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Salem Community Church
Wolfsville

Wolfsville FOOD PANTRY
Open Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm
Located at SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
12479 Wolfsville Rd
Open to all residents with a Hagerstown, Switzburg or Sabillasville zip code

LORD'S ACRE Festival

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024
Food 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Live Auction 6:00 p.m.
Always the 2nd Sat in Sept

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Photos by Bill Burrier



Vestibule Entrance



Educational Building Entrance

• By Bill Burrier

In mid February, Salem's Church Council approved a proposal from D.L. Home Enhancements LLC, Hagerstown, to refurbish/replace the church's exterior doors. The work was done by Salem member Dan Lafferty, owner of D.L. Home Enhancements.

Vestibule Entrance

The doors on the vestibule entrance to the church sanctuary were refurbished and restored inside and out by Dan.

According to Salem Church history, these paneled-style doors date back to 1954, when the vestibule was added to the front of the church building, constructed by Jesse Green.

Paneled-style doors like these date back to 1700 colonial England.

Although panels were added to doors like these to make them stronger, for some, the panels had an interesting meaning.

What do you see when looking closely at these newly refurbished 70-year-old vestibule doors?

First of all, you will notice the beautiful

workmanship of a talented craftsman.

Then take a step back. Notice each of the double doors has 8 panels. At the top, did you notice the raised panels — the vertical middle stile and the horizontal rail — form a cross. Likewise, the panels at the bottom of the door also form a cross. Although not as obvious, some see an open Bible in those lower panels.

Back in colonial England, a paneled door with the cross at the top and an open Bible at the bottom were sometimes referred to as "Cross and Bible Doors" or "Christian Doors."

Early American Architectural Historians are aware of stories in this country about church doors also being viewed in this way. Their studies reveal that superstitious folks in early America hung these doors with a cross symbol to ward off witches.

Anyway, it is interesting to know the historical significance of this style door.

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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.

Colophon:
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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 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.

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Average Attendance for June 2024:
92 Sanctuary
32 Zoom Online
124 TOTAL

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

Amount Given to Projects Jan—June

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission \$1,255.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) 0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs)..... \$3,561.06
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber) **NEW in 2024**..... \$300.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem) \$5,348.19
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada) \$740.00
7. Board of Child Care (Martinsburg Campus) \$650.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) \$150.00
9. Open for 2024 0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) \$1,300.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick \$1,585.50
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) \$258.00
13. Open for 2024 0
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) \$210.00

TOTAL GIVEN to these projects in 2024 to date \$15,357.75

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 box 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. 5

Wolfsville Food Pantry

By Justinn & Holly Irons
Food Pantry Leaders

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Food Pantry. With your support, we are able to serve many families in the area.

In June, we had approximately 20 families come to the Food Pantry. It is such a blessing to be able to help so many people.

There are several items listed below that are popular among our families. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, please reach out to Justinn (301-788-9537).




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Located at
SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
12479 Wolfsville Rd

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



Open to any neighbor with a Myersville, Smithsburg or Sabillasville address.

Items Needed

- Canned Fruit
- Vienna Sausages
- Mustard
- Relish
- Crackers
- "Kid's" Cereal
- Pickles
- Cake Mix
- Laundry Detergent
- Beef Stew
- Brownie Mix
- Dish Detergent
- Chili with beans
- Icing
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Canned Chicken
- Mayonnaise
- Cleaning Supplies
- Spam
- Ketchup

[So far this year, Salem has provided financial support for the food pantry totaling \$5,348.19.]

Who's Doing What, When?

August 2024

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

Lay Reader

- 4 Heidi Agostini
- 11 David Brandenburg
- 18 Janice Harshman
- 25 Michael Burrier

Acolyte

- 4 Valentina Barkdoll
- 11 Lawson Rouzee
- 18 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 25 Brynleigh Irons

Organist/Pianist

- 4 Sara Weitzel
- 11 Sara Weitzel
- 18 Sara Weitzel
- 25 Sara Weitzel

Computer

- 4 Robin Haupt
- 11 Wanda Barkdoll
- 18 Michael Burrier
- 25 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Camera

- 4 Michael Burrier
- 11 Brandon Leatherman
- 18 Robin Haupt
- 25 Cathie Elsbach

Greeter

- 4 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 11 Dennis & Ruth Draper
- 18 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 25 Kathy Hill

A Welcoming Entrance

Salem's New Doors

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Educational Building Entrance

The doors at the front entrance to the educational building were completely replaced and built from scratch by Dan.

