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Building Connections.
Growing God's Family.

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Bringing hope by sharing the peace of Christ
through teaching His word, extending His grace,
and serving others in His love.

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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 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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Aug 2024 — Average Worship Attendance
92 Sanctuary
33 Zoom Online
125 TOTAL

Go 2024 MISSION PROJECTS

"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

	Amount Given to Projects Jan—Aug
1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$1,665.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs).....	\$4,342.66
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber) NEW in 2024	\$400.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem)	\$7,740.26
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada)	\$1,050.00
7. Board of Child Care (Martinsburg Campus)	\$850.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	\$200.00
9. Open for 2024	0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)	\$1,700.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	\$2,091.35
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	\$344.00
13. Heroes' Club NEW in 2024	0
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	\$280.00
TOTAL GIVEN to these projects in 2024 to date	\$20,663.27

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. 6

Travis & Mary (Elmore) Diede

TRAVIS, MARY & MÉLODIE WILL BE AT SALEM'S HOMECOMING CELEBRATION, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Travis, Mary & Mélodie are making a short trip to the United States from September 26 to October 31, to connect with family, friends and churches who support their ministry. Mary hasn't been back to the US for five years.

They will be in Lansdale and Waynesboro, PA, Selkirk, Albany and Clayton, NY, Wolfsville, MD, Lynchburg, VA, Goose Creek, SC – and then with Mary's parents in SC, and Hull, GA.

They are praying for more partners, both in prayer and in monthly or one-time financial support. Regarding financial support, if you have friends or churches who might be interested in hearing about their ministry in Calgary and partnering with them in any way, they would be happy to send a brief introductory video.

They are so thankful for your prayers and encouragement as they serve the Lord in Calgary. What a joy it is to be part of the worldwide family of Christ!

When they are in Wolfsville for our Homecoming Celebration on October 13th, they will be sharing during the service about their ministry in Calgary.

Prior to her marriage to Travis, Mary (Elmore) visited Salem several times sharing her ministry when she was in Tanzania, Africa. During her ministry in France, she shared her ministry from there using Salem's worship service Zoom connection. Mary is now excited to introduce Travis and their daughter to the Salem congregation. We look forward to seeing them on October 13th.



*Travis, Mary & Mélodie
Missionaries in Calgary, Canada*

Who's Doing What, When? October 2024

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

Lay Reader

- 6 David Brandenburg
- 13 Gary Barkdoll
- 20 Heidi Agostini
- 27 Wanda Barkdoll

Acolyte

- 6 Brynleigh Irons
- 13 Shelby Leatherman
- 20 Saralyn Irons
- 27 Landon Lafferty

Organist/Pianist

- 6 Sara Weitzel
- 13 Sara Weitzel
- 20 Sara Weitzel
- 27 Sara Weitzel

Computer

- 6 Wanda Barkdoll
- 13 Robin Haupt
- 20 Michael Burrier
- 27 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Camera

- 6 Michael Burrier
- 13 Brandon Leatherman
- 20 Robin Haupt
- 27 Cathie Elsbach

Greeter

- 6 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 13 Dennis & Ruth Draper
- 20 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 27 Kathy Hill

Another Big Success in 2024

The Lord has blessed our Lord's Acre Festival 64 times

A big "Thank You" to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting our Lord's Acre Festival.



The following morning at Sunday worship, Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer, gave a preliminary financial report to the Salem congregation.

With the church's growth and many new faces since the inception of Salem Community Church one year ago, Bill began his report with a brief history of the event.

Bill said, "We have done this 64 times: 10 times in the old Wolfsville School and 54 times at the Ruritan Park.

"The first Lord's Acre was in 1960 and the profits totaled \$742.34. If you adjust that number for inflation, the equivalent to that amount today would be \$7,742."

The numbers from this year's event show just how much the Lord has blessed this ministry and how much it has grown over these many years... i.e., it is now three times bigger than the initial event.

