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Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Turning "shoe boxes" into Christmas gifts for children

Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.

By Barbie Stottlemyer 301-293-2372

We will once again be participating in OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, in which we fill shoe boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

HOW TO PACK YOUR BOX

We are asking anyone wishing to participate in this program to fill their shoe boxes at home and bring them to the church on or before Sunday, November 17th.

Your shoe boxes should be packed for children ranging in ages from 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, or 10-14 years old.

Numerous shoe boxes have already been wrapped and are available outside the sanctuary, or you can wrap your own shoe box. Labels are available at church to place in the box, identifying if the items inside are for

Boxes are due by Sunday, November 17, 2024

a boy or girl, and the appropriate age group.

Once we have filled our boxes, we will take them to a local distribution center where they will then be sent to another distribution center in North Carolina, and then will be sent out to the children.

POSTAGE is \$10

There is a \$10.00 postage charge for each box. Place the postage amount in the donation envelope and place the envelope on top of the gift items inside the box so it is visible.

Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child. If you are unable to pay the postage, Salem will pick up this cost from our Mission Project No. 2.

Community Thanksgiving Service set for Wednesday evening, November 27, 7 p.m. at Mt. Bethel UMC, Foxville

The annual Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. This year's service will be hosted by Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 14110 Stottlemyer Road, Foxville.

Pastors from local churches will take turns presenting a sermonette.

This is a Wolfsville community event which is hosted on a rotating basis among six local churches. Everyone is invited to attend to "Give Thanks to the Lord."



Rotating Schedule for the Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service

- 2024 – Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church
- 2025 – St. John's Lutheran Church
- 2026 – Garfield United Methodist Church
- 2027 – St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- 2028 – Salem Community Church, Wolfsville
- 2029 - Grossnickle Church of the Brethren



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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.

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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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Sept 2024 — Average Worship Attendance

85	Sanctuary
39	Zoom Online
124	TOTAL



2024 MISSION PROJECTS

"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan—Sept

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission \$1,870.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) 0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs)..... \$4,748.60
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber) **NEW in 2024**..... \$450.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem) \$8,422.90
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada) \$1,275.00
7. Board of Child Care (Martinsburg Campus) \$975.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) \$225.00
9. Open for 2024 0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) \$1,950.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick \$2,411.35
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) \$387.00
13. Heroes' Club **NEW in 2024** 161.94
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) \$315.00

TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2024 to date \$23,191.79

Here's how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem Community Church, 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.
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. 3

Samaritan's Purse — Hurricane Disaster Relief

FREE WILL OFFERING AT SALEM TOTALS \$6,002

Salem recently donated \$6,002 to Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry, which is responding to both Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton with multiple disaster relief bases in North Carolina and Florida.

Samaritan's Purse is working from multiple relief bases in hard-hit western North Carolina as well as Florida and Georgia after Helene caused havoc on September 26–27.

They are also responding to areas of Florida rocked by Hurricane Milton on October 9–10. Disaster relief volunteer teams are mudding out homes, tarping roofs, and cutting downed trees.

Samaritan's Purse has also coordinated hundreds of relief flights by helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft to assist cut-off communities in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee.

They provided many tons of food, water, generators, fuel, Starlink systems, heaters, solar lights, and blankets. Now they are using ground transportation for delivery of these critically needed items.



Who's Doing What, When? November 2024

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

Lay Reader

3 Gary Barkdoll
10 Michael Burrier
17 Denny Leatherman
24 Janice Harshman

Acolyte

3 Lawson Rouzee
10 Cheyenne Leatherman
17 Brynleigh Irons
24 Shelby Leatherman

Organist/Pianist

3 Sara Weitzel
10 Sara Weitzel
17 Sara Weitzel
24 Sara Weitzel

Computer

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

Camera

3 Michael Burrier
10 Brandon Leatherman
17 Robin Haupt
24 Cathie Elsbach

Greeter

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

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Filled Stockings are due by Sunday, November 17, 2024

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings are available at church again this year. The stockings are marked for boys or girls with ages printed in blue and pink. Beside the stockings are information sheets with suggested ideas for each age group.