The new doors have two double sided raised panels milled from 8/4 red oak lumber, new satin stainless steel hardware inside and out, and finished with a beautiful clear natural finish.

The Scope of this Project

Dan Lafferty is clearly a very skilled craftsman, but he says he was humbled by the scope of this project.

When asked to comment on his experience with this project, Dan said, "Building oak wood doors for a church, let alone the church you happen to be an active member in, is to say the least, a very humbling experience.

"You see, with stained or natural sealed wooden doors there is no room for a mistake because you cannot simply add material back to the slab once it's removed.

"The old saying 'measure twice/cut once' has to stem back to finish carpentry. I recall on one of the dozen times I removed the existing doors to test fit the new set, I caught myself saying, 'what have I gotten myself into this time.'

"Immediately followed by that remark came a perfect set of mortised hinges on one of the new doors replicating the existing ones and thinking, 'daggone I'm good.'

"The humbling part to this particular scope of work is that I know nothing is put onto your shoulders that you can't handle as long as you believe in God.

"When that door slab was shaved, mortised, sanded and went into place like a glove, it was then that I thanked the 'man above' for giving me the skill set to work with my hands.

"I'm one of those people who strives to please, and that's a difficult task when you're not working for an individual client, but the whole church congregation.

"I believe the new entrances to the church turned out clean, warm and inviting. My hope is that others feel likewise, and if you haven't seen the recent updated entry ways into the church, then I encourage you to stop by Salem Community Church."

Community Reaction

The reaction to Dan's work on the new doors has been outstanding. When pictures of the doors were posted on Salem's Facebook page, positive comments came flowing in, saying, "Beautiful", "Thank you, Dan", "A wonderful welcoming to our church", "What a superb job", "Thank you, Dan Lafferty, who did the doors himself!", "Daniel Lafferty, what superb work! Thank you! So grateful for the ability to enter again by the front door into God's beautiful house of worship at Salem Community Church, Wolfsville in addition to the side door".

We offer a big "Thank You" to the Church Trustees for recommending the outstanding skills of Dan Lafferty, owner of D.L. Home Enhancements, for creating inviting entrances to our church building.

The new doors look fantastic!

It's Your Day!

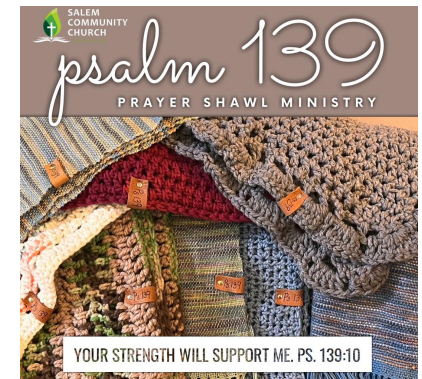


August Anniversaries

- 6 - Adam & Rachel Stottlemeyer
- 17 - Mike & Marlene Young
- 22 - Lee & Lora McGraw
- 29 - Kent & Polly Miller
- 29 - Andrew & Sarah Haddock
- 29 - Richard & Anita Harshman

August Birthdays

- 3 - Susan Koons
- 3 - Jessie Leatherman
- 6 - Jeff Harshman
- 7 - Linda Marenic
- 9 - Sara Burwell
- 11 - Cathie Elsbach
- 12 - Matt Tolland
- 15 - Danny Zimmerman
- 16 - Bill Weaver
- 17 - Timothy Doyle
- 18 - Amy Burwell
- 18 - Jerry Draper
- 19 - Meagan Wagaman
- 21 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 26 - Kenslie Buhrman
- 27 - Misty Suders
- 28 - Curtis Nelson
- 29 - Sandy Miller
- 30 - Camilo Barkdoll



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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 8:30-5:00 (office)

Study and Administration

Thursday 9:00-5:00 Visitation

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

August

By Lois Anne Williams

A time to relish summer
Before fall nips the air,
The time to take the youngsters
To the zoo or to a fair.

A time to see the bounty
In the harvest of our land
And sense the love and kindness
In these gifts from God's great hand.

A time to feel the showers
And count the stars at night,
Even spin a dream or two
Beneath the full moon's light.

A time to catch the beauty
Of a sunny, cloudless sky,
Enjoy the gifts of August;
Never let them pass you by.



