

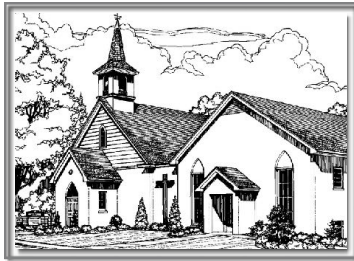
# The Mountain Shepherd

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Salem Community Church — Wolfsville

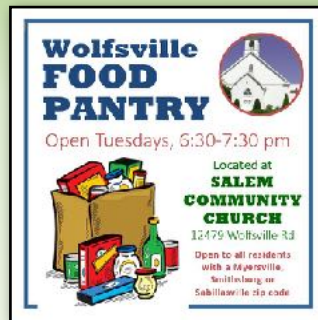
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All men in attendance  
on Father's Day  
will receive  
a gift.

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At Salem in Wolfsville . . .

## Wildfire Student Ministry Summertime Fireside Series

My name is Jessie Leatherman and I am part of a dynamic team that directs our youth program here at Salem. We just recently finished our teddy bear drive that benefits the Frederick State Police. These furry friends ride along with our officers and are given to children to help comfort them when they are part of a stressful situation. Together we collected 93 stuffed animals!

### Special Summer Series begins June 12th

We are SOOO excited to announce that we are rolling out our special summer series of weekly hangouts for the youth! Come out to Salem's pavilion from 6-8 every Thursday night beginning June 12th! Our favorite games will be set up, a fire, food, and anything else we can imagine to have available! The only week we will not meet will be the week of VBS. If the pavilion will be used by another group - still come so we can ride in the church van to Bog Shack! Come and bring friends!

Source: "Faith on Fire" newsletter

**Summertime Fireside Series**  
Thursday nights just got way more exciting! We have the fun and the food...the only thing missing is YOU! Families, friends, siblings...come get to know us and have a good time!

**Event Highlights:**

- ✓ Campfire & Snacks
- ✓ 9 Square & other group games
- ✓ Marshmallow Roasting

Thursdays from June 12- Aug 7  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Every Thursday evening starting June 12





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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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#### Apr 2025 — Average Worship Attendance

104 Sanctuary  
34 Zoom Online  
138 TOTAL



## 2025 MISSION PROJECTS

"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-Apr 2025

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission .....	\$820.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) .....	\$0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons) .....	\$2,636.94
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber) .....	\$200.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem) .....	\$2,385.74
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada) .....	\$900.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus) .....	\$425.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) .....	\$100.00
9. Open for 2025 .....	0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) .....	\$1,000.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick .....	\$950.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) .....	\$172.00
13. Heroes' Club .....	\$0
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) .....	\$140.00

TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2025 ..... \$9,729.68

#### 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. 8

### Potato & Produce Project — Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA

Thank you, Salem Community Church, for making the Society of St. Andrew your partner in ending hunger, with your continuing financial gifts.

Through these gifts, you are sharing fresh, nutritious produce with people who simply don't have enough to eat.

The Society of St. Andrew in Big Island, Virginia, welcomes volunteers to help salvage potatoes and other produce by the tractor-trailer load. Volunteers glean this produce from fields which would otherwise end up in landfills or would be left to spoil in the fields.

Instead of letting this food go to waste, Salem's financial contributions are helping to make sure it goes to feed hungry Americans.

The Society of St. Andrew's Potato & Produce Project also salvages tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that is rejected by commercial markets due to imperfections in size, shape, or blemishes. These rejected loads might also end up at local landfills, but instead, the Society of St. Andrew redirects these 40,000-45,000-pound truckloads of produce to hunger agencies for distribution to people in need.

Harvest season for several fruits and vegetables is already underway in many parts of the country. Your continued support will help us feed families who are in need of food assistance throughout the spring and summer.

Thank you for all the ways your congregation reaches out as the hands and feet of Christ, and thank you especially for your many years of faithful concern for our hungry brothers and sisters.

[So far in 2025, Salem has provided \$100 to the Society of St. Andrew for the Potato Project.]