The stockings will be taken to the Salvation Army in Frederick for distribution to less fortunate children within Frederick County. This will be the last year since the Salvation Army is discontinuing the program.

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Special Services & Activities *in* November

By Pastor Neil Suders

There are many activities and services in November that I wanted to bring to your attention. Communication is vital and I want all of us to be informed.

November 3, Daylight Saving Time ends.

This means we will all need to set our clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night. (Interestingly, this is one of the highest percentage attendance days in most churches!)

November 10, Veterans' Day Recognition

If you are or have any veterans in your family, please get me their information, (name, branch of service, last held rank, years of service). Whether or not they are still living, we want to honor ALL veterans affiliated with our church. Please email me the information or give it to me in writing by November 3.

November 17, New Members Sunday

If you are interested in becoming a member of Salem Community Church, please say something to me so we can discuss the process.

November 24, Hanging of the Greens

The beautiful Harvest decorations in the sanctuary will come down after the service on November 24th.

That evening, all who wish to participate are invited to the church at 5:30 PM. We will decorate the entire church for Advent.

When the decorations are hung, we will enjoy a light dinner of soup and sandwiches to officially welcome the Advent season.

Christmas music will be playing and feelings of mirth and merriment will abound. Details will follow, but please mark your calendars and plan on joining us.

It's Your Day!

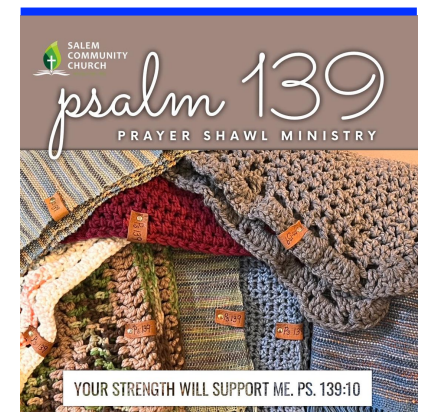


November Anniversaries

10 - Harry & Karen DeLauter
19 - Justinn & Holly Irons
24 - Ronnie & Sue Kinna

November Birthdays

2 - Jerod Lenhart
3 - Caroline Buhrman
9 - Lily Mueller
10 - Kenzly Rouzee
13 - Leah Tolland
14 - Karen Sowers
16 - Polly Doyle
17 - Christopher Haupt
17 - Beth Snead
17 - Darlene Burrier
18 - Ben Swope
22 - Liz Waite
24 - Wanda Kline
25 - Jadie Buhrman
26 - Mary Fogle
28 - Susie Stottlemeyer



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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

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

By Harriet Feltham

Lord, bless the bounties of this table
And the length that it extends,
Making room for all the children,
Plus the neighbors and our friends.

Bless the beauty of the springtime
And the heat of harvest day,
Bringing crops to feed the family
And enough to store away.

Bless the cozy home that holds us
Through the rains and winter storm
With a fireplace that's glowing
And the wood to keep us warm.

Bless the health that gives us courage
For the tasks we have to do,
And the power to enjoy it
When a hard days work is through.

Make us grateful for the little things
That chance to pass our way,
Making life seem extra special,
When comes Thanksgiving Day.

Horn of Plenty

By Elizabeth Searle Lamb



O dear God, I give Thee thanks
For the horn of plenty filled with the fruits
That flourish in every land upon this earth;
A painter's palette in the red of apple,
Purple grape and green of melon.
I give Thee thanks for all the food we eat . . .
The pod, the stalk, the root, and seed.

O dear God, I give Thee thanks
For the horn of plenty, filled and running over
With all the things that make life good . . .
The fruit of the loom, the carving of the sculptor,
The words of the poet and the artist's canvas
Interspersed with the plate, the spoon,
The bed, the board, the roof over all.
I give Thee thanks for all we use each day.