God's Gift:

Sunshine on the Mountain

By Nancy Strine, Frederick, MD

This morning I awoke to a beautiful sight
while stretching out wrinkles of deep sleep at night.
I saw far-away mountains bathed in bright light
It was hard to stop staring, though try as I might.

Glowing rays of sunlight had parted the land
and trees were, thus, touched by God's Blessed Hand.
The green-colored leaves now shown in two bands,
and looked like blue oceans apart from the sands.

The small hillside houses were brightly displayed
and clouds overhead could give them no shade.
Their windows of glass were glowingly made.
The large shafts of sunlight seemed never to fade.

I felt, then, so blessed to begin a new day
with this beautiful vision. I felt both happy and gay.
Sad memories of loved ones
who have now passed away
faded into darkness— no longer to stay.

God created Nature— the beauty we see
This world is His gift to both you and me
It's ours to both cherish and handle with care and,
remembering our duty— with others to share.

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



RECIPE



Squash Medley

INGREDIENTS:

1 medium summer squash, halved and sliced	1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1 medium zucchini, halved and sliced	1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
4 bacon strips, diced	1/2 teaspoon chili powder
3/4 cup chopped onion	1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
2 tablespoons brown sugar	1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt	1-1/2 cups diced seeded peeled fresh tomatoes

DIRECTIONS:

- Place 1 inch of water in a saucepan. Add squash and zucchini. Bring to a boil; cook for 4-5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain and set aside.
- In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Using a slotted spoon, remove to paper towels. Drain, reserving 1 tablespoon drippings.
- In the drippings, saute onion until tender. Add the squash, brown sugar and seasonings. Stir in tomatoes. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with bacon. Serve with a slotted spoon.

Yield: 4-6 servings

Selected from Reminisce Magazine



Sharing

By Beulah Hardan

Is someone happier because
You passed his way today?
Did you bring a smile
to a clouded face
When you did not turn away?
Is someone's burden lighter
For just a little lift.
A pleasant word, a little boost,
Or perhaps some little gift?
Do you feel content and happy
When you settle down at night
Because you found a troubled friend
And helped to set him right?
A load is always lighter
When a friend walks by your side.
You cannot cure all the ills,
But at least you know you tried.
Let not one single day go by
At home, at work, at play ...
Unless someone is happier
Because you passed his way.

I can do everything through Him.

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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Nature

Nature meets many of man's needs.
Among other things he finds
beauty for his soul,
healing for his body,
knowledge for his inquiring
mind, communion with his
Creator, and peace for his
troubled heart.

—Esther Baldwin York



Message from the Pastor

and

Worship in August

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

A Declaration of Righteousness

Romans 3:23-24 — For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

We recently celebrated the Fourth of July, the holiday that recognizes the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. This declaration asserted our independence from England.

Because of the history of that declaration, and following the battle for independence, we now live in a country that is free. That means the declaration made in the past has implications for the present.

A few weeks ago, in our Mid-week Prayer and Bible Study (Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00), we were studying the third chapter of Romans.

The passage included the Biblical term “justified”.

The noun form of that word is “justification”. Justification is a judicial term whereby we are declared righteous by God.

Much like the Declaration of Independence, our declaration of righteousness grants us freedoms and liberties, as well. We are freed from the bondage of sin

This is significant because it is not the same as being MADE righteous. When we receive Christ as our savior, by grace through faith, we are declared righteous by God.

If God MADE us righteous, we would no longer have a sin nature. If we had no sin nature, we would no longer be tempted to sin.

The problem is that we DO struggle with temptation, and we DO still sin.

Have you ever wanted to avoid certain sins and resist recurring



temptations, only to succumb to those sins and temptations? We all have.

But, being justified means that since God declared us righteous, He cannot, nor will not, declare us unrighteous!

May the blessing of justification (being declared righteous) bring us joy and victory in our Christian life!

In Christ, —Pastor Neil

Worship in August

We will be continuing the series on the “Seven Churches of Revelation” this month.

While there are many similarities to certain eras in church history, there are also common elements to individual believers in various levels of spiritual maturity.

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Revelation 2:12-17

**“The Church at Pergamum;
The Need for Truth”**

This church at Pergamum corresponds to the era of Church History known as the “State Church” era.

This era began after Constantine the Great became a Christian.