## Who's Doing What, When?

June 2025

### Lay Reader

1 Marlene Young  
8 Denny Leatherman  
15 Heidi Agostini  
22 Michael Burrier  
29 Janice Harshman

### Acolyte

1 Brynleigh Irons  
8 Shelby Leatherman  
15 Saralyn Irons  
22 Landon Lafferty  
29 Lawson Rouzee

### Organist/Pianist

1 Sara Weitzel  
8 Sara Weitzel  
15 Susie Stottlemeyer  
22 Sara Weitzel  
29 Sara Weitzel

### Computer

1 Wanda Barkdoll  
8 Robin Haupt  
15 Michael Burrier  
22 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
29 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

### Camera

1 Brandon Leatherman  
8 Michael Burrier  
15 Robin Haupt  
22 Cathie Elsbach  
29 Brandon Leatherman

### Greeters

1 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer  
8 David & Sherry Scoggins  
15 Matthew Stottlemeyer  
22 Barkdoll Family  
29 Joy Barkdoll

## Salem to get new Audio-Video System

Salem recently contracted with Audio Video Group in Frederick to upgrade and improve the audio visual capabilities in Salem's sanctuary.

The current audio system was last upgraded in 2014 with a new analog mixer and CD recorder. That system was audio only—no video.

Then, during the COVID pandemic in 2020, a camera, projector and laptop were added to give video capability so that Salem could broadcast worship services "live" on Zoom. In those days, most of the congregation was on Zoom due to the social distancing guidelines from the State of Maryland.

When the camera, projector and laptop were added back in 2020, the placement of those items in the sanctuary were not permanent and therefore took up seating space in the pews. After the pandemic, the same system continued to be used. Salem's worship attendance has doubled in the last year and a half and continues to grow. Therefore the space taken up by the camera, projector and computer are needed for seating as we continue to grow.

During the last six months, an audio visual team consisting of Salem members Robin Haupt, Jim Laky, Bobby Fogle, and Michael Burrier have been working on details as to what a more permanent upgraded audio visual system at Salem would look like.

After contacting several companies, the Salem team worked with Audio Video Group in Frederick to fine tune a proposal that would meet Salem's current needs and be flexible to expand when needed in the future.

The President and Founder of Audio Video Group, Eric Johnson, attended a recent Salem Church Council meeting to explain the details of their 11-page proposal. The Salem team put a tremendous amount of work into this project and recommended Council approval. After discussion, Council approved the project to be funded from Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.

The installation is expected to take five days, Monday through Friday, and three to five people will be working on the project. An installation date has not yet been scheduled.

Equipment must be ordered first and will include Loudspeakers, Jacks & Accessories; Amplification & Digital Signal Processing; Allen & Heath SQ-Rack Digital Audio Mixer; Microphones, Jacks & Accessories; Laser Projector with zoom lens; 24" Confidence Monitor connected to a wireless HDMI transmission system; Marshall "Pan, Tilt, & Zoom" Camera; HD Video Switcher; Video Workstation; 75" 4K interactive flat panel display for the Salem social room on a mobile cart. This display will be used to enable an overflow crowd to view the service in the sanctuary. The display can also be used for other presentations taking place in the social room.

In addition to the new equipment, some of the existing equipment used by the current system (if compatible) will be used along with the new.

—Bill Burrier



## It's Your Day!

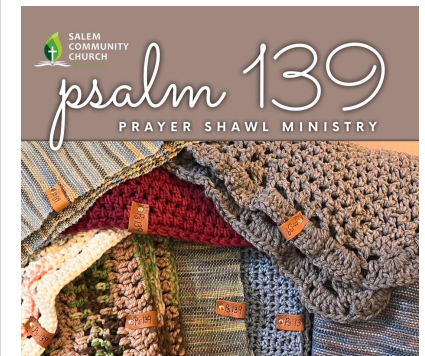


### June Anniversaries

2 - Pastor Neil & Misty Suders  
8 - Kenneth & Dianna Poling  
19 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman  
22 - Mark & Sarah Koons  
25 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