O dear God, I give Thee thanks
For the horn of plenty, invisible but real,
Filled with the great abundance of the Spirit,
Filled with joy and beauty, wisdom and peace;
Filled with creativity, filled with love.
Oh, I give Thee thanks for these intangibles
And for all my brothers on this earth
With whom I share this heritage of life.



RECIPE



Pumpkin Torte

1 2/3 cups (24) crushed graham crackers	1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup margarine	1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup sugar	1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
3/4 cup sugar	1 envelope Knox gelatin
2 8-ounce packages cream cheese (soft)	3 egg whites
1 can pumpkin (small)	1/2 cup sugar
3 egg yolks	Cool Whip
	Nuts

Mix graham crackers, margarine and sugar. Pat lightly in 9x13 pan. Beat 2 eggs, 3/4 cup sugar and cream cheese. Put on top of crust. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool. Mix and cook the pumpkin, egg yolks, 1/2 cup sugar, milk, salt, and cinnamon. Cool until thick, 3-4 minutes. Add 1 envelope Knox gelatin dissolved in 1/4 cup cold water. Cool well. Beat egg whites until stiff, add 1/2 cup sugar. Fold in pumpkin mixture, pour into baked crust — let set. Top with Cool Whip, sprinkle with nuts. Serves 15.



God's Loves A Thankful Heart

By Lois Pinkerton Fritz

Have you thanked God in the
morning,
When the sun lit up the blue,
That He watched you all the
nighttime
To see another day of life
in which to live for Him,
The One Who lights our pathway
here
In this dark world of sin?
Have you thanked God in the evening
For each opportunity
To share the love of Jesus
Who died for you and me?
God loves a thankful heart,
we know,
And one that in Him rests;
Oh, let us ever thankful be . . .
Then you and me He'll bless.

Every life we touch is a field;
everything we do and all
the words we speak, are seed.
What will the harvest be?

— Rowland

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

WEDDING

Jody Eccard • Tim Duly

Congratulations to Jody Eccard and Tim Duly on the occasion of their wedding on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Both Jody and Tim are members at Salem Community Church, Wolfsville. Pastor Neil Suders officiated at the wedding. Jody is the daughter of Tim and Mary Ellen Eccard. The couple is residing at 11428 Wolfsville Road.



Message from the Pastor

and

Worship in November

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

Happy “Thanks living”!

That is NOT a mistake in spelling. I remember a sermon from my childhood where the preacher told us, “Anyone can give thanks; but it is much harder to “live” thanks.

He meant that it can be easy to say, “thank-you” to people, but it takes great effort to be thankful every day of our lives. That is sad, because Paul said in I Thessalonians 5:18, “give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (emphasis mine).

Giving thanks is all circumstances constitutes “thanks living”, for sure. But how can we do this? There are inevitably bad things that happen to good people. We often have to play the “hand we’re dealt” and turn life’s lemons into lemonade.

While we cannot control the circumstances, we CAN choose our responses. An example from the life of Jesus is found in the seventeenth chapter of Luke’s gospel.

There were ten lepers that saw Jesus and cried out to be healed. Jesus told them to show themselves to the priests and they were healed.

ALL TEN of them were healed. However, only one of them returned to glorify God and give thanks.

Jesus responded by commenting on how all ten were healed, yet only one came back to give thanks.

“Thanks living” means we recognize all that God has done for us. Even in the times and circumstances that feel like life’s lemons, we can always find cause to express our gratitude.

And our gratitude should be expressed both to God and to others.

Community Thanksgiving Service

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving service on November 27th. The service will be held this year at Mount Bethel UMC in Foxville, at 7:00



PM. Several churches will come together to worship, and each pastor will take turns bringing a brief sermonette. It will be a great opportunity to express our gratitude and thankfulness to God.

May we commit to a life of gratitude as God intends for us. And may you all have a “happy Thanks living!”

Worship in November

The temperatures are getting colder, and the beauty of the Autumn foliage tell us that November is upon us.

Following the excitement of Homecoming Sunday and the joy of “Trunk or Treat” behind us, we know Fall is in full swing.

