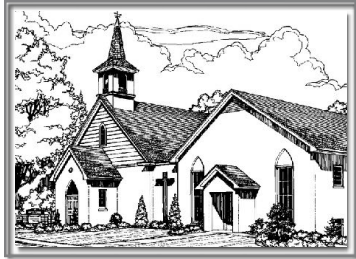


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**6:30 AM**  
**GROSSNICKLE CHURCH  
OF THE BRETHERN**

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2025  **EASTER**  
at SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH  
*in Wolfsville* 

Holy Week, Easter Services & Egg Hunt

April



- Sun 13 PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
9:00 a.m. at Salem  
"The Road to the Cross"  
Matthew 21:1-11  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- Thu 17 LAST SUPPER DRAMA**  
7:00 p.m. at Salem  
"Surely, not I, Lord"  
Matthew 26:17-22
- Fri 18 GOOD FRIDAY**  
7:00 p.m. at Salem  
"The Crucifixion"  
Matthew 27:32-46  
Communion
- Sat 19 PRAYER VIGIL**  
Noon to Midnight
- Sat 19 EASTER EGG HUNT**  
2:00 p.m. at Salem  
All children of the community  
ages 12 and under.

- Sun 20 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**  
6:30 a.m.  
Grossnickle Church of the Brethren  
11301 Meeting House Road  
A Wolfsville community event.
- Sun 20 EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP  
and CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**  
9:00 a.m. at Salem  
"The Resurrection"  
Matthew 28:1-10  
Communion  
Children's Recitations  
Adult & Children's Choirs  
No Sunday School Classes



**LAST SUPPER**  
Drama at Salem  
Thu Apr 17 7 pm 



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Salem Vision Statement:  
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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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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Feb 2025 — Average Worship Attendance  
83 Sanctuary  
44 Zoom Online  
127 TOTAL



## 2025 MISSION PROJECTS

"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-Feb 2025

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission .....	\$410.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) .....	\$0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons) .....	\$1,463.00
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber) .....	\$100.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem) .....	\$694.44
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada) .....	\$450.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus) .....	\$200.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) .....	\$50.00
9. Open for 2025 .....	0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) .....	\$400.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick .....	\$450.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) .....	\$86.00
13. Heroes' Club .....	\$0
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) .....	\$70.00
TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2025 .....	\$4,373.44

### 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. 10

### The Least of These Ministries Serving Impoverished Communities in the Dominican Republic

Sharing **Hope** amidst poverty.



### The Least of These "Ministry Leaders" to visit Salem on April 6

Marty Hogan, Executive Director of "The Least of These Ministries" and pastors who are ministering on site in the Dominican Republic will be visiting Salem on Sunday, April 6, 2025. During worship, they will be sharing information about their ministry.

Marty writes "Our goal is for the residents of the communities we serve to experience the love and hope of Jesus Christ in a way that either brings them to a saving faith in Him or strengthens the faith they already have. The local ministry team accomplishes this through many channels, with the Food Distribution through local churches being the largest and most well-known."

# Who's Doing What, When?

April 2025

## Lay Reader

- 6 Janice Harshman
- 13 Wanda Barkdoll
- 20 Gary Barkdoll
- 27 Dennis Leatherman

## Acolyte

- 6 Lawson Rouzee
- 13 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 20 Brynleigh Irons
- 27 Shelby Leatherman

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

## Greeter

- 6 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 13 David & Sherry Scoggins
- 20 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 27 Barkdoll Family

## Salem Community Church "Choir Notes"

Salem Choir is preparing musical offerings for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday which remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us and celebrate his glorious resurrection.

A special feature will be having our Children's Choir sing with us on Easter Sunday. Practices will continue on Tuesday's at 7:30 p.m. through April. Thanks to everyone for their dedication and participation.

## Faith on Fire

### WILDFIRE STUDENT MINISTRY

February and March has been busy with a rowdy ping pong tournament, and a very moving Youth Sunday service! Take note of the April events below and mark your calendars for the May activities.