### June Birthdays

1 - Emily Burrier  
2 - Richard Freysz  
2 - Bob Stup  
3 - Kenneth Ifert  
3 - Andrea Palmer  
3 - Barbara Palmer  
11 - Joyce Weaver  
12 - Petie Stup  
13 - Cheyenne Leatherman  
23 - Seth Hipkins  
23 - Jeremiah Sowers  
24 - Casey Weddle  
25 - Timothy Eccard  
26 - Christi Beall  
26 - Justin Brown  
26 - Paul McCormick  
27 - George Stottlemeyer  
28 - Liam Haupt



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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

### Fathers are Wonderful People

By Helen Steiner Rice

Fathers are wonderful people  
too little understood,  
And we do not sing their praises  
as often as we should . . .  
For, somehow, Father seems to be  
the man who pays the bills,  
While Mother binds up little hurts  
and nurses all our ills . . .  
And Father struggles daily  
to live up to "His Image"  
As protector and provider  
and "hero of the scrimmage" . . .  
And perhaps that is the reason  
we sometimes get the notion  
That Fathers are not subject  
to the thing we call emotion,  
But if you look inside Dad's heart,  
where no one else can see,  
You'll find he's sentimental  
and as "soft" as he can be . . .  
But he's so busy every day  
in the grueling race of life,  
He leaves the sentimental stuff  
to his partner and his wife . . .  
But Fathers are just wonderful  
in a million different ways,  
And they merit loving compliments  
and accolades of praise,  
For the only reason Dad aspires  
to fortune and success  
Is to make the family proud of him  
and to bring them happiness . . .  
And like our Heavenly Father,  
he's a guardian and a guide,  
Someone that we can count on  
to be always on our side.



### A Child Gives

By Margaret Lee Runbeck

Of all the dear sights in the world, nothing is so  
beautiful as a child when it is giving something.  
Any small thing it gives. A child gives the world to  
you. It opens the world to you as if it were a book  
you'd never been able to read.  
But when a gift must be found, it is always some  
absurd little thing, pasted on crooked . . . an angel  
looking like a clown. A child has so little that it can  
give, because it never knows it has given you  
everything.



## RECIPE



### Pecan Pie Bars

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 cups all-purpose flour	1 cup light-colored corn syrup
1/2 cup granulated sugar	1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/8 teaspoon salt	4 eggs, lightly beaten
3/4 cup butter or margarine	2 1/2 cups finely chopped pecans
1 cup packed brown sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla

1. In a large mixing bowl, stir together the flour, granulated sugar and salt. Using a pastry blender, cut in 3/4 cup butter until the mixture resembles fine crumbs. Press the mixture evenly into a greased 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 15 to 18 minutes or until lightly browned, set aside.
2. In a medium saucepan, combine the brown sugar, corn syrup and 1/2 cup butter. Bring to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.
3. Place the eggs in a medium bowl. Gradually stir about 1/2 cup of the hot mixture into eggs. Return all mixture to saucepan. Stir in pecans and vanilla. Pour nut mixture over baked crust.
4. Bake the bar cookies for 30 to 32 minutes more or until the filling is set. Cool in the pan on a wire rack. Cut into bars to serve. Makes 20 to 32 bars.



### Mountain Graveyard

By O. Thomas Kolb, Frederick, MD

There is a mountain graveyard  
High upon a hill,  
Away from rushing people  
Where things are sweet and still.  
Its graves are kept so neatly  
With tender love and care,  
And flowers bloom so sweetly  
To purify the air.  
The birds' songs seem so lovely  
Like tiny angel choirs,  
That echo through the mountains  
And right up to the stars.  
The sunbeams dance like magic  
As nature casts her spell  
Upon this place of beauty  
Where angels seem to dwell.  
The pines look down in wonder  
As they in reverence nod,  
Unto the souls that slumber  
In peace beneath the sod.  
To me this is a garden  
And in it you will find  
A peace that has no ending  
Because it is divine.

### 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

### Living the Word

By Grace E. Easley

Folks go to church on Sunday,  
And think they "have it made,"  
But there are six more days in which  
To practice what we've prayed.  
You can't just read the Scriptures,  
You have to live them, too,  
And in your soul you must believe  
God knows what's best for you.



