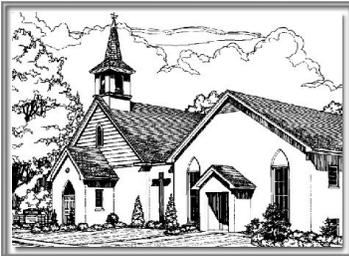


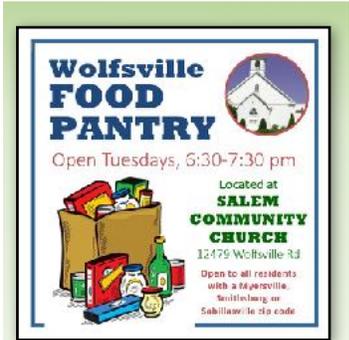
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Come Grow with Us

## New Members at Salem



June 29, 2025 — We welcome 8 new members to the Salem Community Church family! L to R, Susan & David Brandenburg, Dale & Audrey Kline, Kathy & Ron Holter, Rhonda & Tony Miller and Pastor Neil Suders.

## 37 New Members • 18 Believer's Baptisms

SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH LESS THAN 2 YEARS AGO, THE LORD HAS BLESSED US WITH 37 NEW MEMBERS AND 18 BELIEVER'S BAPTISMS.

### 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

Bill Bere and Amber Stine

### 8 New Members on June 29, 2025

David Brandenburg, Susan Brandenburg, Ron Holter, Kathy Holter, Dale Kline, Audrey Kline, Tony Miller and Rhonda Miller.

### 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 and Theah Willman.

### 5 Believer's Baptisms on Sept. 8, 2024

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

### 2 Believer's Baptisms on June 22, 2025

Baptism by immersion — Amoura Malle and Carlo Platero

We are excited to share that the Salem Community Church family is growing in numbers and faith in Jesus Christ.



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**Salem Vision Statement:**  
Building Connections.  
Growing God's Family.

**Salem Mission Statement:**  
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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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**June 2025 — Average Worship Attendance**  
97 Sanctuary  
34 Zoom Online  
131 TOTAL

**Go**  **2025 MISSION PROJECTS**  
"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-June 2025

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission .....	\$1,230.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) .....	\$0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons) .....	\$5,226.30
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber) .....	\$300.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem) .....	\$4,172.33
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada) .....	\$1,350.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus) .....	\$650.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) .....	\$150.00
9. Open for 2025 .....	0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) .....	\$1,450.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick .....	\$1,500.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) .....	\$258.00
13. Heroes' Club (After School Ministry) .....	\$204.88
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) .....	\$210.00
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2025 .....</b>	<b>\$16,701.51</b>

**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. 3*

**Salem Mission & Outreach — Samaritan's Purse / Texas Flood**



**Salem provides \$5,604 for Texas Flood Relief**

On Sundays, July 13 and July 20, a free-will offering plate was placed at the back of the church during Sunday worship, giving an opportunity for Salem members and friends to contribute to Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham organization, who mobilized equipment and enlisted volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of the recent devastating flood of the Guadalupe River in Kerr County, Kerrville, Texas.

As of this writing, Salem folks have given \$5,604.00 to be sent to Samaritan's Purse for the Texas flood relief efforts. In addition to helping with the initial emergency, Samaritan's Purse staff are staying behind to rebuild or restore houses for needy families. Additional story and photos about an elderly couple on page 7.