### 4D Activity – Saturday, April 5, 4-7 p.m.

We will usher in April with the 4D Activity on April 5th at Salem! What is 4D, you ask? Hot DOGS, DELIGHTFUL fire and smores, the DANGER of competing against Hannah in 9 Square, and a DEVOTION that addresses issues unique to our young people. Invite your friends! 4-7pm!



### Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### April

- 5 - 4D Activity
- 19 - Egg Hunt at church - all ages
- 20 - Easter Sunday - Children's Choir, Recitations

#### May

- 3 - Salem table at Chainsaw Festival at Ruritan (kids take shifts at table)
- 10 - Plant & Food Sale 8 a.m.
- 18 - Youth serve at Senior Luncheon

As we get the students together for different events we will need your permission form for various reasons. We also need to know your comfort level with sharing photos of your kids (or not). Please take a minute and complete the online permission form so we can be sure to respect your privacy and preferences. The permission form can be found online in the "Faith on Fire" student ministry newsletter.

—Jessie Leatherman

## It's Your Day!



### April Anniversaries

- 10 - Michael & Jennifer Burrier

### April Birthdays

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



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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

### Easter Promise

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD

In life there's many promises  
Of the way life ought to be,  
But the one on Easter morning  
Is the loveliest one to see.

His promise of eternal life  
He planted in our heart,  
Then on that first bright Easter morn  
We saw the curtain part.

He showed us life was just a phase  
And death another room,  
That took the fear from every heart,  
When He walked from the tomb.

He took the darkness out of life  
And turned the night to day,  
And by His resurrection power  
He showed the world the way.

He showed us life will never end,  
Though life gets dark and dim,  
And that His love can overcome  
If we believe in Him.



### April

By Edgar A. Guest

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

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

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

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

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



## RECIPE



### Blue Ribbon Cheesecake

#### INGREDIENTS:

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

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

Makes 16 servings.



### Faith

By Marian L. Moore

I did not follow Jesus up the hill  
Or see three crosses standing side by side.  
I only read . . . the crowd stood  
strangely still  
To watch the Savior being crucified.

I did not walk with Mary to the tomb  
Upon that glorious morn so long ago,  
I did not see the angel in the gloom  
Or meet the Gardener whom they  
did not know.

Although I did not see the wonders  
wrought,  
Spring has returned throughout these  
many years.

I see salvation which He dearly bought  
In every leaf and flower which appears.

Just as I know that spring shall  
always be . . .

I know Christ walked on earth  
and died for me.

### 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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### Easter Blessings

May you rejoice in the gladness of  
this Easter season,  
And may the message of new life  
and hope remain with you  
always! —Pearl McKinney



## Message from the Pastor

and

## Worship in April

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

### Death is Defeated

**E**aster is around the corner. It is a rare holiday that is on a different date every year. Fortunately, this year it comes in late April, so the weather should be more pleasant than in years past.

But while the dates and weather for Easter change from year to year, the meaning of Easter does not!

Easter Sunday is the climax of Passion Week (also known as Holy Week). "Passion" comes from the Latin word, *passio*, which means "suffering" or "enduring", and the week begins with Palm Sunday and finishes with Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. He had been crucified. He died. And He was buried in a borrowed tomb.

The gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb to place spices on His body, but he was no longer in the tomb. He was gone, and that is the fact of the resurrection.

But to understand and enjoy Easter more, we need to realize the impact of the resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus was different than when Lazarus was raised from the dead. In the case of Lazarus, he was raised with a physical body that eventually died again. Jesus was brought back to life with a spiritual, eternal body.

Paul described him in 1 Corinthians 15:20 as being "the first fruits of them that slept."

Therefore, because Jesus was raised with a glorified body, all of us who are born again believers will be raised one day with a glorified body.

That is part of the impact of his resurrection. The other part of the impact is found in 1 Corinthians 15:54, 55.

Paul wrote... because of the resurrection of Jesus, "death was

swallowed up in victory." Death had lost its sting. Death was defeated.

We should live like death was defeated. That means we do not have to be afraid of death because it no longer has the power to keep us from God.