Some of the items sold at the 6 p.m. auction

■ Robert Wilson, Auctioneer

Log Cabin (replica)	\$500.00
Checker Table	\$65.00
Bird House	\$80.00
Oak Table	\$50.00
Child's Bed	\$130.00
Items by Stanley Kline	\$5 to \$60
Baby Quilt	\$45.00
Featured Quilt	\$230.00



2024 Lord's Acre Report

as of September 23, 2024

Sales:

Produce	\$501.75
Crafts	\$528.50
Salem History Book Sales	120.00
Flea Tables	\$900.09
Silent Auction	\$550.00
Live Auction	\$2,492.00
Soup/Sandwiches	\$4,568.00
Baked Goods	\$1,386.00
Ice Cream & Youth Activities ...	\$450.00

Contributions:

Bee-lievers' Contribution	\$6,000.00
Individual Contributions	\$6,245.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,741.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,465.39
PROFIT	\$21,275.95

It's Your Day!

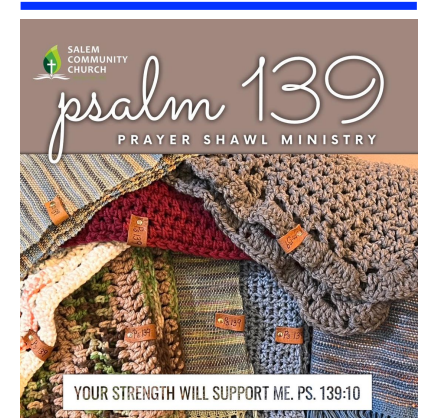


October Anniversaries

- 6 - Brett & Kendra Haupt
- 9 - Joshua & Trista Wright
- 9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
- 14 - George & Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 20 - Meredith & Janice Harshman

October Birthdays

- 1 - Mary Brown
- 3 - Henry Wright
- 4 - Charlie Beall
- 4 - Justin Fogle
- 5 - Tim Brown
- 6 - Ron Ellis Jr.
- 9 - Brandon Ferris
- 12 - Saralynn Irons
- 13 - George Hawkins
- 14 - Bryan Rouzee
- 17 - Jamie Lafferty
- 18 - Adam Robinson
- 18 - Tyler Ferris
- 20 - Dennis Draper
- 26 - Bailey Blickenstaff
- 29 - Riley Mellott
- 30 - Maggie Mueller
- 31 - Jason Buhman



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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

Rocks, Pebbles and Sand

By Tim Wentz

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When class began, wordlessly he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks right to the top, rocks about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. The students laughed. He asked his students again if the jar was full? They agreed that yes, it was.

The professor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. "Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this is your life.

The rocks are the important things — your family, your partner, your health, your children — anything that is so important to you that if it were lost, you would be nearly destroyed.

The pebbles are the other things in life that matter, but on a smaller scale. The pebbles represent things like your job, your house, your car.

The sand is everything else; the small stuff. If you put the sand or the pebbles into the jar first, there is no room for the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all of your energy and time on the small stuff, material things, you will never have room for the things that are truly most important.

Pay attention to the things that are critical in your life. Play with your children. Take your partner out for dinner. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal.

Take care of the rocks first — the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just pebbles and sand.

Editor's Note: This article was submitted to *The Mountain Shepherd* by Joann Leatherman and published in the October 2002 issue. Your editor felt it was worthy of being repeated.

A Crisp Fall Day

By Sallie Bristow

There's something about a crisp fall day
To remind us that God
is planning His way
To take the warmth and sunshine away
But leave autumn's glow
to brighten our way.



RECIPE



Hawaiian Wedding Cake

Use 13 x 9 1/2 inch pan. Bake 1 Duncan Hines white or yellow cake according to directions. Let cool.

BEAT UP TOGETHER:

1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
2 cups milk
1 (5 3/4 oz.) vanilla instant pudding

Spread over the cooled cake. Spread 1 (20 ounce) can of drained pineapple (crushed). Top it off with 1 large container of Cool Whip. Spread nuts or coconut on top (optional).

Submitted by Theresa Haupt



God's Gift

By Russell T. Brown

I talked with God just yesterday

For it was early spring;

I watched His green world come to life — A most inspiring thing.

I walked with Him through summer

And watched the whole world grow;

I basked in summer's sunshine

And prayer 'twould never go.