# Who's Doing What, When?

August 2025

### Lay Reader

- 3 David Brandenburg
- 10 Lora McGraw
- 17 Denny Leatherman
- 24 Marlene Young
- 31 Ron Holter

### Acolyte

- 3 Saralyn Irons
- 10 Landon Lafferty
- 17 Lawson Rouzee
- 24 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 31 Brynleigh Irons

### Organist/Pianist

- 3 Sara Weitzel
- 10 Sara Weitzel
- 17 Sara Weitzel
- 24 Sara Weitzel
- 31 Susie Stottlemeyer

### Computer

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

### Camera

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

### Greeters

- 3 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 10 David & Sherry Scoggins
- 17 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 24 Barkdoll Family
- 31 Joy Barkdoll



- ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
- 10:00 a.m.
- [No Sunday School]
- THEME
- "Pack the Pew"
- CATERED LUNCH
- at the
- Pavilion
- 11:30 a.m.
- GAMES FOR
- ADULTS & KIDS
- 2 Inflatable
- Bounce Houses
- Invite a Friend,
- Neighbor,
- Family Member

### "Pack the Pew"

Friends, we are scheduling a special service on September 28th. We are calling it Rally Day and the theme is "Pack the Pew." We will be starting the service at 10:00 a.m. and, like we did on Homecoming Sunday last year, we are having one combined service (no Sunday School).

There will be a catered lunch by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant at the pavilion starting at 11:30. We will be having games for adults and kids, as well as two inflatable bounce houses!

This will be a chance to reach out to friends, neighbors, and family members who are not attending church anywhere at this time, and invite them to join you for the big day.

Since this will be two weeks after the Lord's Acre, we are going to have lunch provided. Plan on joining us that day and plan on who you can invite to "pack the pew."

Be in prayer for them to come and pray for the Lord to bless that day for His glory! In Christ,

*Pastor Neil*

## It's Your Day!

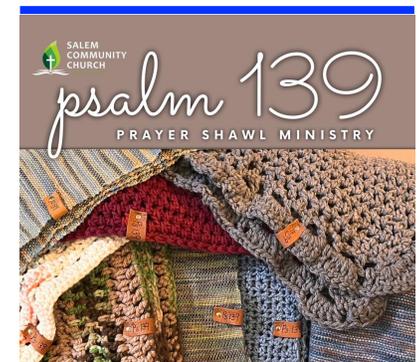


### August Anniversaries

- 6 - Adam & Rachel Stottlemeyer
- 17 - Mike & Marlene Young
- 22 - Lee & Lora McGraw
- 29 - Andrew & Sarah Haddock
- 29 - Richard & Anita Harshman

### August Birthdays

- 3 - Susan Koons
- 3 - Jessie Leatherman
- 6 - Jeff Harshman
- 7 - Linda Marenic
- 9 - Sara Burwell
- 11 - Cathie Elsbach
- 12 - Matt Tolland
- 15 - Danny Zimmerman
- 16 - Amy McCormick
- 16 - Bill Weaver
- 17 - Timothy Doyle
- 18 - Amy Burwell
- 18 - Jerry Draper
- 19 - Meagan Wagaman
- 21 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 26 - Kenslie Buhrman
- 27 - Misty Suders
- 28 - Curtis Nelson
- 29 - Sandy Miller
- 30 - Camilo Barkdoll



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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

### August

By Gertrude Rudberg

I love the fields and countryside,  
The hills and mountains, too;  
I love the meadows, flowered wide,  
The skies of azure blue.



I love the Brooks and quiet streams,  
The rivers flowing on;  
I love the lakes where sunshine gleams...  
The ponds reflecting song.

I love the land with upturned face,  
The harrowed rows of grain;  
I love the leaves with turning grace,  
The footsteps of the rain.

I love the sound of birds on wing,  
The rustling of the trees;  
I love the song that branches sing...  
The soft and gentle breeze.

I love the peace and quietness,  
The stars, the moon, the night;  
I love the hope of wakefulness...  
The mist of August light.

### In the Beginning

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD

In the beginning, there was nothing  
Until our Lord willed it so,  
Then He made the land and the oceans  
And the mountains and valleys below.

Across the earth, there was darkness  
And the world was covered with night,  
Until He spoke and made the daytime  
With a sun to give forth its light

He pinned the stars against Heaven  
And made the moon to shine,  
Then He smiled in a sort of contentment  
Everything was fine.