So we see the impact of the resurrection is twofold:

- First, because Christ was resurrected, we will one day have a glorified body.
- Second, because of His resurrection, death has been defeated.

These two blessings are good reasons to celebrate Easter.

In Christ, —Pastor Neil

### Worship in April

This month will be very busy and very diverse. We will conclude the series on Jonah, observe the Passion Week from Matthew's gospel, and begin the next sermon series, "the Dear John Letters", where we will be learning from the epistles of I, II, and III John.

This year has Easter coming almost as late in the season as possible, so April will be a very full month.



**Sunday, April 6**  
**"Do You Have a Right to Be Angry?"**  
**Jonah 4:1-11**

Jonah was angry about the outcome of his preaching. The entire city of Nineveh repented and received salvation.

Jonah complained to God because his preferences and desires were not fulfilled.

God rebuked him by asking if he had the right to be angry. We will look at Jonah and his response more closely.

We will also have guests in the service from "The Least of These Ministries" speaking about their work in the Dominican Republic (Salem Mission Project No. 10).



**Sunday, April 13**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**"The Road to the Cross"**  
**Matthew 21:1-11**

Shouts of "Hosanna" rang through the streets of Jerusalem as the Messiah came through town on a borrowed donkey.

The people were looking for a military leader to deliver them from the Roman government.

What they "got" was the Son of God who had come to save them from spiritual affliction.

Palm branches will be given out this day.

**Thursday, April 17**  
**Last Supper Reenactment**  
**"Surely, not I, Lord"**  
**Matthew 26:17-22**

This live reenactment gives insight into the upper room during the last supper. Each of the disciples will give their defense as to why he could not be the one Jesus predicted would betray Him.

Some traditions call this "Maundy Thursday" because "maundy" is the word from the Latin word "mandatum" which means "command." Since Jesus commanded the disciples to display genuine love for one another, tradition called this day "Maundy Thursday."

Since this phrase doesn't appear in the Bible, this service is known as the "last supper reenactment."

**Friday, April 18**  
**Good Friday Service**  
**"The Crucifixion"**  
**Matthew 27:32-46**

We continue the Easter weekend worship by commemorating the death of our Savior on the cross. Jesus was to die for the sins of the world, as prophecy foretold.

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## Worship in April

However, prophecies also declared that He was to die on a cross via crucifixion.

This type of death was the most excruciating and disgraceful death, usually reserved for the most hardened of criminals. Jesus could have called down a legion of angels to take Him off the cross, yet he did not.

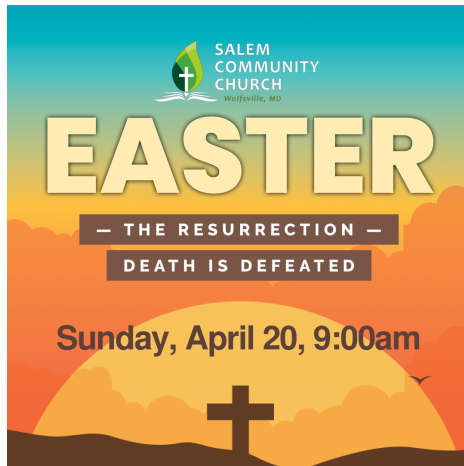
We will be observing communion on this day as we remember His crucifixion that made our salvation possible.

### Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday “The Resurrection” Matthew 28:1-10

Our Savior had died. Our Savior had been buried. Every leader of all world religions experienced death. The difference between those leaders and Jesus, however, is that Jesus rose from the dead and lives, seated at the right hand of God, to this day.

The death of Jesus was to defeat sin, but His resurrection is to defeat death! 1 Corinthians 15 tells us that sin has been defeated and death has lost its sting.

That passage also describes Jesus as the first fruits of all who “sleep.” The same manner in which Jesus was resurrected, we, too, will be resurrected in a glorified body.



### The “Dear John Letters”



### Sunday, April 27 “Walking in the Light” 1 John 1:1-10

John wrote about Jesus being the Word of life and, as such, is the basis for our fellowship. He then changed his discourse to give us guidance on how we should walk in the light.