This month will see the end of our Revelation series and Thanksgiving, and then we will start right into Advent. Here is the schedule of worship services for November:

Sunday, November 3, 2024
(Daylight Saving Time ends)

Revelation 19:1-21

The Return of Christ and Armageddon

Known as the Second Coming of Christ, Jesus will end the Tribulation period by coming back to earth. His purpose will be to defeat the armies of the Beast at the Battle of Armageddon.

Believers, both Church age believers who were raptured, and the Tribulation Saints who were martyred for their faith, will join Him on His military campaign. We will examine the details of this monumental battle and the implications of it.

Sunday, November 10, 2024
(Veterans Day Recognitions)

Revelation 20:1-15

The Millennial Kingdom

Following the battle of Armageddon, Jesus will set up His earthly kingdom, which He will reign from David’s throne in Jerusalem.

We believe this kingdom will last a literal 1,000-year period. Since this period is considered a millennium, the period will be known as the Millennial Kingdom.

Who will be involved and what will life be like? We will find out in this sermon.

Sunday, November 17, 2024
(New Member Sunday)

Revelation 21:1-22:5

The New Heaven and the New Earth

Have you ever wondered what will happen to the earth, as we know it?

Have you ever wondered what Heaven will be like?

These and other questions will be answered in the final sermon from the Book of the Revelation today.

Sunday, November 24, 2024
(Hanging of the Greens in the evening)

Ephesians 5:15-21

Giving Thanks with a Spirit-filled Life

When a person receives Jesus Christ in his or her life as their Savior, the Bible tells us that God, the Holy Spirit, literally moves into their life and indwells them.

When a believer is “filled” by the Holy Spirit, the believer is living under the control of the Spirit.

One of the proofs of being spirit-filled is Thanksgiving.

We will kick off Thanksgiving week by examining the Scriptures to see that the holiday is more than family, food, and football.

A Harvest of Blessings . . .

HOME COMING Sunday was October 13, 2024



By Marlene Young

The October 13th Homecoming Sunday at Salem Community Church yielded a harvest of blessings for all who shared in this special observance!

There were 129 (109 in person of which 27 were visitors, and 20 online via Zoom) in attendance that included 96-year-old Evelyn Eccard who “came home” to celebrate with us along with her two nieces.

Homecoming was a special time to celebrate the rich history and enduring legacy of Salem as we came together in the spirit of God’s family in reunion and fellowship to reflect and recommit to the foundational values of faith, love, and service we share.

Salem’s Enduring Vitality

While we know that it is the people who make the church the living, breathing body of Christ, the church building itself holds many fond memories and special meaning to those who call it “home.”

Homecoming Sunday also extended a warm invitation to the broader community, welcoming neighbors and friends to share in the celebration as part of the church family.

It was a beautiful time to rekindle the spiritual flame that burns brightly by the power of the Holy Spirit and to deepen our connection to almighty God and one another.

Homecoming Sunday underscored the sense of unity and continuity within our church community, one that bridges generations, unites and reaffirms our commitment to preserving our core values and mission for generations to come.

Yet Homecoming transcends a single service; it is a vibrant affirmation of Salem Community Church’s enduring vitality as a testament to the resilience of the faith that binds us and of the unbreakable bond we share through Jesus Christ that unites us as one family.

Special Music

Music was a special part of the Homecoming service. While some of the children of the Children’s Choir were unable to attend, the Leatherman Family



Salem Adult Choir — L to R Back Row, Denny Leatherman, Steve Leatherman, Tony Miller, Bobby Fogle, Pastor Neil Suders, & Jim Laky. Front Row, Theresa Haupt, Susie Stottlemeyer, Linda Marenic, Susan Koons, Joann Leatherman, Sara Weitzel, Jody Eccard Duly, & Katie Laky, singing “Back to the Church in the Wildwood.”



The Leatherman Family — L to R, Jessie, Cody, Shelby, Cheyenne, & Brandon singing “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High,” as Pastor Neil enjoys the music in the background.

of Brandon, Jessie, Cheyenne, Shelby and Cody shared the song “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High” and the Salem Adult Choir sang a rousing medley of beloved hymns of the church in their musical offering of “Back To The Church In The Wildwood.”