Then He said there's something missing  
In His great creative plan,  
Then in the dawn of His creation.  
With His hands created man!

Enjoy the gifts of August!



## RECIPE



### Open-Face Peach Pie

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 1/4 cup sliced fresh peaches	2 Tablespoons flour (rounded)
1/2 cup brown sugar	Pinch of salt
1/2 cup white sugar	1 cup rich milk or cream

Put sliced peaches in unbaked pie shell. Mix remaining ingredients in the order given and pour over peaches. Bake at 400° for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350° and bake until juice looks syrupy.

*Selected from*  
*Cooking with the Horse & Buggy People II*  
*Authentic Amish Cooking*



### Sharing

By Beulah Hardan

Is someone happier because  
You passed their way today?  
Did you bring a smile  
to a clouded face?  
When you did not turn away?

Is someone's burden lighter  
For just a little lift,  
A pleasant word, a little boost,  
Or perhaps some little gift?

Do you feel content and happy  
When you settle down at night  
Because you found  
a troubled friend.  
And helped to set them, right?

A load is always lighter  
When a friend walks by your side.  
You cannot cure all the ills,  
But at least you know you tried.

Let not one single day go by  
At home, at work, at play...  
Unless someone is happier  
Because you passed their way.

Called to be salt and light in this world,  
Called to preserve and to shine,  
Called to reflect the glory of God —  
Oh, what a calling is mine!

*Reference: 1 John 5:2*

### 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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### Leisure

By W. H. Davies

What is this life if, full of care, we  
have no time to stand and stare?  
No time to stand beneath the  
boughs, and stare as long as  
sheep and cows — No time to  
see, when woods we pass, where  
squirrels hide their nuts in grass  
— No time to see, in broad  
daylight, streams full of stars,  
like skies at night — No time to  
turn at Beauty's glance, and  
watch her feet, how they can  
dance — No time to wait till her  
mouth can enrich that smile her  
eyes began? A poor life this is, if,  
full of care, we have no time to  
stand and stare.

*Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman*



## Message from the Pastor

and

## Worship in August

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

### Getting to Know Joseph

**H**aving just “travelled to Egypt” with Vacation Bible School, we were introduced to one of my favorite Bible characters.

Joseph was the first son of Jacob who was born to his mother, Rachel.

There were ten brothers and one sister older than Joseph, and his little brother, Benjamin, with whom Rachel died in childbirth, was the last of Jacob’s children.

Because Joseph was his first son to Rachel, Jacob gave him a coat of many colors; thereby causing strife between him and his brothers.

That strife grew when Joseph shared his dreams with them. In these dreams, Joseph saw his older brothers bowing down to him. These dreams enraged his older brothers.

One fateful day, Joseph’s father asked him to go check on his brothers who were grazing their flocks.

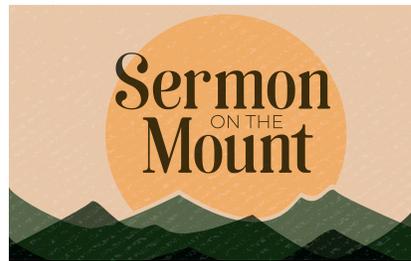
When they saw him at a distance they wished to kill him. Instead, they sold him into slavery to a caravan of Ishmaelites, heading to Egypt.

Serving in the household of Potiphar, things were looking up for Joseph until Potiphar’s wife falsely accused him of attempting to seduce her. Joseph was wrongfully imprisoned.

He was forgotten by the cupbearer whose dream Joseph correctly interpreted. So, he spent many years in an Egyptian prison for a crime he never committed.

Yet, in God’s timing, Joseph was released from prison and restored to the palace. He interpreted Pharaoh’s dream and got promoted to be the governor of Egypt; a position inferior to only Pharaoh, himself.