The passage repeats a phrase throughout, and that phrase is “if we”. These are phrases of cause that lines out how we, as believers, should live this Christian life for the glory of God.

Together, we will examine the truths of these first ten verses that John wrote as the introduction to these three letters.

**GOD’S PLANS ALWAYS LEAD TO VICTORY!**

## NEWS & NOTES

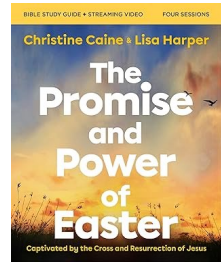
### Save the Date

- May 10 - Plant & Food Sale, 8 a.m.
- May 14 - Ladies/Men’s Night Out, 6 p.m.
- May 18 - Senior Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.

### Ladies Bible Study

Ladies, come and join us for a wonderful Easter Bible Study. This particular study will last 4 weeks starting on Monday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

This will be a video study titled “The Promise and Power of Easter” with Lisa Harper & Christine Caine.



For more information, please contact Debbie Irons at 301-271-7012.

### Wildfire Students: Teddy Bear Collection

Our Wildfire students are collecting teddy bears to donate to local police officers for children who are having an emergency and could use a fuzzy friend.

Donation bears can be put in the boxes under the coat rack until April 13. Contact Jessie Leatherman (240-676-1811). [See photo on page 10.]

### Salem Iron Men “Fireside Chat”

Thursday, April 10, 7 PM at the pavilion (meeting each month on second Thursdays).

Bring a folding chair and dress for the weather. In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the sanctuary. Contact Bill Weaver, Salem Iron Men Leader, 301-730-7247.

### Welcome to First Time Visitors

We have many new folks attending worship. If you are new to our church, please complete a “Connection Card” so we can get acquainted.

First time visitors are asked not to feel obligated to give any money to the church; we pray that you will receive a blessing as our special guest.

### Children’s Activity Bags

Children’s Activity Bags are available outside the sanctuary each Sunday. Each bag contains activities around the scripture reading for the day and other activities to engage your little ones during the service.

### Lord’s Acre Festival entertainment

The Christian music entertainment has been engaged for this year’s Lord’s Acre Festival, September 13, 2025.

The singing group is called “His Word Ministry” and consists of three couples.

Two years ago, two of the couples from this group provided the music for our Lord’s Acre. This year, all three couples will be present.



**Large crowd attends Salem’s 2nd Congregational Meeting**  
*Advancing Ministry in Wolfsville*

Sunday, March 9, 2025 — At the second congregational meeting of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, the membership participated in the election of officers and was informed about church financials, mission projects including the food pantry, the work of Salem’s Board of Trustees, and a report from Pastor Neil.

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

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

**Election of Officers**

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

The congregation was also informed of 29 additional positions, committees and Sunday School teachers that had been previously approved by Salem’s Church Council and did not need a congregational vote. Officers are listed on pages 7, 8 & 9 of this newsletter. A few minor constitutional changes were also voted on and approved.

**Church Treasurer’s Report**

Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer, presented a detailed Treasurer’s Report which included income and expenses for all of last year (2024) and the budget for this year (2025).

Attendance has significantly increased as well as offerings, and we are pleased to say we have started this year on very good footing financially.

Salem Mission Projects: Last year, Salem paid out slightly more than \$40,000 to its 13

mission projects, locally, nationally and internationally. More than half of that amount went to “local” outreach projects, including the Food Pantry ministry; teaching children from our elementary school who might not come to church but who come to Heroes’ Club to learn about the ways of God; and other local needs.

**Board of Trustees Report**

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

More than 40 tasks were logged last year, for work in Salem’s sanctuary, social hall, classrooms, church grounds, cemetery, and parsonage.

The beautiful front doors on the church and educational building are an example of the work of the trustees.

**Pastor’s Report**

Pastor Neil shared a positive and upbeat report about his vision for greater ministry in the Wolfsville community.

Worship attendance has greatly increased with frequent visitors.

