

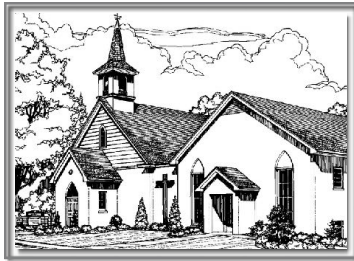
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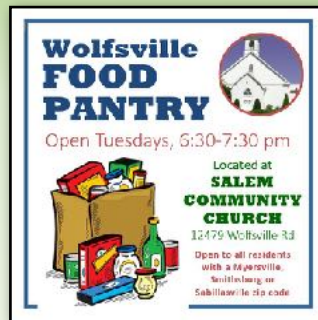
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Every woman in attendance
on Mother's Day will
receive a gift of a potted
flowering plant.

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In Wolfsville . . .

Flower & Plant Sale

Saturday • May 10 • 8:00 am



GET YOUR
MOTHER'S DAY
FLOWERS HERE

Photo by Michael Burrier

Salem Community Church "Pavilion"
12479 Wolfsville Road



Photo by Bill Burrier - May 11, 2024

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

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Sandwiches &
Baked Goods, too!



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Building Connections.
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Bringing hope by sharing the peace of Christ
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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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Mar 2025 — Average Worship Attendance

99 Sanctuary
33 Zoom Online
132 TOTAL



2025 MISSION PROJECTS

"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-Mar 2025

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$615.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	\$0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons)	\$2,188.86
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber)	\$150.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem)	\$1,941.15
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada)	\$675.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus)	\$300.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	\$75.00
9. Open for 2025	0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)	\$600.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	\$700.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	\$129.00
13. Heroes' Club	\$0
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	\$105.00

TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2025 \$7,479.01

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. 11

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick



Dear Salem Community Church:

Yesterday, I spoke with a center in another state because they were expecting a client in her second trimester and she was seeking abortion. Since this was not possible in that state, she planned to confirm gestational age, and then come to Maryland for her abortion.

Unfortunately, Maryland has become a "sanctuary" state, however, sanctuary (a place of refuge or safety) and abortion do not go together. We ended our conversation with prayer. Please pray that if she does come to Maryland, she will come to our center.

Thank you for making it possible for this center to exist to serve our community and beyond!

Blessings,
Linda King, Executive Director
Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick
707 N. Market Street
Frederick, Maryland

[So far in 2025, Salem has provided \$700 to Care Net Pregnancy Center in Frederick.]

Who's Doing What, When?

May 2025

Lay Reader

4 Lora McGraw
11 David Brandenburg
18 Denny Leatherman
25 Michael Burrier

Acolyte

4 Saralynn Irons
11 Landon Lafferty
18 Lawson Rouzee
25 Cheyenne Leatherman

Organist/Pianist

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

Computer

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

Camera

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

Greeter

4 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
11 David & Sherry Scoggins
18 Matthew Stottlemeyer
25 Kathy Hill

Salem Community Church "Choir Notes"

Marlene and I want to thank everyone who gave their time and talent to share musical offerings during the Spring season and especially for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. It was a special blessing to have our young people join us in singing "Resurrection Day" for Easter Sunday!

We will have a few selections in May with our final presentation of the season on May 11 to honor our Mothers on Mother's Day.

We will take a break from practicing during the summer but watch for opportunities to continue to share your talents with solos, duets, small groups or instrumental offerings. Marlene will be preparing a schedule, so let her know if you are interested in sharing. Marlene can be reached at 301-491-5275 or email marleneyoung99@aol.com.

—Sandy Lewis



WILDFIRE STUDENT MINISTRY TEDDY BEAR COLLECTION

We had a great response! Thank you to everyone who supported our Wildfire students by donating stuffed animals that will be used by local police officers for children who are having an emergency and could use a fuzzy friend.