## Message from the Pastor

and

## Worship in June

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

### I Would Like It NOW, Please!

**I** have a confession. I sometimes struggle with patience. Not in dealing with people, I struggle with wanting things done according to MY timeline! However, the more I grow in my faith, the more I realize that God's timeline is not always MY timeline.

This reminds me of a well-known New Testament story in the eleventh chapter of John's gospel. I am referring to the story of Lazarus being raised from the dead.

If you recall the story, Jesus and His disciples were in a village a mere two miles away from Bethany, where Lazarus was sick. Jesus heard His dear friend was sick. Yet He waited to go and see him.

Jesus knew the scope of the Father's plan. He told His disciples that this sickness would not result in death, but that "it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (verse 4).

That is the breakdown between the perception of Jesus and the perceptions of Mary and Martha. Jesus was surrendered to the Father's plan, whereas Mary and Martha were leaning on their own plans. Even though Jesus was two miles away and could have been there in time to save Lazarus, He chose to linger.

Mary and Martha both rebuked Jesus for getting there too late. They told Him that IF He had been there, their brother would not have died. Again, we must remember that Jesus said He would be glorified because of the illness of Lazarus.

Jesus arrived in Bethany and, after the scathing words from the sisters, He asked where they had laid him. Martha hesitated because Lazarus had been buried for four days. This introduced the obstacle of the Law because there was no physical chance of a person coming back to life after four days. Additionally, there



was the physical side effect that by that time, there would be a foul odor.

You know how the narrative ends. Jesus called Lazarus to come forth. The stone was rolled away, and Lazarus came out, blindfolded and bound. Jesus demanded that they loose him and let him go. God was glorified and the power of Jesus was verified.

**What does it mean?** This narrative teaches us that God is sovereign, and His plans trump my plans. My timeline is irrelevant compared to God's timeline. Our timelines are irrelevant compared to God's timeline. Jesus delayed His arrival so that He could raise Lazarus from the dead.

**Why does it matter?** It matters because when we understand that God's timing is tied to God's purpose and plan, we can be a little more patient when things aren't done when we want them done. I might even learn to be more patient when things do not happen WHEN I think they should!

—Pastor Neil

## Worship in June

**Sunday, June 1**  
**Heroes' Club Sunday**  
**1 John 3:11-24**

**"What's Love Got to do With It?"**

We know that the world will hate us, if we are abiding in Christ. However, we are compelled to love one another. This is proof of our faith. John wrote that Jesus loved us so much, that He laid down his life for us. In the same way, we need to be willing to lay down our lives for each other. To truly abide in Christ would mean to love each other unconditionally.

**Sunday, June 8**

**Communion**

**1 John 4:1-6**

**"Testing the Spirits"**

There were (and still are) religious groups who claim to have a message from God. These claims were and are attempts to get people to follow them with unquestioning allegiance. BUT, not all these groups were/are from God. Therefore, John encouraged his dear children to "test the spirits to see whether they are from God." We will study what John wrote and then apply it to our lives, giving us the true discernment necessary.

**Sunday, June 15**

**Fathers' Day**

**Luke 15:11-31**

**"A Father's Love"**

We will examine this famous parable about the father and his two sons. However, we will consider the narrative from the perspectives of each brother and the attitude of the father. As we recognize all fathers and father figures on this day, we will learn the dynamics of a father's love at its core. With God's help, all of us who ARE fathers will strive to be more loving, and those who have or had a father can appreciate them more.

**Sunday, June 22**

**Baptism Service Day**

**1 John 4:7-12**

**"God's Love on Display"**

John used the word "love" 42 times in this epistle. Each time he used it, the Greek word Agape was chosen. The reason John chose this word for love is because it defines the love God has for us. God demonstrated His love for us by giving His only Son to die for our sins. We will study this passage and be reminded that when we love others with Agape love, God's love lives in us.

**Sunday, June 29**

**New Members' Day**

**1 John 4:13-21**

**"God is Love"**

In Math class, I learned the reflexive property, which stated "if  $a=b$ , then  $b=a$ ." I used to be concerned with the phrase "God is love" for fear people might assume that "love is God." It is not. However, John used this phrase to portray God as the premier example of love. By studying this passage, we will learn how the sentence, "God is love" can shape our values, our passions, and our relationships.