He is working with youth and young

adults, particularly the needs of teens and 3rd through 6th grade children. He continues to have a close relationship with Wolfsville Elementary School where Salem provides refreshments for the teachers and staff with our “Fill-the-Fridge” Outreach Campaign.

**Ministry Spotlight - Food Pantry**

Justinn Irons reported they started out last year serving 28 families and are now serving 54 families. That is an increase in 26 new families in the past year. To break that down even more, our families range from 1 person up to 6 people per family. So, in the last year, we have served a total of 531 people.

We received lots of donations around Thanksgiving from churches in the area as well as Wolfsville Elementary School.

We also had two organizations donate venison to us. Those organizations are Hunters Feeding the Hungry and Gambrell Mountain Hunt Club. Our families have been very grateful for the addition of meat.

We are continuing to serve everyone that God brings to us each week. Thank you again for your continued support.

**POSITIONS ELECTED at CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:  
 March 9, 2025**

The Nominating Committee met in January to nominate persons to serve in ministry and leadership roles at Salem Community Church. Thank you to all those who said “yes” to serve in our church!

A full slate of proposed office holders was presented to the Church Council in February. The Council recommended that the following nominated persons stand for election at the recent Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The following persons were elected. Their terms begin immediately and will continue through the end of the year, or through the year indicated if a multi-year term.

Chair of Church Council	Vernon Stottlemyer ‡
Vice-Chair of Church Council	Gary Barkdoll ‡
Secretary of Church Council	Theresa Haupt ‡
Church Treasurer	Bill Burrier ‡
Young Adult Member of Church Council (age 19-39)	Holly Irons ‡
Youth Member of Church Council (age 18 and under)	Cheyenne Leatherman ‡
Church Council, Members-at-large	Heidi Agostini ‡, Wanda Barkdoll ‡ Michael Burrier ‡, Dennis Draper ‡ Pat Eccard ‡, Bobby Fogle ‡, Mike Irons ‡ Susan Koons ‡, Dennis Leatherman ‡
Annual Financial Auditor	Meredith Harshman

‡ = indicates voting member of Church Council

## ELECTED POSITIONS

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Board of Trustees	Tim Eccard (2025), Mike Irons (2025) Dan Lafferty (2025) Meredith Harshman (2026) Donald Stottlemeyer (2026) George Stottlemeyer (2026) Dianna Poling (2027) Klaus Mueller (2027) Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (2027) (Chair) ‡ Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Cemetery Committee	Bobby Fogle (2026), Robin Haupt (2026) Meredith Harshman (2026) Steve Leatherman (2026) George Stottlemeyer (2026) (Chair) ‡ Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Church Financial Secretary	Lora McGraw
Lay Leader	Dennis Leatherman
Nominating Committee	Joy Barkdoll (2025) Janice Harshman (2025) Lora McGraw (2026) Sandy Miller (2026) Gary Barkdoll (2027) Theresa Haupt (2027) Dennis Leatherman (Lay Leader) Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Personnel Committee	Caroline Buhrman (2025) Robin Haupt (2025) (Chair) ‡ Debbie Irons (2026) Linda Marenic (2026) Ken Poling (2026) Wanda Barkdoll (2027) Cathie Elsbach (2027) Sandy Miller (2027) Dennis Leatherman (Lay Leader) Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Sunday School Superintendent	Bobby Fogle
Sunday School Treasurer	Mary Fogle

‡ = indicates voting member of Church Council

Salem Community Church, Wolfsville  
**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
 For ages 12 and under  
**Saturday**  
**April 19, 2025 2:00 p.m.**



Light refreshments and fellowship  
 will follow the Easter Egg Hunt.