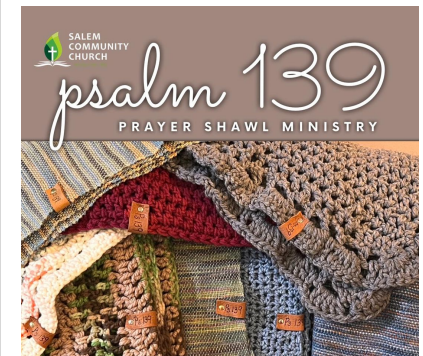
It's Your Day!

May Anniversaries

1 - Doug & Lori Cline
14 - Dan & Jamie Lafferty
18 - David & Sherry Scoggins
20 - Deane & Patty Weagley
21 - Bobby & Mary Fogle

May Birthdays

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



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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 Lifetime of Prayer

By Lydia E. Harris

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Gardeners of God

By Michael Dubina

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

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



RECIPE



Cabbage 'n' Potato Soup

INGREDIENTS:

2 tablespoons olive oil	1/2 cup chopped carrots
4 cups shredded cabbage	1 cup tomato juice
1/4 cup finely chopped onion	1 (14.5 oz.) can beef broth
2 cups water	1 cube beef bouillon
1 cup diced potatoes	1 bay leaf

Sauté onion and cabbage in olive oil until tender (about 10 minutes) in a 3 quart sauce pan on medium heat. Reduce heat to low and add remaining ingredients.

Cook until vegetables are tender (about 30 minutes). Remove bay leaf and serve.



It's a Boy Oliver Allen Potter

Congratulations to Rebecca and Brandon Potter, Aberdeen, Harford County, Maryland, on the birth of their first child, a boy, Oliver Allen Potter.

Born on April 16, 2025, at 1:06 a.m. at Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Towson. He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Denny & Diana (holding the baby) Leatherman and great grandmother Marilyn Leatherman.



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

What is a Mother

By Helen Steiner Rice

It takes a Mother's LOVE to make a house a home,
A place to be remembered, no matter where we roam . . .
It takes a Mother's PATIENCE to bring a child up right,
And her COURAGE and her CHEERFULNESS to make a dark day bright . . .
It takes a Mother's THOUGHTFULNESS to mend the heart's deep "hurts,"
And her SKILL and her ENDURANCE to mend little socks and shirts . . .
It takes a Mother's KINDNESS to forgive us when we err,
To sympathize in trouble and bow her head in prayer . . .
It takes a Mother's WISDOM to recognize our needs
And to give us reassurance by her loving words and deeds . . .
It takes a Mother's ENDLESS FAITH, her CONFIDENCE and TRUST
To guide us through the pitfalls of selfishness and lust . . .
And that is why in all this world there could not be another
Who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a MOTHER!



Message from the Pastor

and

Worship in May

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

Good Thursday?

Depending on how long you have been connected with Salem Community Church, you may have heard me referring to the fact that Jesus was most likely crucified on a Thursday instead of a Friday.

Since we just celebrated Easter last month, I felt I should offer a thorough, unabridged explanation for why I believe this to be true.

First, we must overcome the 'tyranny' of church tradition. It was the mindset of the early church in the second century to believe Jesus was crucified on Friday.

The reasoning was that Jesus commanded the Passover meal to be served in time to be able to observe the Sabbath. Since the Sabbath was on Saturday, it fell into their understanding that the Last Supper was on Thursday and the crucifixion followed the next day, which would have been Friday.

Second, we must understand the dynamics of Sabbath and Passover.

John 19:31 says the bodies had to come off the cross before the Sabbath and that it was a "high day" or a "high Sabbath".

The High Sabbath was a situation when the weekly Sabbath fell on the first day of the festival. In this case, since it was a High Sabbath, that Saturday was the first day of the festival of Passover.

The Law stipulated that in those cases, there would be a double Sabbath. In other words, Friday and Saturday were both Sabbath days.

This is significant because the removal of the bodies from the crosses (as part of the Day of Preparation) probably took place on Thursday, instead of Friday!