## Salem's After School Ministry

**HEROES' CLUB ENDS THE SCHOOL YEAR**

May 5, 2025 — On this day, due to rain and lightening, we used the new church van to transport our Heroes' Club students from Wolfsville Elementary to Salem Community Church! They were so excited to ride in Salem's new van.

**Heroes' Club Picnic: June 2**

As we wind down a year of Heroes' Club, on Monday, June 2nd at 5:30 p.m., Salem will be providing a picnic dinner to honor our students, their families and all the helpers that made Heroes' Club a success.

On this day, Heroes' Club will follow its normal format and the last Hero of the Bible the students will learn about is Timothy.

And then, at 5:30 p.m., we will begin the picnic meal, followed by outdoor activities for the students.

Salem plans to offer Heroes' Club again next year on Mondays when school is in session!

This has been a wonderful outreach to the young students in the Wolfsville area. —Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

**Heroes' Club Sunday  
June 1, 2025**

On Sunday, June 1st, during 9 a.m. worship, we will recognize our Heroes' Club students for successfully completing the program.

April 29, 2025

"One of our Heroes' Club kids gave me this yesterday [at Heroes' Club].

"I LOVE those children!!"

—Pastor Neil

## Saturday, June 14, 2025

**END OF SCHOOL YEAR "CARNIVAL"**

To celebrate the end of the school year, Salem will be hosting a carnival for the community on Saturday, June 14th, starting at 4:00 p.m.

There will be games and activities for all ages. We will also be serving free hotdogs, popcorn and drinks throughout the evening. Please come and join us for a fun filled evening.

—Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer



## Come Grow with Us

**New Members at Salem**

In less than two years since the establishment of Salem Community Church, the Lord has blessed us with 29 new members and 16 believer's baptisms. More have expressed interest in becoming members at Salem in June —

- Sunday, June 22 - Believer's Baptisms
- Sunday, June 29 - New Members Sunday

If you would like to join those listed below as new members of Salem Community Church or God's family of believer's baptisms, please contact Pastor Neil.

**29 New Members • 16 Believer's Baptisms  
at Salem Community Church  
... More to Come**

**16 New Members on October 29, 2023**

Heidi Agostini, Joy Barkdoll, Tim Eccard, Mary Ellen Eccard, Janet Goetzke, Sharon Harshman, Daniel Lafferty, Jamie Lafferty, Klaus Mueller, Tonia Mueller, Kenneth Poling, Dianna Poling, Cheryl Webb, Cassidy Webb, Rylie Webb, and Shannon Webb.

**11 New Members on May 5, 2024**

Tim Duley, Jody Eccard, Kathy Hill, David Kline, Wanda Kline, Bryan Rouzee, Hannah Rouzee, David Scoggins, Sherry Scoggins, Misty Suders, and Krista Willman.

**2 New Members on November 17, 2024**

Amber Stine and Bill Bere

**11 Believer's Baptisms on April 14, 2024**

Baptism by immersion — Gary Barkdoll, Valentina Barkdoll, Tim Duly, Mary Ellen Eccard, Pat Eccard, Klaus Mueller, Tonia Mueller, Lawson Rouzee, Misty Suders, Krista Willman, Theah Willman.

**5 Believer's Baptisms on September 8, 2024**

Baptism by immersion — Shelby Leatherman, Cheyenne Leatherman, Cassie Webb, Rylie Webb, and Janet Goetzke.

We are excited to share that the Salem Community Church family is growing. It is a joyous time of celebration for believer's immersion baptisms, and for New Members Sunday, as we receive and welcome dear friends into formal church membership. We are blessed to have each one of you as part of our church family and pray God's blessings on your journey of faith in Jesus Christ.



### Van Usage Guidelines

Many of you might be wondering if one can get access to the church van and, if so, how to go about doing that. Here are the steps to take for van usage.

First, the van will not be available to members of the community at large. Our insurance will not cover us if outside parties are using the van, independent of Salem Community Church.

There is a list of primary drivers (see below) who are authorized to drive the van. There is also a sheet for the driver to fill out and sign which will be kept on file in the church office.