Visiting Missionaries

It was a special blessing to have Travis and Mary Diede and their sweet baby daughter Melodie with us on Homecoming Sunday to provide an update on their mission work with AIM Borderless in Calgary, Canada.

Salem has supported the mission work of Mary Elmore Diede for many years through prayer and financial support.

Beautiful Seasonal Decorations

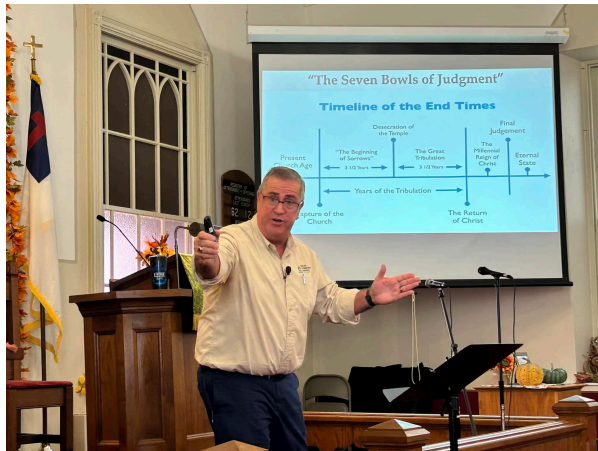
We give thanks for those who adorned our sanctuary and its entrances with beautiful, seasonal decorations that provided a visual tribute to the atmosphere of welcome, reverence, and celebration.

These will remain in the church for several weeks as a reminder of the sweet

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A Harvest of Blessings . . .

HOME COMING at Salem



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afterglow of Homecoming Sunday and as a commemoration of the bridge between the past to present and future of the church.

Following Pastor Neil’s sermon “The Seven Bowl Judgements” from the book of Revelation, the congregation sang the beloved hymn “How Great Thou Art” as a fitting closing and benediction to Homecoming. It was a foretaste of Glory divine.

We were dismissed after the closing prayer to gather for a shared meal at the Linda M. Kline Memorial Pavilion off the church parking lot where there was an amazing spread of homemade dishes to complement the hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and drinks provided by the church.

After the food was blessed, everyone shared in great food, fellowship and there were games of corn hole, croquet, and bouncy houses for the kids and those adults who chose to brave them, like Pastor Neil!

All in all, Homecoming Sunday was a red-letter day for Salem Community Church. We shared worship, music, smiles, hugs, love, food and fellowship as Homecoming reminded us that Salem Community Church is the beloved place we call “home” as we learn more about how to live a Christlike life of service to God and others.

It was a beautiful testament to the enduring faithfulness of God and the faithfulness, legacy and unbreakable bonds that unite Salem members across generations. To God be the glory.



Salem’s sanctuary windows were beautifully decorated with a harvest theme.



An item of conversation was a photo of the Wolfsville Community Bible School taken at Salem in 1957. Folks were identifying many recognizable faces.

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In Honor of Veterans Day



What is a Veteran?

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye.

Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg — or perhaps another sort of inner steel: the soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity.

Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem. You can't tell a vet just by looking.

HE IS the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

SHE IS the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

HE IS the parade-riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

HE IS the POW who went away one person and came back another — or didn't come back at all.

HE IS the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

HE IS the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket — palsied now and aggravatingly slow — who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

HE IS an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being - a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others



would not have to sacrifice theirs.

So, remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say "thank you." That's all most people need, and in most cases, it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.

Two little words that mean a lot— "Thank You."

Salem donates two items to "Middletown Valley People Helping People" *Holiday Craft Fair* fundraiser



As an outreach project, Salem has donated two items valued at \$300 each for the Middletown Valley People Helping People *Holiday Craft Fair* fundraiser to be held on Saturday, November 16, 9 am - 3 pm at the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department Activities Building.

The first donation was a financial donation of \$300 to cover the cost of one raffle basket.