Not only does John's mentioning of a "high day" indicate Jesus was crucified on a Thursday, but the very words of Jesus support that.

"For as Jonah was three days and



three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40).

According to the math, if Jesus WAS crucified on a Friday, three nights would not have passed before His resurrection.

On the contrary, the Thursday crucifixion would allow for the three days and three nights to pass for Him being in the "belly of the earth."

Therefore, we must conclude that Passion Week featured the Last Supper on Wednesday, followed by the crucifixion on Thursday, and the resurrection on Sunday!

Here's to "Good Thursday"!
In Christ, —Pastor Neil

Worship in May

Sunday, May 4
"Loving the World"

1 John 2:1-17

John wrote that if a person claims to be "in the Light" (i.e. "born again"), and yet hates his brother, then he is still living in darkness.

Proof of our salvation is found in the level of our obedience. Additional proof of our commitment to Christ is our relationship to things of the world.

John described "the world" and forbids us to be in love with those things. We will discover these characteristics of the world and assess our relationship to them.

Sunday, May 11

Mothers' Day

Gary Barkdoll, Guest Speaker
"Understanding what it means to be a Christian"

Misty and I will be on vacation. Brother Gary Barkdoll will be bringing the message from the Word this day.

Many Christians struggle to explain to others what it means to be a follower of Christ.

What basic understandings do Christians need to know and understand to be able to defend the Christian faith among believers and non-believers alike.

Come and explore some of the most basic understandings that all Christians should know to strengthen each other and invite others to follow Christ.

Sunday, May 18

"The Spirit of Antichrist"

1 John 2:18-29

John used this harsh term for anyone who does not believe Jesus is the Son of God.

He wrote that anyone who denies Jesus is God's Son, does not belong to God!

The key will be to cling to the teaching of the Word, so that nobody can lead us astray. We will examine these false teachers and understand their motives. This will enable us to stand firm in our faith.

Sunday, May 25

"Children of God"

1 John 2:28-3:10

God's love has been lavished on us so that we have been called "children of God."

To utilize some familiar questions, "What does it mean?" and "Why does it matter?."

Proof of being a child of God can be recognized by our obedience and by our love for others.

If we are God's children, we ought to display a resemblance to our Father.

This sermon will present the details of the case and help us determine our status as "children of God."





Salem Salutes Veterans Buried at Church Cemetery

In honor of Memorial Day 2025, Salem Community Church wishes to recognize our nation's veterans who are buried at Salem Church Cemetery. Visitors to the cemetery on this day will notice a flag at these grave sites.

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

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

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

Memorial Day • Decoration Day • Poppy Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cemetery Points of Contact:

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

Cemetery Mowing:

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

Salem Church Cemetery is located at
12537 Brandenburg Hollow Road.





L to R, Michael Negussie of Enterprise Car Sales; Michael Burrier, Van Committee; Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Board of Trustees Chair; and Pastor Neil Suders.



Salem's First Van for Ministry

We are thrilled to introduce the new Salem Community Church 15-passenger van! We give God all the Glory for His provision and can't wait to see how God utilizes this vehicle for expanded ministry in the Wolfsville community and beyond. Thanks to Michael Negussie at Enterprise Car Sales in Rockville for a great buying experience. GS Images in Hagerstown did a great job with the graphics.



In mid-April, what was Harne's Store for many years in Wolfsville, has re-opened under new management as "Wolfsville Stop."

Pastor Neil Suders from Salem Community Church was honored to be invited by Kara (R) and Julie (L) to offer a dedication prayer for their new venture.

Congratulations on the successful opening!



Young Adults: navigating work, school, relationships, and finances, how do you integrate Faith into your journey?

Salem Community Church's "Crossroads" ministry offers a supportive community for post-high school graduates to "thirtysomethings" to explore, learn, and deepen their faith together.

Pastor Neil leads a weekly "Crossroads" Bible Study from 10:15-11:00 a.m. every

Sunday, following the 9 a.m. worship service.

From seekers to believers, all are welcome; you're home here.