This was when God’s sovereignty was on display. Joseph was administering the



food distribution program and his brothers appeared before him because the famine had reached Canaan, as well. Though they appeared before him, they did not recognize him.

Eventually, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and had the whole family move to the region of Goshen, not too far from Joseph and the palace.

Joseph forgave his brothers and the family was restored. His brothers bowed before him so that he would forgive them, and Joseph told them, “Do not fear; you intended to harm me but God meant it for good (Genesis 50:20).

#### What does it mean?

We learn from the story of Joseph that sometimes God will allow his faithful servants to withstand difficult times, but that those difficult times are for His purposes. We also recognize that despite our circumstances, it is imperative that we remain faithful to God.

#### Why does it matter?

Our faithfulness matters to God, and He is wanting to be able to watch us endure affliction with unwavering faith. If we trust Him fully, He will bless us fully.

In Christ, —Pastor Neil

### Worship for August

#### Sunday, August 3 “Questions and Answers”

Questions have been submitted by

the congregation, and I will be spending the service today answering them. If you have a question burning into your subconscious, let me know by August 1, in writing, and I will gladly answer them, time permitting.

#### “Kingdom Living” sermon series

#### Sunday, August 10 “Blessed are We” Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus Began his Sermon on the Mount with a rapid-fire list of blessings we call the Beatitudes. It should be noted that he was addressing disciples and, in essence, was laying out a code of conduct that His followers should embrace.

We will learn how this code of conduct will impact our lives.

#### Sunday, August 17 “The World Needs Salt and Light” Matthew 5:13-16

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus followed up the Beatitudes with the statement that we are “Salt and Light.”

He did not say we were to BECOME salt and light. He said we already ARE salt and light. We need to understand what Jesus meant by that, and today we will learn the impact of what that means.

#### Sunday, August 24 “Who Am I?” Genesis 1:26-27

Pastor Neil and Misty are on vacation. Mike Burrier will be preaching.

God has created every person uniquely in His image. What does that mean? If we knew who we really are in God, our lives would be radically transformed. We will explore the scriptures to learn what it means to be created in the image of God and apply this to better understand how to live each day with our identity firmly grounded in Christ.

#### Sunday, August 31 “Thou Shalt Not Kill” Matthew 5:17-26

I know the title is from the King James Bible, but it is so familiar to us that I wanted to use it for the title.

When people hear about this passage, they often wonder about military active duty, or fatal accidents.

Yet, Jesus went a step beyond “You shall not murder.” Kingdom living is more than just following legalistic mandates. Today we will learn what He taught.

**Grades 4+****BE AN "IGNITE YOUTH" EVERY SUNDAY**

IN AUGUST, THE IGNITE YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (GRADES 4+) WILL FOCUS ON JESUS AS A TEACHER. A GOOD TEACHER IS MEMORABLE BUT JESUS IS MORE THAN JUST A "GOOD" TEACHER.



Jesus taught many things to His disciples, to crowds who gathered to listen, and even to the religious leaders who gathered in the temples He visited. Jesus taught about forgiveness, how to pray, and how to serve others. He taught about His resurrection and how He would one day return. Jesus often told parables and used Scriptures from the Old Testament to help people learn about God and His Kingdom.

We pray this unit will foster a love for Jesus and His teachings in ways that honor God and draw students into a closer relationship with Him.

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.

**HOLY LAND TOUR IN 2026**

We are still measuring interest in taking a seven-day trip to the Holy Land in 2026. The trip will only be happening if there is military peace at the time of the trip.

We will be targeting a trip in late October or early November, so I will need to have a firm count by October 1, 2025.

We want to see a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 who want to go. This will enable us to have our own group for small activities, such as Bible studies and devotional times at specific locations.

Can you imagine having a small group Bible study in the Garden of Gethsemane?! If you contacted me last year about this, please let me know again if you are interested.