The second donation of equal-plus value was created by Salem member Heidi Agostini and her daughter Coco.

Pictured above, the donated item is a



small chest with the theme: "Wealth and Wisdom."

The chest contains eight 2024 1-ounce American Silver Eagle Coins and eight small bottles with verses from Proverbs on parchment paper.



Heroes' Club fall fun at Salem Community Church. Register your K-5 student today to join in on all the fun! Heroes' Club meets after school on Mondays and is free of charge.

<https://salemchurchwolfsville.org/heroes-club/>

Holy Land Tour — October 2026 “Walking Where Jesus Walked”



By Pastor Neil Suders

Can you imagine praying in the Garden of Gethsemane? Can you picture yourself in a boat on the Sea of Galilee? Wouldn't it be interesting to trace the steps of our Lord during his way to the cross, or see the place where David killed Goliath?

Nothing enhances your Christian faith like walking where Jesus walked. And that is the purpose of a tour of the Holy Land!

I am looking to host a tour of the Holy Land through Jerusalem Eternal Tours in October of 2026. You might be wondering, “Why so far in the future?”

There are several reasons to schedule so far out. First, it would allow time for the war and fighting to be over. Then there is the question of logistics; people will need to get passports, itineraries will need planned, and the tour group will need to prepare accommodations. In addition, some people will want time to save for a trip of this magnitude. (The land tour can be around \$2,000, and the airfare can be an additional \$1,500 per person.) The price is based on hotels at double-occupancy rates.

I am trying to gauge interest in such a trip. It would be a 10-day stay in Israel. If we can get at least twenty of us, we will have enough to go as a private group and not have to pair up with other churches.

I have made no commitments to this trip. As I mentioned, I am only trying to see what kind of response there will be. There is no need to come up with a deposit now. If you are interested, please email me: pastorNeil05@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Being Thankful for Change

By Nancy Strine, Frederick, MD

Sitting in church lately and looking around
There's greeting and waving — smiles that abound
Then, I see a nice lady with pink in her hair
Try though I might not to, I just had to stare.

This caused me to think of days now long past
When dressing for church was no easy task.
For women, it was all about wearing a hat,
Matching gloves, too, and not only that.

The dresses were fancy — surely not daily wear.
It seemed that appearance was the utmost in care.
For men, it was pressed suits and overly starched shirts,
A tight tie was then added — I guess that it hurt.

Today, though, that's all changed — and it's for the better.
Blue jeans are the “norm” and a comfortable sweater.
The message is clear and has to be heeded,
“Cool air when it's hot — warm air when it's needed!”

Surely, less “formality” is a great way to start
To bring forth many smiles and joy of the heart.
This eases discomfort and the feeling of stress
That comes with tight ties and a too frilly dress.

God says, “Believe first — trust all that I say,
To judge those around us is not the True Way.
So, look beyond the pink hair, blue jeans and see
All the goodness in others — and listen to ME.”

And thus, I'll be thankful for the friendship of others.
After all — they are truly Christian sisters and brothers.
Certainly I'm thankful for a change that's “okay.”
It's about being grateful and living God's way.

Surely, then, I'll decide some time to appear
In blue jeans and sweater which I choose to wear.
Who knows? I may even swallow my pride and
Add some pink color — my gray hair to hide.

Let us, then, be thankful.

Romans 8:39 — Nor height, nor depth, nor any other
creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of
God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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



**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

A Headache

Little Susie, a six-year-old, complained, "Mommy, I've got a stomachache."

"That's because your stomach is empty," her mother replied. "You'd feel better if you had something in it."

That afternoon the minister visited, and in the conversation, he remarked he had been suffering all day with a severe headache.

Susie perked up. "That's because it's empty," she said. "You'd feel better if you had something in it."



Some thoughts to ponder . . .

A heartfelt greeting can energize the weary and encourage the lonely.

It's a mistake to think that we can impress the world by compromising with it.

God uses life's stops to prepare us for the next start.

God tells us to burden Him with what burdens us.



The Mountain Shepherd

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