## POSITIONS APPROVED by CHURCH COUNCIL

The following individuals were nominated, accepted the call to serve, and approved by the Church Council in February. These positions do not require a congregational vote. Terms continue until the next Congregational Meeting in March 2026. *Thank you for serving!*

"Bee-lievers" Women's Group President	Wanda Barkdoll
Children's Coordinator	Caroline Buhrman
Co-Choir Directors (Adult)	Sandy Lewis * Marlene Young
Co-Choir Directors (Children)	Jody Eccard-Duley Sara Weitzel
Church Communications Team	Bill Burrier (newsletter/website) Michael Burrier (social media/ email/calendar) Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (bulletin) Neil Suders (Pastor) (prayer requests)
Church Organist/Pianist	Sara Weitzel * Susie Stottlemeyer
Communion Steward (Prepare)	Amy McCormick
Communion Stewards (Serve)	Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer Susie Stottlemeyer Sherry Scoggins (Assistant)
Worship Computer and Communications Coordinator(s)	Robin Haupt, Jim Laky
Custodian	Amy McCormick *
Family Ministries Leaders	Kathy Hill, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
Flower Coordinator	Barbie Stottlemeyer
Flower/Gift Card Care Ministry	Susie Stottlemeyer (Leader), Mary Ellen Eccard, Kathy Laky, Susan Brandenburg, Katy Laky
Food Pantry Leaders	Justinn & Holly Irons
Ladies' Bible Study Leader	Debbie Irons
Recorded Music	Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
Salem Iron Men Leader	Bill Weaver
Student Ministry Coordinator	Jessie Leatherman
VBS Coordinator(s)	Hannah Rouzee, Jody Eccard-Duley
Worship Committee	Neil Suders (Pastor) (Chair) Michael Burrier, Robin Haupt, Susan Koons, Jim Laky Sara Weitzel, Marlene Young
Zoom Camera Operators	Camilo Barkdoll, Wanda Barkdoll Michael Burrier, Cathie Elsbach Robin Haupt (Leader) Brandon Leatherman Dennis Leatherman Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer Bill Burrier (Alternate)
Zoom Computer Operators	Wanda Barkdoll, Michael Burrier Robin Haupt (Leader) Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

\* = indicates paid staff position (managed by Pastor & Personnel Committee)



### SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Salem's Sunday School program is organized by the elected Sunday School Superintendent. The following teachers are currently serving in this ministry. *Thank you for serving!*

Pre-K Teachers	Caroline Buhrman
Primary Class Teachers	Dennis Leatherman Kathy Laky
Youth Class Teachers	Michael Burrier Jessie Leatherman
"Crossroads" Young Adult Teacher	Neil Suders
Adult Discussion Group Teacher	Bill Burrier
Men's Class Teachers	Bobby Fogle Meredith Harshman Donald Stottlemeyer
Women's Class Teachers	Mary Cline

Please keep all of our church officers and ministry leaders in your prayers! May each person receive strength, wisdom and discernment from our Lord for the tasks He has planned at Salem Community Church this year. Helpers are always needed; if you sense the Lord calling you to get involved in a certain ministry at Salem, please talk with Pastor Neil or reach out directly to the leader of that area to learn more.

### Community Sunrise Service at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren



This year the Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, 11301 Meeting House Road, at 6:30 a.m.

The Wolfsville Ruritan Club usually serves refreshments following the service. This service is rotated among five area churches.

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

### Do you have one of our car stickers?

**Here's what our logo represents.**

It begins with an open Bible (the pages) from which we learn about God's love (the heart) and the Good News of salvation through Jesus (the cross) leading to spiritual growth in our lives (a growing leaf).

These vinyl decals look great on a car, truck, SUV ... anywhere!

Now available at church or message us and we'll send you one.



## NEWS & NOTES

### Be an "Ignite" Youth every Sunday – Grades 4+

In April, the "Ignite" Youth (grades 4+) Sunday School class will be learning about "Jesus, Our Savior."



In this unit, students will hear about Jesus and the sacrifice He made to die for our sins following God's one and only plan for salvation.

We pray each student will receive the message of God's plan of salvation into their hearts.

The "Ignite" class meets at the top of the stairs in the social room each Sunday from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., right after Sunday worship. Mike Burrier and Jessie Leatherman are the class teachers. Come be a part of this weekly activity of the Salem Wildfire Student Ministry.