He issued the Edict of Milan in AD 313. That Edict ended religious persecution, gave birth to religious liberty, and virtually made Christianity the state religion.

The problem with that is that the church became compromised and weak.

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Revelation 2:18-29

**“The Church at Thyatira;
The Need for Holiness”**

The era of Church History that matches the church of Thyatira is the era when the Roman Catholic Church was spreading among the Roman Empire.

Unfortunately, when the church was growing that fast, some parts of the church became corrupt.

The corruption resulted in Martin Luther nailing his ninety-five theses to the church door in Wittenburg, Germany. The church was corrupt and needed holiness.

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Revelation 3:1-6

**“The Church at Sardis;
The Need for Reality”**

The Church at Sardis appeared to be alive, but it was dead. The Reformed church had made changes from the Papal church, but it was still just going through the motions.

There are churches today that appear to be alive, but there is no life or vibrancy in the ministry.

Similarly, there are many “Christians” who appear to be alive in their faith, but they are dead spiritually.

The Church at Sardis gives us incredible insights into the need for reality!

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Revelation 3:7-13

**“The Church at Philadelphia;
the Need for Opportunity”**

The Church at Philadelphia corresponds to the era in history characterized by the Missionary Church.

In 1730, there began a movement to take the Gospel to the entire world.

Evangelistic fervor, coupled with transportation innovation, created opportunity for the church to spread the Gospel across the world.

Philadelphia was one of two churches that received no condemnation from Jesus in Revelation.

The opportunity for us to spread the Gospel is just as prevalent today.

PASTOR'S VISITATION DAY

Pastor Neil has moved his weekly pastoral visitation day from Wednesday to Thursday. See Pastor Neil's other weekly office hours on page 3.

LOCAL CHURCH PICNICS & FESTIVALS

1st Saturday in August

August 3, 2024 11 a.m.

GARFIELD CHURCH PICNIC

Garfield Picnic Woods at corner of
Garfield & Brandenburg Hollow
Sponsored by Garfield UMC

2nd Saturday in August

August 10, 2024 11 a.m.

MT. BETHEL CHURCH PICNIC

Corner of Stottlemyer & Ridenour
Sponsored by Mt. Bethel UMC

4th Saturday in August

August 24, 2024 11 a.m.

WOLFVILLE PICNIC

NEW DATE & LOCATION

Wolfsville Ruritan Park
Brandenburg Hollow Road
Sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran
Church & Sunday School, Wolfsville

2nd Saturday in September

September 14, 2024 2-6 p.m.

LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL

Wolfsville Ruritan Park
Brandenburg Hollow Road
Sponsored by Salem Community
Church, Wolfsville

HERO'S CLUB

After School Ministry

Hero's Club is returning to Salem in September 2024

Would you like to help with this vital ministry to students from Wolfsville Elementary School?

Hero's Club will meet on Mondays, starting in September, with us walking 20+ students from the school to the church. We will be meeting from 3:00—6:00 p.m.

The ministry will provide students with Bible lessons, crafts, games, help with homework, and so much more.

The background checks will apply to this ministry, as well, so if you are interested, please contact Pastor Neil.

Even if you can't commit to EVERY Monday, we would love for you to help when you can.

A **Hero's Club Volunteer Meeting** will be held Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Photo by Mike Young



July 14, 2024 — Salem Community Church was blessed to have one of multiple quartets from the Frederick Catoctones with us for worship. Richard Heffner (Tenor), Roger Christ (Lead), Rob Nicodemus (Baritone) and Chuck Boteler (Bass). Salem's own Marlene Young sang one song with the quartet. The award-winning Frederick Catoctones all male chorus has been celebrating barbershop acapella harmony for more than 55 years. Chartered in 1967, the Frederick Catoctones, based in Frederick, MD, is a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the education and enjoyment of acapella music in the local community and to enrich lives through singing. The full chorus participates in divisional and district competitions and performs across the region.



High School Graduate Honored

Seth Marenic is the son of Tom Marenic Jr. & Celeste Gadbow. Grandson of Linda & the late Tom Marenic Sr. Seth graduated from Oriskany High School in Oriskany, New York on June 20, 2024. He will be attending Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, New York.

Seth is spending the summer with his grandmother Linda Marenic and is attending Salem while here in Maryland.

From left are Denny Leatherman (Lay Leader), Seth, and Pastor Neil.