—Pastor Neil

**PLANS UNDERWAY for LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL**

*Always the Second Saturday in September*

This year, we are striving to do more advertising of items that will be sold at the Silent Auction and Live Auction.

Please consider taking photos of items that will be donated to either the Silent Auction or Live Auction and send them to Mike Burrier for use in our advertising leading up to the Festival. This will generate more interest in the items available for sale at our event!

Please email photos to Mike at [bankermike73@gmail.com](mailto:bankermike73@gmail.com) or text them to 301-401-7575.

Lord's Acre advertising will begin in mid-August.



Expanded  
Advertising  
This Year

**LOCAL CHURCH PICNICS & FESTIVALS****1ST SATURDAY IN AUGUST**

**August 2, 2025 11 a.m.**

**GARFIELD CHURCH PICNIC**

Garfield Picnic Woods at corner of  
Garfield & Brandenburg Hollow Roads  
Sponsored by Garfield UMC

**2ND SATURDAY IN AUGUST**

**August 9, 2025 11 a.m.**

**MT. BETHEL CHURCH PICNIC**

Corner of Stottlemeyer & Ridenour Roads  
Sponsored by Mt. Bethel UMC

**3RD SATURDAY IN AUGUST**

**August 16, 2025 11 a.m.**

**WOLFVILLE PICNIC**

**Note NEW LOCATION**  
Wolfsville Ruritan Park  
Brandenburg Hollow Road  
Sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran  
Church & Sunday School, Wolfsville

**2ND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER**

**September 13, 2025 2-6 p.m.**

**LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL**

Wolfsville Ruritan Park  
Brandenburg Hollow Road  
Sponsored by Salem Community Church  
Wolfsville

**WHAT IS A LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL?**

There are many new faces at Salem Community Church and some are not familiar with our Lord's Acre Festival. Our first Lord's Acre was in 1960 and this year will be our 65th.

The Lord's Acre program began as an interdenominational movement among country churches in western North Carolina in 1930, as a means of raising funds in small congregations with limited financial resources.

A portion or "acre" of a church member's land was set aside to raise crops to be sold to benefit the church. Livestock was also dedicated for this purpose. Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other salable talent they possessed. The Lord's Acre Festival is a sale of those donations. Also included are the sale of delicious homemade soup, sandwiches, baked goods, fresh produce, flea market items, silent auction and live auction.

Salem's Lord's Acre Festival, an annual event which began in 1960, works just that way. Most everything sold is donated by members and friends.

### Salem Mission Project No. 3

## SALEM MISSION & OUTREACH SAMARITAN'S PURSE / TEXAS FLOOD



BONNIE SPILLERS STANDS FOR A PICTURE WITH THE TEAM OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED ON HER FLOODED HOME IN HUNT, TEXAS. [SOURCE: SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG]

Here is Bonnie's story.

Bonnie Spillers and her husband Allen have enjoyed living "in the peace and quiet" of Hunt, Texas, along the Guadalupe River for the past 25 years. But early on the Fourth of July that tranquility was shattered.

"I woke up at three o'clock," Bonnie said, "to the sound of thunder and lightning that was so loud that I thought it was going to crack the house in two." She opened her front door, looked through the pouring rain, and stood horrified by what she saw.

Powerful flood waters were rapidly coming up the front steps of her house and flowing onto the porch. By the time she woke her husband Allen and they quickly got dressed, the river was in their house.

At midnight, they were rescued by local firefighters and taken to a shelter.

Bonnie didn't know where to turn for assistance in cleaning out her house, but she saw orange-shirted Samaritan's Purse volunteers helping her next-door neighbor, and they asked if she also needed help. "Did I ever," she said.

A team of volunteers began scraping mud from the floors, hauling out damaged furniture, ripping out damp drywall, and spraying for mold. Bonnie said she believes they were sent by God to help her.

"It means so much that they are willing to come into muddy, mold-ridden, nasty situations and help," she said. "It's a God thing. Only godly people can give like this from their hearts."