### "Bee-lievers" Women's Group: Events for May

— Submitted by Wanda Barkdoll

#### Flower & Bake Sale

#### Saturday, May 10, 2025 (the day before Mother's Day)

Salem's annual Flower, Plant and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, in Wolfsville at Salem's Pavilion located at the rear of Salem church.

The flowers and plants will be hand-selected by Salem member Barbie Stottlemeyer at greenhouse growers in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. This flower sale has become very popular so plan to arrive at 8 a.m. to get the best selection.

Baked goods and breakfast sandwiches will also be on sale at the Salem parking lot next to the church. Activities will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until about 2:00 p.m.

#### Ladies Night Out

#### Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Please come and enjoy a night of fun and good food at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont. All women and children are invited to attend. Activities start at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude around 8 p.m.

At the same time, the men will also enjoy good food in a separate area of the restaurant from the ladies.

A sign in roster, for both women and men, will be placed in the hallway at church. Please sign in no later than Sunday, May 11, 2025. Prices for the event will be provided on the sign in roster.

This will be a good opportunity to invite a friend to get to know the folks at Salem Community Church.

#### Senior Luncheon at Salem

#### Sunday, May 18, 2025

This is for all Seniors 65 years and older. Please sign in no later than Sunday, May 4, 2025, and enjoy the free food and camaraderie time with fellow seniors. You can also invite friends to enjoy this luncheon which begins at 12:30 p.m. in the social area of the church.

The Youth group will be participating and assisting with serving the food and drinks for our seniors.

July 14—18, 2025

## Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School



... at Salem this year



Pack your bags because we are headed to Egypt Monday, July 14th through Friday the 18th. Don't worry about a passport we have you covered!

Salem Community Church is excited to host the community Vacation Bible School this year. We will be learning how to walk with God as we travel through Egypt with Joseph.

Children ages 3 (must be potty trained) through 8th grade are welcome to join us on this journey July 14th through the 18th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We will also host a special performance on Sunday, July 20th during church at 9 a.m. to give the children time to share their journey.

Information will be coming soon on how to pre-register. Follow us on Facebook or contact Hannah Rouzee at HEccard@comcast.net for more information.



February 22, 2025



Pastor Neil and Denny Leatherman were the church-wide ping-pong champions at the spring tournament.

Salem's spring Ping-Pong Tournament was divided into two categories this year, meeting on the same day, Saturday, February 22, but at two different times.

The Wildfire Student Ministry tournament began at 2 p.m. There was a family meal at 5 and the church wide tournament began at 6. There was a large turnout for both events.



The Wildfire younger youth also enjoyed other table games.

### Our Wildfire Student Ministry "Teddy Bear Drive" is now in full swing.

We are collecting new stuffed animals (not just teddy bears) to donate to local police barracks.

These stuffed animals ride along with our local officers as they respond to emergency calls — and are given to children who could use a cuddly friend in the midst of a stressful situation.

The response after just ONE week was amazing!

Donations can be brought to Salem on Sunday mornings until April 13, or contact Jessie Leatherman if you need help getting them to church.

Thursday, April 17, 2025

## Join us for the Last Supper Dramatization



MARCH 28, 2024 — Last year's portrayal, from left are Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Brian Rouzee (Bartholomew (Nathaniel)), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Jim Laky (Judas), Dan Lafferty (Peter), Robin Haupt (John), David Brandenburg (Jesus), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), Steve Leatherman (Matthew), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

The men of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, will present a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper," on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Church members will attempt to duplicate the look and feel of da Vinci's famous painting, where he chose what he considered to be the most dramatic moment of The Last Supper, that moment just after Jesus said, "One of you will betray me."

Instantly, the 12 apostles became men of 12 different moods. The only composed person was Jesus himself. In the excitement, Judas overturned the container of salt... and Peter drew his knife. Some of the apostles just stared at Jesus in amazement... some just looked at each other in unbelief.

At the beginning of the service, the apostles will move up the main aisle, take their places at the table, and casually mingle. Jesus will then proceed up the aisle and take His place at the table. Once Jesus takes his place, Jesus and the apostles will go into a motionless pose like the ones in the painting. Each will come out of their pose only to speak.