But I awoke this morning,

And autumn filled the air;

The green leaves turned to crimson,

And God was everywhere.

I strolled through field and woodland,

Ablaze on every knoll,

A preview of God's heaven;

Its beauty filled my soul.

Tomorrow will be winter,

And God will still be there;

But I'm sure He sent me autumn,

His jeweled gift to share.

Autumn Abounds

By Esther York Burkholder

Autumn abounds in things to delight the sense and the spirit. Trees flaunt a lavishness of color. Fruit ripens and mellows for the eating. The harvest of the year's endeavors has come. And the coolness of the air points to hearthside and holiday and the gathering of friends. It is time to enjoy and to share the abundance that is ours.

Sticky Buns & Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's "Bee-lievers" women's group, Anita Harshman is making sticky buns and pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon
Sticky Buns: \$12
- Apple Pie: \$10
- Cherry or Peach: \$11
- Raspberry, Blueberry or Blackberry: \$13

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 240-818-0126.

August 2020

IT'S A BOY

Oliver Wesley Hudson-Koons

Congratulations to Joshua Koons and Sahara Hudson on the birth of a son, Oliver Wesley Hudson-Koons.

Oliver was born July 19, 2024, at 6:54 a.m. at Meritus Medical Center, Hagerstown.

He weighed 5 pounds 3 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Paternal grandmother is Susan Koons.

After some time at Children's Hospital in Washington, DC, Oliver is home and doing well.



Message from the Pastor

and

Worship in October

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

The Lord's Acre (a first-timer's perspective)

For a little over six decades, Salem has celebrated the annual Lord's Acre. On the evening I interviewed with the Search Team last August, there was a meeting of ladies to work on plans for the Lord's Acre. I gathered it must be quite an event.

When I came here as your pastor, I saw activities and calendars being filled with things to do to prepare for the Lord's Acre.

I had no idea what to expect, but it was suggested I not schedule any major activities the days after the Lord's Acre. Something in my gut told me I should heed that advice.

So, September 14th came, as promised. We were blessed with absolute perfect weather. For the rest of the day, Misty and I experienced our first Lord's Acre. It was an amazing day, and I learned some life principles during Lord's Acre.

Life Principles

First, good things happen when everyone works together.

Many people worked very hard for several days doing varied tasks that contributed to the overall success of the event.

Another principle learned from the Lord's Acre is the principle of "interdependence".

The principle of interdependence is where every person depends on each other. It is the foundation of teamwork.

We all relied on other people to do their part, knowing people were counting on us to do ours, as well.

Another principle learned from Lord's Acre is this: The greatest ability is availability.

Some people could work. Some donated items. Some contributed money.



Pastor Neil donned his Salem Community Church shirt and apron to help with Lord's Acre and also took the time to record a short video just prior to its start.

When the church is available to do what they COULD, the mission is a success.

I also was reminded of the principle of communication. Any endeavor that involves many entities working together requires communication.

The final principle I saw in effect during the Lord's Acre was the importance of prayer. The late Dr. Jerry Falwell used to tell us Liberty Students, "Nothing of eternal significance happens without prayer."

God blessed Lord's Acre in so many ways because we, as a church, had been praying. Lord's Acre is a total church ministry that brings us all together for a common goal. We have fun and we work hard. We apply these principles and see great results.

The first Lord's Acre Misty and I experienced was a tremendous blessing. We are looking forward to the next one. We hope you are, too. September 13, 2025, will be here before you know it.

Worship for October

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Communion Sunday

"The Tribulation: The Anti-Christ and False Prophet"

Revelation 13:1-18

There is the Holy Trinity consisting of God the Father, God the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit. But in the Tribulation, there will be an Unholy Trinity. This will be made up of Satan, the Anti-Christ, and the False Prophet. The first seal judgment was the arrival of the Anti-Christ. However, for the first half of the Tribulation, his role will be that of a peacemaker and world leader.

This chapter will see more of the insidious acts of the Anti-Christ, as well as the arrival of the False Prophet.