"New" Lay Readers, Acolytes & Greeters to serve at worship

- **New Lay Readers:** Camilo Barkdoll, David Brandenburg, Mary Ellen Eccard
- **New Acolytes:** Brynleigh Irons, Saralyn Irons, Lawson Rouzee, Landon Lafferty
- **New Greeter:** Kathy Hill

A big thank you to those listed above who recently volunteered to serve in worship at Salem. If you are feeling led to serve in this way, contact Pastor Neil or Bill Burrier who prepares the schedule.

Board of Trustees News

Water Damage in the Parsonage — A couple months ago, there was an unfortunate water line burst under the kitchen sink in the parsonage. It occurred when the pastor and his wife were not at home. The damage was extensive. Paul Davis Restoration Specialists was engaged to do the immediate cleanup and assess the damage. Asbestos was found in the kitchen walls (not uncommon with older homes that have water damage), therefore the kitchen must be totally remodeled to remove and replace everything. In addition, the nearby bathroom, some of the hallway and parts of the HVAC system will need to be replaced as well. An insurance claim was made and an adjuster has been on site. Details may change as the process develops.

Elevator Inspection Passed — ATIS Elevator Inspections LLC along with a State of Maryland representative as a witness, recently conducted an annual inspection and a five-year full load safety test, also known as a Category 5 test. The test is performed using test weights.

Fire Extinguishers & Fire Alarm System — BFPE International Fire, Safety & Security Company recently performed a maintenance check of the church's eight fire extinguishers and also performed an annual inspection of the church's fire alarm system.

Sanctuary Piano Tuned — Kramer's Piano Shop recently performed an annual fine tuning of the Yamaha upright sanctuary piano and replaced humidifier pads within the piano.



BIBLE SCHOOL WAS AWESOME!

- 25 students attended from many different churches and some who are unchurched.
- The Bible School offering will be given to Middletown Valley People Helping People.
- Our thanks to Hanna Rouzee and Jody Eccard for coordinating the Bible School joint effort between St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Salem Community Church, Wolfsville.



Photos from Salem's Facebook Page

SALEM IRON MEN GATHERINGS & EVENTS

- August 8th - The "Men's Fireside Chat" is postponed until September 12th.
- August 24th - "Men's Breakfast Gathering" @ 8am in the church pavilion.
- August 24th - "Family Night at the Ball Park" 6pm @ Meritus Ball Park, Hagerstown. Contact Bill Weaver for group seating availability wmweaver@myactv.net

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



- October 10th - 13th Zoweh Women's Deepening Weekend in Goshen, VA. For more information email Joyce Weaver ajweaver@myactv.net. Registration Link: <https://www.zoweh.org/the-deepening-weekend>
- October 12th - Men's DFG Summit in the church pavilion, 8am - Noon. Free registration, morning coffee and donuts



Mark Your Calendar

Spaghetti Dinner set for October 4, 2024

The Salem "Bee-lievers" women's group will conduct a spaghetti dinner on Friday evening, October 4, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church social room.

Please come and join us for great food, and fellowship with friends and neighbors.

There will be no set price for the dinner, just your donation.

For more information contact Wanda Barkdoll, jansack@earthlink.net or at 301-575-4293.



Photo by Bill Burrier • July 14, 2024

Charting the Course

"Building Connections; Growing God's Family" is our vision statement. Have you noticed the sanctuary seems to be "getting smaller"? God is blessing us with new faces and beloved worshipers joining the Salem Community Church family. What does the future hold? The Church Council has decided to form an exploratory committee to investigate ideas to facilitate future growth.

The new "Future Growth Committee" will be forming soon. We are opening this committee up to the congregation to see if there is any interest in helping to discuss this important aspect of ministry. The group will be addressing both immediate, short-term goals as well as future, long term goals.

Vernon Stottlemyer, the Church Council Chairman, will be the contact person for this team. If you are interested in being a part of the "Future Growth Committee," please speak to Vernon by August 15.

Plans underway for Lord's Acre Festival

Always the Second Saturday in September

64th
Annual



Saturday
September 14, 2024

Wolfsville Ruritan Park

Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.

Live Auction: 6:00 p.m.

Free Admission • Free Parking
Rain or Shine

Food (2:00-6:00 p.m.)

- Homemade soups (beef vegetable, ham bean & turkey noodle),
- Sandwiches (country ham, turkey salad, hot beef, hot dog, chili dog, kraut dog & pulled pork),
- French Fries,
- Baked Goods (cookies, pies, cakes, more),
- Soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and water.