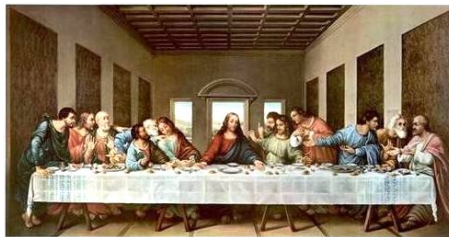
In turn, the 12 apostles speak their minds to themselves, to each other, and to Jesus. They are reflecting on the tragic words which they had just heard Jesus speak. Those words being, "One of you will betray me." Each will end their dialog with the dramatic words "Is it I"? Everyone is invited to attend.

**Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial** — *"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers."* Luke 22:31-32 NLT

When Jesus spoke of sifting, He was referring to separating the valuable portion of us from the worthless portion, shaking out what doesn't serve His purposes. Sifting can come from crisis. It can be the result of our actions or the actions of others.

The above scripture contains a game-changing discovery when Jesus prayed over the sifting of His followers, that their faith would remain intact.

As Good Friday dawned, they would need their Savior's prayers.



Leonardo da Vinci (Italian, 1452-1519)  
Last Supper (1495-98)

### In Sympathy

## Woodrow "Woody" Palmer

April 13, 1943 - February 21, 2025

Woodrow "Woody" Wayne Palmer, 81, of Myersville, MD entered into God's eternal care on Friday, February 21, 2025, at Meritus Medical Center. He was born on April 13, 1943, in Myersville to the late Glen W. and Annie M. (Wise) Palmer. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by grandparents Clarence and Mary Palmer, Roy and Estella Wise, one brother Gerald Palmer, two sisters Nancy Witmer and Sara Palmer, brother-in-law Butch Subetto, nephew Robert Wise II and niece Lori Hall.



Woody graduated from Middletown High School in 1961, served in the US Army from 1962 to 1968 and married Andrea Marie Buhrman in 1963. He worked for Carol Flook Drywall until he opened his own business, Palmer's Drywall Service, in 1971, which he was still operating until his passing.

Woody was an active hunter, which he made many trips out west. He enjoyed NASCAR. He was a member of Tuscarora Archers, Owls Club, American Legion and the Elks Lodge of Frederick.

He is survived by Andrea Palmer, and proud and loving father to three daughters, Yvonne Reeder and husband, Chuck, of Woodsboro, Dawn Brown and husband Charlie, of Boonsboro and Heather Putnam and husband, Chad, of Walkersville; six grandchildren Craig and Justin Brown, Alexis and Aaron Reeder, Hailey and Brooke Putna; seven great grandchildren, two sisters Mary and husband Robert Flook, and Judy Subetto, sister in law Shirley Palmer, three brothers Robert Wise and wife Faye, David Palmer and wife, Wanda and Raymond Palmer and wife Betty, as well as many nieces and nephews, and his canine lab Bullet.

A Celebration of Woody's Life was held at Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 11:00 AM. Pastor D. Neil Suders presided. Inurnment with military honors followed in Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery, Myersville.

The Salem congregations expresses deepest sympathy to the Palmer family who continue to be faithful 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](http://SalemChurchWolfsville.org) and select GIVE.

**Heavenly Humor**

**The Easter Dress**

The poor country parson was livid when he confronted his wife with the receipt for a \$250 dress she had bought. "How could you do this!" he exclaimed.

"I don't know," she wailed, "I was standing in the store looking at the dress. Then I found myself trying it on. It was like the devil was whispering to me, 'Wow, you look great in that dress. You should buy it.'"

"Well," the husband persisted, "you know how to deal with the tempter. Just tell him, 'Get behind me, Satan!'"

"I did," replied his wife, "but then he said, 'It looks great from back there, too!'"



*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

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

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

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.

No God. No Peace.  
Know God.  
Know Peace.



**The Mountain Shepherd**

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**SERVICE TIMES**

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



**April 2025**

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