[Salem members & friends have given \$5,604.00 to be sent to Samaritan's Purse for the Texas flood relief efforts.]



## 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.

### New Audio Visual System to be Installed

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

As of this writing, installation will occur the week of August 18. The installation is expected to take 5 days, Monday through Friday, with 3 to 5 people working on the project.

Salem member Bobby Fogle, Master Electrician, and Robin Haupt, Salem contact for the new system, have been working many hours preparing the building for the upcoming installation. Technical details of the system were included in the June 2025 edition of *The Mountain Shepherd*.

### Salem Trustees Recommendations Approved

The following tasks were recently approved by the Salem Church Council:

- **SHUTTERS** - New black solid panel shutters will be purchased and installed on the parsonage to replace those that are in bad condition.
- **GRILL** - A new stainless steel gas grill will be purchased to replace the current one which is no longer functioning properly.
- **CEMETERY SIGN** - The bronze sign at the entrance to the road leading to Salem's cemetery on Brandenburg Hollow Road will be replaced. The sign which read "Salem United Methodist Cemetery" was removed after disaffiliation and temporarily replaced with a banner. Hammaker & Darner Memorials in Hagerstown has been engaged to make a new sign, with a bronze light finish, with the words "Salem Church Cemetery." It will be installed in the existing stone encasement.
- **OUTDOOR BULLETIN BOARD** - The current outdoor bulletin board in the church front yard will be replaced with a color LED display and will be installed in the existing brick structure. The new sign is being purchased from the Stewart Sign Company, Sarasota, Florida.

## Salem Mission Projects

**MISSIONS IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

Salem Mission Project No. 11

**Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick**

Dear Salem Community Church,

As I share a story with you, I pray that you see that you are very much a part of it because you give generously and faithfully to this center. Thank you for being part of this ministry.

We recently saw a young lady that at first glance seemed emotionally distanced from her pregnancy. She came to the center to find out how far along she was so she could make her decision. During her visit she shared the details of her story, and why she was in the middle of making a pregnancy decision. The realization that the support she hoped would be there was not there. This was especially hard for her and caused her to think that abortion is her only answer.

We were able to offer her our medical services. At the end of her visit, she was able to acknowledge her emotions and felt safe enough to allow herself to cry the tears that had been bottled up. She came to our center, abortion-minded, and left undecided. Please pray for this young lady to see her own value, and to choose life for her baby.

Blessings, *Linda King, Executive Director*



Salem Mission Project No. 10

**The Least of These Ministries — Dominican Republic**

Dear Salem Community Church:

Our goal in everything we do as a ministry is to point to Jesus. Whether we are providing food to an elderly widow, giving the gift of a new pair of shorts to a young boy, or pouring a concrete floor to make a family home more comfortable and sanitary, we want the response to ultimately be: "My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and Earth."

God makes our work possible through your generosity. I thank you for being a part of pointing people to Jesus!

*Marty Hogan, Executive Director*



Salem Mission Project No. 8

**Potato Project — Society of St. Andrew**

Gleaning America's Fields • Feeding America's Hungry

Dear Salem Community Church,

Thank you for making the Society of St. Andrew your partner in ending hunger. Partnering with the Society of St. Andrew, you engage volunteer gleaners in hands-on mission and service.

Much of the food rescued and shared would have been lost as waste or sent to landfills without your intervention.

Through the Society of St. Andrew's network, every \$1 you gave put 20 servings of healthy food on the tables of people in the greatest need.

The summer harvest is in full swing. As summer heat increases, so does the needs of many families. Thank you for all the ways your congregation reaches out as the hands and feet of Christ, and thank you especially for your faithful concern for hungry brothers and sisters in your community.