Sunday, October 13, 2024,

Homecoming Sunday

"The Seven Bowl Judgments"

Revelation 16:1-21

The Third set of judgments will be the bowl judgments. Some versions of the Bible call these the Vial judgments because the Greek word can be used for both "bowl" or "vial".

These seven judgments will be the most severe and the most extreme judgments to be hurled upon the earth. The end of the earth, as we know it, is fast approaching.

These rapid-fire judgments will culminate in the second coming of Christ.

Sunday, October 20, 2024

"Judgment of the One-World Church"

Revelation 17:1-18

"She" is called the Harlot. The Harlot is the one-world church that is a false religion that will lead the world astray. She will invite people to NOT turn to God. In the Tribulation, the one-world church and the one-world government will go together. It will almost be like a state-run church.

Many will be open to religion, but they will worship the church instead of God. We will see how God will judge the harlot.

Sunday, October 27, 2024

"Judgment of the One-World Government"

Revelation 18:1-24

On January 1, 2002, a new global currency known as the "Euro" arrived in the world. This replaced many national currencies in Europe. This has paved the way for a one-world economy and a one-world government. Revelation calls this "Babylon, the city".

The Anti-Christ will try to be a world leader by proclaiming himself to be God. This type of behavior can not be allowed to stand, and God will judge it.

Scenes from . . .

Celebration of Believer's Baptism

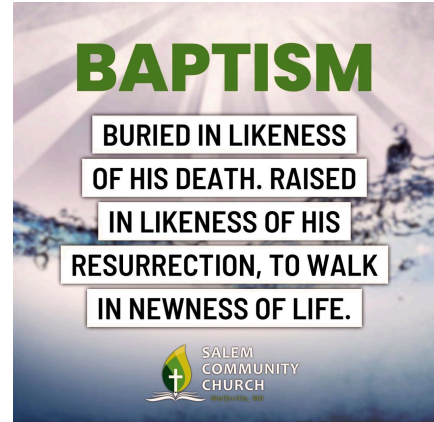


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September 8, 2024

A beautiful day as five members on September 8, 2024 from the Salem Community Church family publicly declared their faith in Jesus through Believers' Baptism. Congratulations to Shelby Leatherman, Cheyenne Leatherman, Cassie Webb, Rylie Webb and Janet Goetzke. We love you! Thank you to the Muellers for making their home and pool available.



Janet Goetzke



Rylie Webb



Cheyenne Leatherman



Tim Duley

Rylie Webb, Cassie Webb, Shelby Leatherman, Cheyenne Leatherman, Janet Goetzke



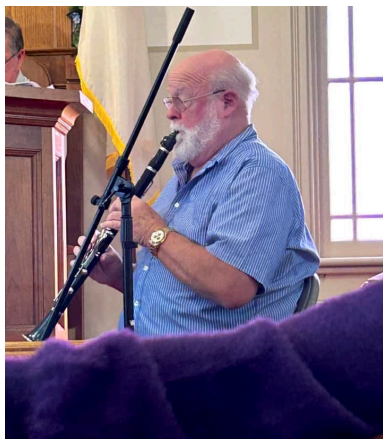
Shelby Leatherman



Cassie Webb

News from . . .

Music Ministry at Salem



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.

In the photos above, Sara Weitzel, Salem's Organist/Pianist, and her brother Doug Remsberg presented a special piano Clarinet Duet during worship on September 8, 2024, "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty."

In a Facebook post, Sara wrote, "It's only taken about 60 years, but my brother, Doug, and I finally played a piano clarinet duet at my church this morning for the special music! It went very well (except for a couple missed notes on my part), and hopefully our parents were looking down on us from heaven with joyful hearts!"

We'd also like to recognize all those who shared their musical talent in worship at Salem this summer. June 2, Katie Laky; June 16, Joann Leatherman; June 23, Brynleigh Irons; June 30, Jim Laky; July 14, Frederick Catoctones Quartet; July 21, Marlene Young & Joann Leatherman; July 28, Quartet, Katie Laky, Sandy Lewis, Denny Leatherman, Jim Laky; August 4, Susie Stottlemeyer & Linda Marenic; August 18, Quartet, Jessie, Cheyenne, & Shelby Leatherman & Janet Goetzke; September 8, Sara Weitzel & Doug Remsberg; September 15, Tony Miller; and September 22, Trio, Pastor Neil, Marlene Young & Sandy Lewis.

