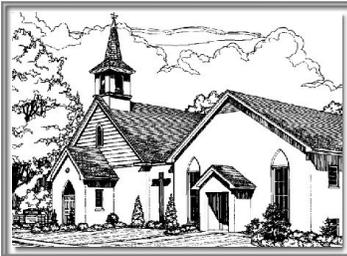


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**Heroes' Club
off to a great start.
28 students
registered**
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Another Blessing from the Lord in 2025

Well Done . . . Good & Faithful Servants

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



LORD'S ACRE Festival

The Lord's Acre crowd overflowed the pavilion while enjoying the good homemade food and taking time to fellowship with one another.

Photo by Michael Burrier



Busy Salem cashiers taking orders for food and drinks.

A big "Thank You" to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting our 65th annual Lord's Acre Festival.

The following morning at Sunday worship, Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer, gave a preliminary financial report to the Salem congregation.

Bill began his report with a few brief comments, saying, "It is a joy to be a part of this congregation. One of my favorite Bible verses is found in Romans 12, where the Apostle Paul told the church in Rome, and where his inspired words tell us today, to 'Serve the Lord with enthusiasm.'

"That is exactly what this congregation did yesterday [at the Lord's Acre Festival] and in the many days and weeks of preparation leading up to yesterday's event. What a joy it is to serve the Lord."

Bill's final report is summarized in the column at right, recording another big success. Profit goes to Salem's Building & Improvement Fund for maintenance and improvements to Salem's buildings, grounds and equipment.

2025 Lord's Acre Report

Sales:

Produce	\$476.00
Crafts & Youth Activities	\$526.61
Flea Tables	\$1,262.21
Silent Auction	\$1,049.00
Live Auction	\$2,597.00
Soup/Sandwiches	\$4,507.25
Baked Goods	\$1,665.75
Ice Cream	\$418.00

Contributions:

Bee-lievers' Contribution	\$8,000.00
Individual Contributions	\$3,435.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,936.82
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,057.50
PROFIT	\$20,879.32



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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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August 2025 — Average Worship Attendance

89	Sanctuary
34	Zoom Online
123	TOTAL

2025 MISSION PROJECTS

“Missions is the Mission of the Church”

	Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-Aug 2025
1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$1,640.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	\$0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons)	\$11,724.33
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber)	\$400.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem)	\$5,409.77
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada)	\$1,800.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus)	\$850.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	\$200.00
9. Open for 2025	0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)	\$1,850.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	\$2,000.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	\$344.00
13. Heroes' Club (After School Ministry)	\$204.88
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	\$280.00
TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2025	\$26,702.98

Here's how you can give . . .

<p>1. Make checks payable to Salem Community Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."</p> <p>2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES

Salem Mission Project No. 12
Compassion International - Luckman, our sponsored child in Tanzania

COMPASSION CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN TANZANIA

Luckman [no last name given] is 9 years old and lives 334 miles from the nearest major city of Mbeya, Tanzania. Salem has been supporting him since November 2022.

Luckman's primary caregiver is his grandmother. Typical homes in that area have dirt floors, walls made of mud/earth/clay/adobe, with tin or corrugated iron roofs.

The terrain is plains/flat land and the climate is moderate. The warmest month is October (average 86 degrees) and the coldest is July (average 68 degrees). The rainy months are January, February, March & April. Harvesting is done in May & June. The primary occupations for adults are animal herding, day labor, and factory work.

Luckman attends school and is an average student. His grade level is called Primary 2, which is equivalent to 2nd grade in the United States. His favorite subject is art. His favorite hobbies are playing sports, specifically soccer or football.

There are many challenges to growing up in Tanzania. Nearly two out of five girls are married before they turn 18, some as young as 11. Compassion advocates for vulnerable young girls by offering a safe place for connection, community and mentoring at the Compassion Child Development Center. Thousands of children assume household responsibilities to care for siblings and sick parents, and can end up on the streets when their parents die. Compassion is committed to nurturing and protecting as many children as possible through sponsorships like Salem's.

[Salem provides \$43 per month to Compassion for support of Luckman.]



Luckman - Age 9

Who's Doing What, When? October 2025

Lay Reader

- 5 Gary Barkdoll
- 12 Denny Leatherman
- 19 Ron Holter
- 26 David Brandenburg

Acolyte

- 5 Brynleigh Irons
- 12 Shelby Leatherman
- 19 Saralyn Irons
- 26 Landon Lafferty

Organist/Pianist

- 5 Sara Weitzel
- 12 Sara Weitzel
- 19 Sara Weitzel
- 26 Sara Weitzel

Computer

- 5 Robin Haupt
- 12 Michael Burrier
- 19 Wanda Barkdoll
- 26 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Camera

- 5 Michael Burrier
- 12 Robin Haupt
- 19 Brandon Leatherman
- 26 Cathie Elsbach

Greeters

- 5 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 12 David & Sherry Scoggins
- 19 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 26 Barkdoll Family

It's Your Day!