NEWS & NOTES

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 set for September 13

Salem's 65th annual Lord's Acre Festival will be held September 13, 2025, at the Wolfsville Ruritan Park at 12708 Brandenburg Hollow Road.

The Christian music entertainment has been engaged for this year's Lord's Acre Festival. 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.

Mulch placed around church & parsonage

On April 14, 2025, eleven yards of cherry brown mulch was purchased at Promiseland Feed and Seed near Myersville, and delivered to the church to be placed in the church front yard and around the parsonage.

The Frederick County Adult Detention Center Community Services Program provided 3 inmates (along with 2 correctional officers) to help with the placement of the mulch.

The inmates did a very good job. This program gives trustworthy inmates an opportunity to serve the community in various ways and we thank them for their community service.

At lunch time, Salem also provided Hoagies and chips from Martin's Farm Market in Myersville for the crew to enjoy.

Salem to have booth at "Chainsaw Carving & Artisan Festival" May 3, 2025

Salem's Wildfire Student Ministry will be staffing a Salem Community Church booth at the Wolfsville Chainsaw Carving & Artisan Festival on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

The event begins at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. at the Wolfsville Ruritan Park on Brandenburg Hollow Road, and includes the sale of breakfast and lunch food, and an Artisan & Carving Auction at 4 p.m.

Salem youth will be taking shifts at the booth's table.

Maundy Thursday

THE "LAST SUPPER" DRAMA at Salem

April 17, 2025 — From Left, Brian Rouzee (Bartholomew/Nathaniel), Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), David Scoggins (Judas), Dan Lafferty (Peter), Robin Haupt (John), Jim Laky (Jesus), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Steve Leatherman (Matthew), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

EASTER EGG HUNT at Salem**Salem Community Easter Egg Hunt 2025**

By Caroline Buhrman

Thank you once again for making the Salem Community Easter egg hunt a great time for the young ones.

Eggs were filled with candies, quarters and a few with generous dollar coins donated. (This tradition of putting quarters in the eggs was begun many years ago by Mr. Austin Kuhn, and we keep it going in his honor.)

Texas Roadhouse also once again gave us candy and cards for children to get a free meal with an adult purchase from the restaurant. Thank you to them.

We had many children and adults in attendance on this beautiful afternoon.

Light refreshments were served with time for fun and fellowship for all. Prizes were awarded.

The support for this event was so great and I thank everyone who helped in anyway to make that possible. If I started naming names, I would surely omit someone, so I just give a big heartfelt "Thank You!"

NEWS & NOTES**Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School is at Salem this year**

By Hannah Rouzee

Pack your bags because we are headed to Egypt July 14th through 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.

Please register at <https://vbspro.events/p/293486>.

Follow us on Facebook or contact Hannah Rouzee at HEccard@comcast.net for more information.

Welcome Pastor Kinley

We welcome Pastor Kinley Simmers to the Wolfsville community. Pastor Kinley will be serving the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren and has moved into the Grossnickle Church parsonage on Meeting House Road.

He comes to the Wolfsville area from Trinity United Church of Christ, Timberville, Rockingham County, Virginia, just north of Harrisonburg.

Members of the Wolfsville/Myersville community met Pastor Kinley for the first time at the Easter Sunrise Service held at Grossnickle Church. He is succeeding Pastor Sandi Evans Rogers who served as interim pastor while the Grossnickle Church was searching for a new pastor.

The Wolfsville community is pleased to welcome Pastor Kinley and we look forward to working together in greater ministry in this community.

Source: "The Dunker" April 2025



Pastor Kinley Simmers
Grossnickle Church
of the Brethren

Photo from Pastor Kinley's
Facebook page

Renewed Hope in May

By Nancy Strine, Frederick, MD

"May I? — is a frequent question that's part of our living—
The words used often to describe ways we are giving.
But, does the "May I" we utter always show to others
How much we really care for these sisters and brothers?