Salem Adult Choir Notes

Sandy Lewis & Marlene Young, Co-Choir Directors

Salem's Community Choir has begun practicing for the Fall season and will continue on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Marlene Young will once again be directing us and she has selected some wonderful songs for us to offer during morning worship and for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We will also be singing for the special Homecoming Service on October 13, 2024.

We always welcome anyone who might enjoy singing with us. The songs are not difficult and Marlene and I will be glad to help anyone who would like to join us.

We will have an audio CD to help in learning our Christmas musical and Marlene is also providing audio links so that each person can listen to the songs and familiarize themselves with them.

When you use the musical gifts God has given you to bless others, you will also be blessed.

We hope to have all of our choir members back this season and welcome anyone else who would like to sing with us.

"It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sign praises to the Most High." Psalm 92:1 NLT

Salem Children's Choir

Sara Weitzel & Jody Eccard Duley, Co-Choir Directors

The Children's Choir will continue practicing the song they will be performing for the Homecoming Service on Sundays, September 29th and October 6th, 11:00-11:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

Contact Sara Weitzel (Cell: 240-409-1241; Email: srweitzel@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or need additional information.



August 24, 2024 — The Salem Iron Men and Elder-Sage Posse hosted a family night at the new Meritus Ball Park in Hagerstown, to watch the Hagerstown Flying Boxcars take on the York Revolution. It was exciting to see Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, displayed on the billboard.

SALEM IRON MEN GATHERINGS & EVENTS



Thursday, October 10th @ 7 p.m.
Monthly Men's Fireside Gathering
at the church pavilion



Saturday, October 12th, 8 a.m. to Noon

Zoweh DFG (Dangerous For Good) Men's Summit

Discover Who You Are, Where You Are, and The Good That God is Up to in Your Life.

A "Dangerous For Good" Men's Summit brings the energy and experience of a Zoweh - Heart of a Warrior Encounter weekend to the men in your church or community to invite them into deeper friendships and more intimate community through a shared journey of discovering who they are, where they are, and the good that God is up to in their lives.

Join our Salem Iron Men on Saturday, October 12th from 8 a.m. – Noon at the Salem Community Church Pavilion in Wolfsville.



August 25, 2024 — The Salem Elder-Sage "Posse" is growing. On August 25th we recognized Vernon Stottlemeyer for completing the Zoweh Elder Sage Initiative requirements by presenting him with his Zoweh Elder-Sage Ring. Pastor Neil Suders received his Zoweh Elder-Sage Challenge Coin to commemorate his entrance into the Zoweh Elder-Sage Apprentice process. Zoweh Elder-Sage Gary Barkdoll will be serving as Pastor Neil's Guide. Salem Elder-Sage Posse members, left to right: Gary Barkdoll, Pastor Neil Suders, Vernon Stottlemeyer, Denny Leatherman, and Bill Weaver.

2024 Women's Retreat set for November 1-2, 2024 at Ole Mink Farm Recreation Resort

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." ~Psalm 100:4-5 (NIV)

You are invited to an overnight women's retreat, where we will gather to enter His presence with hearts full of thanksgiving.

As we come together, we will focus on the enduring goodness of the Lord, whose love never fails and whose faithfulness spans all generations. We invite you to join us for a time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and deepening our relationship with the One whose love never ends.

Date: Friday, November 1 to
Saturday November 2, 2024

Time: Friday, 6-9 p.m. and
Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Where: Ole Mink Farm Recreation Resort

Cost: \$75 (Without Lodging) or
\$125 with Overnight Lodging on Friday

enter his gates with
THANKSGIVING
and his courts with praise
PSALMS 100:4

Ole Mink Farm Recreation Resort
12806 Mink Farm Road
Thurmont, MD 21788

Payments can be made by check to Ole Mink Farm at the above address or you may call Ole Mink Farm with a credit card as well.

