placing flowers on graves is an old one that exists in many countries.

Today, almost everywhere around the globe, people have a special day to honor not only those who gave their lives in battle, but also family members and friends whom they wish to remember. The northern states and some southern states celebrate Memorial Day on the last Monday in May. This date was made a Federal holiday in 1971.

Cemetery Points of Contact:

George Stottlemyer, Chair (301-293-2372)
Bobby Fogle
Robin Haupt
Steve Leatherman
Neil Suders, Pastor

Cemetery Mowing:

Mountain Valley Lawn Service
12405 Loy Wolfe Road
Myersville, MD 21773
301-293-1470

Salem Church Cemetery is located at
12537 Brandenburg Hollow Road.



Local Poetic Writer

THE “GOOD OLD DAYS”

By Nancy Strine, Frederick, MD

Imagine life in years gone by,
 when men looked upward to the sky
 and wondered when, or if they might,
 build some wings to create flight.
 First they struggled to make light
 that lit their homes through dark of night.
 There was so much for them to learn,
 to reach the sky and then return.



They toiled along for many years
 through wars, disease and other fears.
 With each new decade, they did find,
 were many mysteries to unwind.
 It was the year 2024.
 They thought they’d learned enough by then.
 but all they saw were other hills
 that challenged their resolve and will.

Finally, 3024 had come to pass
 and within each structured schoolroom class,
 a teacher helped the students see
 what life had finally come to be.
 Gasoline and cars were found nowhere,
 and people flew from here to there.
 Clothing passed through bright blue light
 and came out clean—no dirt in sight.

For gold and silver there was no need.
 No money was exchanged for feed.
 There were no licenses or cards.
 To track each person wasn’t hard.
 “Everyone lived secure,” they said,
 “a computer chip within their head.”
 Merchandise came to each one’s door
 by mind transference—nothing more.

No one could recall a phone,
 and encryption codes left speech alone.
 No banks were seen— the buildings gone—
 and no stadium seats to sit upon.
 One wonders about this world to come.
 Will people even need a home?
 Seeing life changed in these ways
 men just might yearn for the “Good Old Days.”

Note: Nancy Strine and her husband Howard are members of a church in Frederick but occasionally attend worship at Salem.

More Activities

Looking Ahead

- Sat June 15 - End of School/Start of Summer Celebration
- Mon-Fri July 15-19 - Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Wolfsville
- Sun July 28 - Ice Cream Social

NEWS & NOTES

Adult Choir Notes

In this small (but steadily growing) country church in Wolfsville, Marlene and I feel so blessed to be able to work with such a gifted group of singers.

We want to thank each one for sharing their time and talents to bless and encourage our congregation. As Romans 15:6 says: “So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” That is always our prayer, that our united voices may praise and glorify God.

We realize that our folks may be busier during the summer months with outdoor chores and other activities, so we will be taking a break from practicing until fall.

There will still be opportunities for you to use your talents to glorify God. Marlene is preparing a schedule of special music for morning worship. We welcome anyone who would like to share vocal or instrumental talents, just let her know. We will be glad to help anyone who would like to share a special offering.

“Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.” (Isaiah 12:5) —Sandy Lewis

Summer Special Music

We are developing the schedule for providing special music for two Sundays a month during June, July, August and September while the Salem Adult Choir is on break.

Music enhances our worship experience, draws us closer to the Lord, and prepares our hearts to hear the Word of God through Pastor Neil’s sermons.

You don’t have to be a choir member to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” If you would like to sing a song, play an instrument, as a solo, duet, trio, quartet, or other combination; or regardless of age or level of musical skill, the Lord and the Salem Community Church family would be blessed to have you participate!

Please contact Marlene Young (301-491-5275) to get on the schedule. Marlene can also help you find music if you’d like assistance and Sandy Lewis has offered to accompany anyone who is interested.

New Member Sunday • May 5

New member Sunday will be observed on May 5, 2024, at 9 a.m. worship. As of this writing, 8 folks have expressed an interest in becoming a member. Contact Pastor Neil to become a formal member of Salem Community Church on this day.



Celebration of Rev. John Schildt’s 90th Birthday

Rev. John Schildt will observe his 90th birthday on May 15th. John was a pastor at Salem from 1956-61, and got the church started on the ministry of the Lord’s Acre Festival. Those wishing to send a card to Rev. Schildt may send it to:

Rev. John W. Schildt
 P.O. Box 145
 Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Scenes from . . .



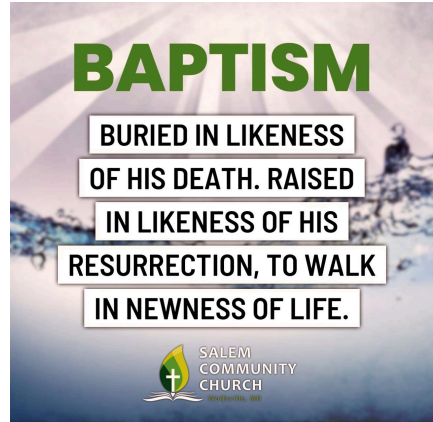
Celebration of Believer's Baptism

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April 14, 2024 — Our immersion baptism service was a joyous time of celebration as Pastor Neil Suders baptized 11 persons in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. There was a large crowd of friends and family that came to support our candidates. Our sincere thanks to the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren for the use of their baptistry. We give God all the glory for this special day! The following individuals were baptized:

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Gary Barkdoll | Tonia Mueller |
| Valentina Barkdoll | Lawson Rouzee |
| Tim Duley | Misty Suders |
| Mary Ellen Eccard | Krista Willman |
| Pat Eccard | Theah Willman |
| Klaus Mueller | |



Gary Barkdoll



Valentina Barkdoll



Tim Duley



Mary Ellen Eccard



Klaus Mueller



Tonia Mueller



Lawson Rouzee



Misty Suders



Theah Willman

Maundy Thursday

THE "LAST SUPPER" DRAMA



March 28, 2024 — From Left, Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Brian Rouzee (Bartholomew/Nathaniel), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Jim Laky (Judas), Dan Lafferty (Peter), Robin Haupt (John), David Brandenburg (Jesus), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), Steve Leatherman (Matthew), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

EASTER EGG HUNT



March 30, 2024 — 51 children, accompanied by parents and grandparents, attended the Salem Easter Egg Hunt and enjoyed hunting the 700 eggs hidden around the church and parsonage yard. All eggs were found except 4, and those were found the following week by Vernon Stottlemeyer's lawn mower.

Youth Class News Middle & High School Students



Salem Community Church is committed to a thriving Sunday School program, with Bible Study classes for all ages held each week from 10:15-11:00 a.m. right after the worship service. I am excited to be the teacher of the middle and high school "Youth Class" that meets in the upstairs social room.

These middle and high school years are such an important time in a young person's life. Learning and deepening an understanding of the Christian faith are critical elements for navigating these challenging years and beyond.

That's why we are using Bible-focused lesson materials from Scripture Press. We believe the infallible, inspired Word of God has the power to change lives. Helping our middle and high school students understand and apply the Bible to their lives is what Sunday School is all about.

Our Youth Class is looking to grow. We are excited to meet new students and always strive to make sure each guest feels loved and welcomed into the Salem Community Church family.

—Michael Burrier

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. —2 Timothy 3:16

NEWS & NOTES

Two New Youth Ministries



We are excited to introduce you to two new ministries at Salem Community Church.

The first one is "THRIVE" and it is for rising third grade students through sixth grade students.

"FORTRESS" will be our youth group which will be combined for the time being. Seventh through twelfth grade students will have combined activities at this time until we grow and can divide into a Junior High and Senior High ministries. Each ministry will be having an activity coming up.

Our THRIVE students will join Pastor Neil and Misty for a bowling and pizza extravaganza on Friday, May 31. We will be leaving the church at 6:00 p.m. and students can be picked up at 9:30 p.m. The cost per student will only be \$10, which will cover bowling, shoe rental, and pizza. Each student will need to have a permission slip signed to keep records of parent contact information, insurance information, dietary restrictions, and a waiver of liability.

FORTRESS students will be going with Pastor Neil and Misty to Sky Zone and ice cream sundaes. This will take place on Saturday, June 8 at 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The cost for each student will be \$20 for everything! Sky Zone has its own liability waiver which will need to be filled out and signed, and Salem Community Church will have our own permission slips to keep on file.

Both activities will be adequately chaperoned. There is financial aid available if there is a need for it. If there are any questions, please direct them to Pastor Neil. The permission slips are now available.

Midweek Prayer Meeting & Bible Study



Salem Community Church will be offering a new Bible Study and Prayer opportunity. Pastor Neil will be leading us through a verse-by-verse study of certain books of the Bible that will take place on Wednesday nights. This will be open to people of all ages. The study will be without PowerPoint, without ZOOM, and without music. It might even be without a microphone.

The format will be as follows: We will arrive, take our seat in the sanctuary, and have opening prayer. We will start with the Book of Romans, and will study the entire book verse by verse, one passage at a time. After the study, we will review the prayer list and split up throughout the sanctuary for prayer in small groups or individually. Pastor Neil will lead the closing prayer and for dismissal.

The evening will begin at 7:00 and end at 8:00. Since there will be no PowerPoint, each person must bring his or her own Bible and preferably a notebook. Midweek Prayer Meetings and Bible Studies can be the catalyst of a healthy, growing church.

This new ministry will begin on Wednesday, May 22 with the study beginning in the first chapter of Romans. Since there might not be enough bulletins left from Sunday, each person should also bring the bulletin from the previous Sunday.

In Christ, —Pastor Neil

**How to Give
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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:

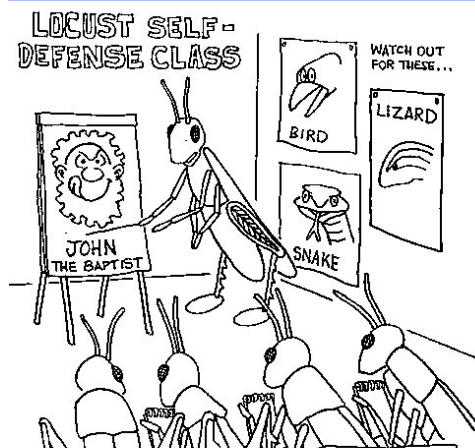
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 Myersville, MD 21773-0144

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

3. Electronically Online

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

Heavenly Humor



**HUMANS
 GENERALLY
 AREN'T A
 THREAT,
 BUT THERE
 IS THIS
 ONE
 EXCEPTION**
See Matthew 3:4

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future.

When a day is hemmed with prayer, it is less likely to come unraveled.

When it seems you can't forgive, remember how much you have been forgiven.

Remember the three R's —

- respect for self,
- respect for others,
- responsibility for your actions.



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



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