As children, we all played a fun outside game
Called "Mother, May I? — what a cute little name—
Then, as teens we heard someone say "May I have this dance?"
Or "Carry your books — or walk you home by chance?"

Surely, as always, adulthood changed things.
More important were jobs — and then, wedding rings.
We all seem consumed with "getting ahead,"
Asking "May I?" soon became "Let Me!" instead.

Then, as "old age" for all — too soon comes about,
We look deeply inward and prayerfully will shout,
"Dear Lord, 'May I?' please have just one more day
To show others more love in Your special way?"

"May I?" then would return to service for others—
Kindness to everyone — our sisters and brothers.
So, let's all give tribute to the new month of May—
It's a chance to be able to live life God's way.

Scripture reference: Matthew 25:40

Salem Mission Project No. 10

The Least of These Ministries Visits Salem in Worship

On Sunday, April 6, 2025, we were honored to have special guests from "The Least of These Ministries", Salem's Mission Project No. 10, supporting the Lord's work in the Dominican Republic.

With us on this day were Executive Director, Marty Hogan and his wife Lisa; Director of Evangelism / Social Action, Wilton Gomez and his wife, Beatriz; and Ministry Manager of the Dominican Republic, Ricardo Beltre and his wife Anny.

Wilton, pictured above, spoke to the Salem congregation about the ministry in the Dominican Republic. It was Wilton's first time in the United States.

In a recent note, Marty Hogan wrote, "Please pray for the pastors in the bateys we serve. Pray that God would anoint them with wisdom as they study His word, so that they are better equipped to preach the Gospel message and to make disciples in their churches.

Pray that the congregations would be hungry for God's word, and that unbelievers would be drawn to God's word through their teaching. We truly appreciate the way you so faithfully support this ministry through your prayers and financial gifts."



Wilton Gomez
Dominican Republic
Speaking at Salem



NEWS & NOTES

Be an "Ignite" Youth every Sunday — Grades 4+

In May, the IGNITE Youth (grades 4+) Sunday School class will be learning about "Worship at Church." What does it mean to worship God?



The Bible is full of examples of how to worship God both as a group of believers and as individuals in the private areas of our lives.

Our youth will learn how Hezekiah gathered the people to worship God through song and prayer and Isaiah worshiped God by listening and responding to Him.

In the New Testament, Jesus shared about a widow that worshiped God by giving freely to honor Him. We will conclude the unit by learning that the church is more than a building.

The IGNITE youth 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.

Flower & Bake Sale May 10

Salem's annual Flower, Plant and Bake Sale will be held the day before Mother's Day, Saturday, May 10, 2025, in Wolfsville at Salem.

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 May 14

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.

Adults \$24.73; Ages 5-12 \$10.97; and Ages 3-4 \$2.79. Cash only to Wanda Barkdoll who will consolidate everyone's funds and pay the entire bill to the restaurant.

At the same time, the men will also enjoy good food in a separate area of the restaurant from the ladies. Men will get separate checks and each pay their own bill.

A sign in roster, for both women and men, has been placed in the hallway at church. Please sign in no later than Sunday, May 11, 2025.

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

Senior Luncheon at Salem May 18

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 Wildfire youth will be participating and assisting with serving the food and drinks for our seniors.



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.



Little Johnny

One Sunday morning the pastor noticed little Johnny, age 7, was standing and staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The pastor walked up and stood beside him. While gazing up at the plaque he said quietly, "Good morning, son."

"Good morning, pastor," replied the young man not taking his eyes off the plaque. "Sir, what is this?" Johnny asked.

"Well son, these are all the people who have died in the service." Soberly, they stood together staring up at the large plaque. Little Johnny's voice barely broke the silence when he asked quietly, "Which one sir, the 8:30 or the 10:30 service?"



Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.

Real difficulties can be overcome; it is only the imaginary ones that are unconquerable.

A bend in the road is not the end of the road — unless you fail to make the turn.

Remember how you spend your days is how you spend your life.



The Mountain Shepherd

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School



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