In order to prepare and purchase the necessary supplies, **please register by October 9, 2024.**

Feel free to invite a friend! Hope to see you there!

Debbie & Davada Irons 301-271-7012
info@oleminkfarm.com



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.

More News & Notes

Salem's "Bee-lievers" Women's Group is making craft items to donate to the Wolfsville Elementary School for their Christmas store where students buy gifts

for family and friends.

As an outreach project, Salem is providing two baskets valued at \$300 each for the Middletown Valley People

Helping People, 3rd annual Holiday Craft Fair, Saturday, November 16, 2024.

The Trunk or Treat will also include a hayride and the Christ Cream truck.



A Great First Day of Heroes' Club

The first day of Heroes' Club was Monday, the twenty-third of September. We met the students at Wolfsville Elementary School and walked back to the church together.

After an outdoor game and snack, the students listened to the Bible story on Noah. Crafts and indoor activities were also part of the students' afternoon. Many adult volunteers were on hand to help the students with their activities.

There were fourteen students that afternoon, and the volunteers were busy helping them out. I was at the school the next day and a second-grader waved to me and told her friends, "That's the Heroes' Club man!" Please keep Heroes' Club in your prayers. In Christ, —Pastor Neil

SALEM MISSION PROJECT NO. 14
WORLD VISION
SPONSORED CHILD IN COLOMBIA
LIZETH DAYANA
9 YEARS OLD • PRIMARY SCHOOL - GRADE 5
SALEM PROVIDES \$35 MONTHLY FOR HER SUPPORT



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Trunk or Treat

AT
SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
WOLFVILLE ELEMENTARY
ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



SEE MARY ELLEN ECCARD TO SIGN UP YOUR VEHICLE
 240-818-7136 TMECCARD@COMCAST.NET

NEWS & NOTES

Salem Congregational Meeting Rescheduled

The Salem Church Council recently approved a recommendation to reschedule our next Congregational Meeting from November 10, 2024 to March 9, 2025 (snow date, March 16).

The meeting will take place in March of each year going forward. The change was made to allow meeting preparations to take place during a less-busy time of year.

Salem's annual Congregational Meeting is held on a Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour and is the forum for all members of Salem Community Church to elect church leaders and receive progress reports from the Pastor, Treasurer, Trustees, and other ministry areas.

Current church officers and ministry leaders will remain in their positions until March 2025. If this creates a hardship for anyone, please contact Michael Burrier, Nominating Committee Chair or Vernon Stottlemeyer, Church Council Chair.

Food Drive

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry in the weeks leading up to our Homecoming Celebration on October 13. Please place food in the collection box under the coat rack at church.

Justinn & Holly report that 5 new volunteers will be helping at the Food Pantry, making a total of 7.

Salem Community Church celebrates 1st Birthday September 15, 2024

In the photo, Pastor Neil was excited to serve the Salem Community Church "birthday cake" to members of the congregation following services on September 15, 2024.



Looking back one year, our formal disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church became effective on September 15, 2023, when we received the fully executed Disaffiliation Agreement from the Baltimore-Washington Conference. The Baltimore-Washington Conference Trustees also signed a Quitclaim Deed that releases the United Methodist "trust clause" claim on our church property and cemetery.

Since disaffiliation, Salem has received 27 new members with more expressing interest; and has celebrated 16 Believer's Baptisms. To God be the Glory!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord..." —Jeremiah 29:11



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**

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The 10 Commandments

A minister wound up the services one morning by saying, "Next Sunday, I am going to preach on the subject of telling a lie. As a preparation for my discourse, I would like you all to read Mark 17."

On the following Sunday, the preacher rose to begin, and said, "Now then, all of you who have read Mark 17 as I requested, please raise your hands."

Nearly every hand in the congregation went up. Then said the preacher, "You are the people I want to talk to. Mark has only 16 chapters."

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

People are like tea bags... you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

The world says, seeing is believing. Faith says, believing is seeing.



The Mountain Shepherd

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SERVICE TIMES

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



We'll see you at . . .

HOMECOMING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

We begin at 10:30 a.m.

October 2024

COME GROW WITH US