Scheduling of the van must be completed with me, since the keys will be kept in the church office. The van can be picked up and returned to the church parking lot.

As long as the van is used locally, it will not need refueled upon return. I will see to the refueling of the van.

However, if the van is to be taken far away, and if the van should need gas to make it home, it will be the responsibility of the person who arranged for the use of the van to buy gas. That person should keep the gas receipt and submit it to the Church Treasurer Bill Burrier upon return for repayment.

Only the driver of record may drive on the event, in case a camera speed trap sends a speeding ticket. The church will not pay the speeding ticket fines. The driver will be responsible for any fines or penalties incurred.

The van will be reserved on a first come-first serve basis. —*Pastor Neil*

#### Authorized Drivers of the Salem Community Church Van

<b>Pastor</b>	D. Neil Suders	
<b>Church Council Members</b>	Vernon Stottlemeyer	Gary Barkdoll
	Michael Burrier	Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
	Wanda Barkdoll	Mike Irons
	George Stottlemeyer	Robin Haupt
	Dennis Leatherman	Bobby Fogle
<b>Wildfire Student Ministry Leaders</b>	Jessie Leatherman	Brandon Leatherman
	Bryan Rouzee	Linda Marenic
	Tim Eccard	Tim Duley
<b>Ministry Leaders</b>	Bill Weaver	Debbie Irons
	Justinn Irons	

### Summertime Special Music in Worship

Marlene Young is preparing a schedule of those who wish to share their talents with solos, duets, small groups or instrumental offerings. Contact Marlene at 301-491-5275 or marleneyoung99@aol.com.

## 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.

**Lord's Acre Festival**  
2nd Saturday in Sept.  
2:00-6:00 pm  
WOLFVILLE RURITAN PARK  
Food, Crafts, Produce, Music, Auctions & More

### Annual Financial Audit Completed

Our thanks to Meredith Harshman, Retired CPA, for conducting the audit of Salem's 2024 financial records. Accounts audited were General Church Treasury, Lord's Acre Project, Cemetery Accounts, Building & Improvement Fund, Pavilion Fund, General Fund Savings, Music Program, and three investment funds.

Meredith found the church's financial records to be up-to-date and in proper order. During last year's audit, Meredith made one formatting suggestion for a summary table which was incorporated into the 2024 financial records.

Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer, will keep the congregation informed of Salem's financial status with a quarterly report in the Sunday worship bulletin.

The Fund Balance Audit Report for 2024 was presented to and accepted by the Salem Church Council on May 15, 2025.

### Ladies Bible Study: Summer Picnic

Salem's Ladies Bible Study wrapped up their winter session on May 19th and will be taking a break for the summer. As a summer activity, the group will enjoy a picnic at Ole Mink Farm on Monday, June 30, at 5 p.m.

### Salem Iron Men Fireside Chat

Salem's Iron Men will meet at the pavilion on Thursday, June 12, at 7 p.m. Bring a folding chair.

Photo by Mary Ellen Eccard



### Plant, Flower, & Food Sale a big success

May 10, 2025 — Salem's annual plant, flower, and food sale, once again, gave the community an opportunity to buy plants for their home flower gardens.

Our thanks to Barbie, George and Matt Stottlemeyer for traveling to Lancaster County, Pa. to hand-select the beautiful plants for us to buy. In the above photo, at the Salem plant sale, Barbie is helping Bill Burrier select just the right flowers for his home flower bed.

Barbie reports the net profits to benefit Salem's "Bee-lievers" Women's Group were:

- Flowers and Plants: \$1,781.25
- Food Stand (sandwiches & baked goods): \$835.06
- Yard Sale: \$439.00
- Grand Total: \$3,055.31

### Senior Luncheon Photos

May 18, 2025



Photos by Wanda Barkdoll

## 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.

### Senior Luncheon at Salem well attended

May 18, 2025 — A total of 33 individuals attended the Senior Luncheon sponsored by Salem. The "Bee-lievers" Women's Group prepared the meal while the Wildfire Student Ministry assisted in setting the hall, decorating, served beverages, food and dessert.