Most everything sold is donated by members and friends. What comes in is a surprise to everyone!

Ice Cream 2:00-6:00 p.m.

- Hand-dipped by the bowl

Crafts & Fancy Needlework

(2:00-6:00 p.m.)

- A wide variety of handmade fancy needlework and craft items will be on sale.

Produce 2:00-6:00 p.m.

- Fresh produce, fruits & vegetables.

Flea Tables 2:00-6:00 p.m.

- Household items and books. Nothing is priced. Your donation buys it.

Silent Auction 2:00-5:00 p.m.

- Bid on donated items.

Music 2:00-5:00 p.m.

- Christian Music by The Irons Family

Live Auction 6:00 p.m.

- Unique & unsold items
Robert A. Wilson, Auctioneer



END OF SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday August 18 3:00 pm

Ole Mink Farm Recreation Resort
12806 Mink Farm Road

Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

Feel free to jump in the pool or stay dry and play a game of pickle ball, horseshoes, or corn hole. Contact Sandy Miller

NEWS & NOTES

Special Music at Worship 🎵

We're so grateful to those who have and who will offer their musical gifts to enrich our worship services this summer while the Adult Choir is on break.

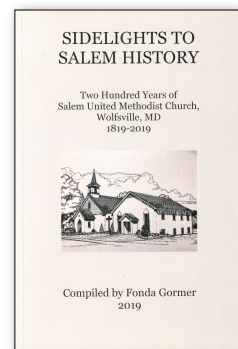
Choir rehearsals will resume in the Fall and we look forward to the return of each choir member and invite others to join us.

Salem History Book

The book titled "Sidelights to Salem History" is now available at Salem in its 2nd printing.

The book details some lesser known facets of Salem's past and the people involved, along with additional pictures.

The book costs \$10 and is available from Vernon Stottlemeyer, 301-293-1470. Copies will also be on sale at Salem's upcoming Lord's Acre Festival on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Funds from the sale of the books will benefit Salem's Lord's Acre Project.




SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

join us

MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS @ 7 P.M.

Join us Wednesday evenings at Salem Community Church as Pastor Neil leads a study of the book of Romans and we pray for our church family and community.

We LOVE children in church!

Pastor Neil has a special message for the children every Sunday from God's Word; and look for the colorful Activity Bags for children to pick up on their way into the 9:00 a.m. church service.

Our attendance has increased significantly. The number in attendance on Sunday in the sanctuary and online is on page 2.

What is a Lord's Acre?

There are many new faces at Salem Community Church and some are not familiar with our Lord's Acre Festival. Our first Lord's Acre was in 1960 and this year will be our 64th.

The Lord's Acre program began as an interdenominational movement among country churches in western North Carolina in 1930, as a means of raising funds in small congregations with limited financial resources.

A portion or "acre" of a church member's land was set aside to raise crops to be sold to benefit the church. Livestock was also dedicated for this purpose. Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other salable talent they possessed. The Lord's Acre Festival is a sale of those donations.

Salem's Lord's Acre Festival, an annual event which began in 1960, works just that way. Most everything sold is donated by members and friends. What comes in is a surprise to everyone!

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar

- Sep 8 - Believer's Baptism Service, 11:15 a.m.
- Sep 14 - Lord's Acre Festival, 2:00 p.m.
- Sep 15 - New Members Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
- Oct 4 - Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct 12 - Men's Summit, 8:00 a.m.
- Oct 13 - Homecoming Sunday

**How to Give
Tithes & Offerings**

1. Offering Box in Sanctuary

For those at sanctuary worship, an offering box 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.

Heavenly Humor

New Business

A new business was opening and one of the owner's friends wanted to send him flowers for the occasion. They arrived at the new business site and the owner read the card, "Rest in Peace." The owner was angry and called the florist to complain.



After he had told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was, the florist replied, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this: somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new location.'"

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

God rewards not according to the amount of work done, but according to faithfulness in doing it.

Contentment is produced, not by what is around us, but by what is within us.

Though words break no bones, they can break hearts.

I've learned...
 That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?



The Mountain Shepherd

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Address Services Requested

SERVICE TIMES

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



The Lord's Acre Festival
 is only a month away!
 Saturday, September 14th

Place
Stamp
Here



August 2024

COME GROW WITH US