In Christ, *Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Director of Church Relations*

**NEWS & NOTES****Salem Trustees—****Completed Projects, Actions, and Tasks****APRIL 2025**

- Church Grounds - Edging and mulching completed by George Stottlemeyer, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer and Frederick County Detention Center.
- Social Hall - Concrete slab a tripping hazard. Concrete cut down to make more accessible. Completed by Dan Lafferty.
- Sanctuary - Table top made for an old pulpit to be used as a new welcome table at entrance to the sanctuary (historical piece). Completed by Brandon Leatherman.
- Sanctuary/Social Hall - Quarterly pest/termite inspection. Completed by Ehrlich Pest Control.
- Social Hall - Quarterly elevator maintenance inspection completed by OTIS Elevator Company.

**MAY 2025**

- Parsonage - Replaced outside electrical socket. Completed by Bobby Fogle.
- Cemetery - Placed flags at graves for Memorial Day. Completed by George Stottlemeyer, Sue Ellen & Vernon Stottlemeyer.

**JUNE 2025**

- Church Grounds - New sidewalk installed by Frederick County Roads Department.
- Sanctuary - Sump Pump replaced in basement under sanctuary. Completed by Klaus Mueller and Dan Lafferty.
- Parsonage/Sanctuary/Social Hall - Fire Extinguisher and Fire Alarm inspection by BFPE Company.
- Social Hall - Annual State of Maryland Elevator Inspection by OTIS Elevator Company and ATIS Elevator Inspections Company.

**JULY 2025**

- Parsonage - Work from burst kitchen pipe flood in May 2024 finally completed by Paul Davis Restoration Company.
- Social Hall - Repair to heat pump on kitchen side was not cooling. Completed by Myers Heating & Cooling.

[Source: *Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Chair, Salem Trustees*]

**Pastor's Vacation**

Pastor Neil & Misty will be on vacation beginning the afternoon of August 17 through August 24. Michael Burrier will be leading worship on August 24.

**Immersion Baptisms Scheduled**

Pastor Neil has scheduled two additional immersion baptisms: Sunday, August 31, at the Mueller's pool; and Sunday, October 19, at the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren baptistry.

*Going to Egypt without a Passport*

**HIGHLIGHTS from WOLFVILLE COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



Wolfsville VBS Day 1 — Jody Eccard Duly guided the VBS through its many activities and learning experiences. 72 students embarked on this spiritual journey, tracing Joseph's path through Egypt, and discovered that God provides HOPE!



Wolfsville VBS Day 2 was an absolute blast!!! Our travelers learned that God grants each of us special abilities. Romans 12:6 "God has given us different gifts."



Wolfsville VBS Day 3 was a celebration! The story of Joseph from the Bible taught us that God gives wisdom. James 1:5 "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God."



Wolfsville VBS Day 4 was meaningful! We learned that God gives us forgiveness. Yes, that's Pastor Neil dressed in Egyptian attire, teaching VBS students the story of Joseph.



Wolfsville VBS Day 5 was the Best! We learned that God gives us a family and we built a pyramid of "God sightings" (seeing God in our lives). We collected over 1,300 items for the Wolfsville Food Pantry (6x our goal!) and over 70 boys and girls learned about God's love this week. Thank you families for sharing your children with us on our journey to Egypt. Thanks to Christ Cream for bringing ice cream, Grossnickle Church of the Brethren for arranging the hayrides and also St. Mark's Lutheran Church - Wolfsville and Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church for partnering on Community VBS! God bless you all.





**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.



**New Business**

A new business was opening and one of the owner's friends wanted to send him flowers for the occasion.



They arrived at the new business site and the owner read the card, "Rest in Peace." The owner was angry and called the florist to complain.

After he had told the florist of the obvious mistake, and how angry he was, the florist replied, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this: Somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new location.'"

*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

I've learned...

That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned...

That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned...

That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

I've learned...

That love, not time, heals all wounds.



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**SERVICE TIMES**

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

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

**Lord's Acre Festival**

2nd Saturday in Sept.

2:00-6:00 pm



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**August 2025**

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