The menu included ham, green beans, escalloped potatoes, coleslaw, apple sauce, bread, a variety of desserts and ice cream.

Denny and Dianna Leatherman presented a funny skit about going to a restaurant and the waitress (Dianna) had no desire to serve the customer (Denny).

We really appreciated everyone's support, especially the "Bee-lievers" and the Wildfire Student Ministry and adults who made the Senior Luncheon a great event. — Wanda Barkdoll



## Salem Mission News

*Salem Mission Project No. 1*

**Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer**, Retired Senegal Missionaries

Dear Folks at Salem Community Church,  
April 1, 2025 — First of all, we apologize that it's been such a long time since we sent an update on what we are doing and our lives.



We want to thank you for your part in our lives through your prayers, your gifts, and your friendship. We appreciate you and your faithfulness very much.

We have some aches and pains that come with getting older and that limits doing as much as we would like, but, as far as we know, we don't have any major health issues. We certainly thank God for the health we have.

There is not much change in the things we are involved in. Nancy continues to visit a few widows either in their homes or in nursing homes. It is always an encouragement to them when she visits them. Frank continues to serve on the board of our home church, he is the bookkeeper & treasurer, he occasionally teaches Sunday School or Wednesday evening Bible study, he prepares a weekly bulletin insert of prayer requests and announcements, and he helps with various things at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission one day each week.

As far as our family, our daughter, Wanda, helps at their home church and works several days each week at a candy store. Our son-in-law, Lynn, is one of the elders at their home church, and he sometimes preaches at churches in the area, besides working full-time at Fed-Ex. Our son and daughter-in-law, Eric & Wendy, are in Senegal. Eric is teaching the Bible in the village to the Badyaranké people. He records the teaching for those who want to hear the teaching again, and for those who do not attend the teaching. Wendy is helping with the Bible translation into the Badyaranké language. Our daughter, Rebecca, is teaching literacy to some of the Badyaranké people, she oversees a man who is also teaching literacy, and she works with some ladies having them read Scripture. Our son & daughter-in-law, Gary & Lisa, serve at a missionary retirement center in Florida. Gary is part of the ground crew, and he works on other projects at the center; Lisa helps with cooking for the retired missionary residents.

Our granddaughter, Tara & her husband, Asheton, are to graduate this month from the missionary training of Ethnos 360. Please pray for Tara's serious thyroid issues. Granddaughter, Elli, is to be married to Devin later this month, and grandson, Jason, is to be married to Erika in June.

Thank you so much for all you do for us and for our family.

Joyfully in Christ, —Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

### Ladies/Men's Night Out: A Good Time

May 14, 2025 — A group of 20 ladies, 19 adults and a child, attended the event. We laughed, talked, ate a lot, and played games. The "Bee-lievers" greatly appreciated everyone's attendance. Of course the guys were having a good time as well. Thank you so much for supporting this event. —Wanda Barkdoll

## NEWS & NOTES

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

In June, the IGNITE Youth Sunday School class (grades 4+) will be learning to "Tell About Jesus" in our community and world.



Each session in this unit focuses on Paul and his ministry. Paul suffered much in following God's command to go into the world and preach the gospel, but Paul acted faithfully to God's call everywhere he went.

Our youth will learn how Paul praised God and told about Jesus even when he was in jail and how he preached in foreign cities where he encountered angry crowds.

He served alongside other believers, such as Aquila, Priscilla, and Barnabas. Even in the most difficult of times, Paul's focus was on helping others hear the good news of God's plan for salvation.

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 Salem's Wildfire Student Ministry.

### Salem's Booth at the Wolfsville Chainsaw & Artisan Festival — May 3, 2025





### 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.



**Daniel was never again comfortable around cats — of any size.** See Daniel 6:16

### *Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

Every child, born into the world is a new thought of God, and ever-fresh and radiant possibility.

If you are content with the best you have done, you will never do the best you can do.

The Lord sees not only how much we give, but also how much we keep.

A godly parent is a child's best guide to God.



## The Mountain Shepherd

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### SERVICE TIMES

**9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship**

**10:15 a.m. Sunday School**



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June 2025

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