October Anniversaries

- 6 - Brett & Kendra Haupt
- 9 - Joshua & Trista Wright
- 9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
- 11 - TJ & Amanda Rhinehart
- 14 - George & Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 20 - Meredith & Janice Harshman

October Birthdays

- 1 - Mary Brown
- 3 - Henry Wright
- 4 - Justin Fogle
- 4 - Sherry Scoggins
- 5 - Tim Brown
- 6 - Ron Ellis Jr.
- 9 - Brandon Ferris
- 12 - Saralynn Irons
- 13 - George Hawkins
- 14 - Bryan Rouzee
- 16 - Amber Stine
- 17 - Jamie Lafferty
- 18 - Adam Robinson
- 18 - Tyler Ferris
- 20 - Dennis Draper
- 23 - Dale Kline
- 26 - Bailey Blickenstaff
- 29 - Riley Mellott
- 30 - Maggie Mueller
- 31 - Jason Buhman

Mark your Calendar

SALEM "BEE-LIEVERS" WILL BE MAKING DINNER FOR YOU AGAIN
Friday, November 7 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Menu: Meatloaf, Green Beans, Escaloped Potatoes, Salad, & Dessert
Cost: Your Donation

WOLFVILLE COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday
 October 24, 2025
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

at
 Salem Community Church
 Wolfsville Elementary School
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church

★ at Salem
 Free Hot Dogs
 & Hot Chocolate
 Hay Ride to school & back

All children must be accompanied by adults on church grounds and hay ride.



SALEM CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN OCTOBER 7TH

Fall is here and Marlene and I are excited to begin choir practice on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. We will be preparing musical offerings to share during Sunday morning worship services and also for the special seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Marlene has chosen some great selections and for Christmas we will be doing the cantata "The First Noel" by Russell Mauldin. It is not difficult and to assist us in learning the songs there will be audio CD's available. Everyone is welcome to join us.

You don't need to be able to read music. Just bring yourself and your enthusiasm. I am sure that any folks who have participated in choir before will tell you that we have a great time of fun and fellowship! We have found that even after a tiring or stressful day, singing really energizes us and lifts our spirits! —Sandy Lewis

"Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious." —Psalm 66:1-2



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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

Autumn Magic

By Garnett Ann Schultz

I found the Autumn magic
 One bright October day,
 In every splash of color
 Among the leaves at play.
 This lovely, changing season
 Just at the Summer's end,
 'Neath the skies of blue above –
 A very special blend.
 The Autumn shone so brightly
 Along each country path,
 And loaned a touch of nature –
 A shining autograph.
 She colored every hilltop,
 Each Summer tree of green,
 Then tossed the leaves in splendor
 Atop each creek and stream.
 God's world – a changing wonder –
 As leaves piled thick and deep,
 Beginning of the Autumn,
 Each Summer day complete.
 Before the cold of Winter,
 Soft breezes still at play,
 A touch of Autumn magic
 To bless October's way.



Strengthen Me, Lord

By Elaine R. Angier

I stood by my kitchen window,
 Heart heavy with despair.
 Hope was gone, my spirit spent,
 Unsure that God was there.
 My unseeing eyes gazed outward
 While inward thoughts ran wild.
 Chasing elusive answers,
 My soul, by doubt, beguiled.
 Then my mind came into focus
 As a movement caught my eye —
 Outside among the flowers
 Was a tiny, yellow butterfly.
 It looked like a bit of sunshine,
 Dancing in the breeze.
 Darting in and among the flowers,
 It fluttered by with ease.
 Entranced by this tiny miracle,
 Suddenly I knew
 That God in all His mercy
 Would gently guide me through.
 The God who made the universe,
 The God who created me,
 The God who made the butterfly
 Set my spirit free!



RECIPE



Apple Dumplings

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 cups sugar	2 cups sifted flour
1 1/2 cups water	2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon	1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg	2/3 cup shortening
6 to 10 drops red food coloring	1/2 cup milk
3 tablespoons butter or margarine	6 medium apples (pared & cored)

1. Combine sugar, water, spices, and red food coloring. Bring to a boil and remove from heat. Add butter. Sift together dry ingredients; cut in shortening, mix until resembles coarse crumbs; add milk and stir until all flour is moist.
2. On floured board, roll dough and cut to cover apples. Sprinkle each with sugar, cinnamon and a dot of butter. Put dough over apples.
3. Place in pan, one inch apart with syrup poured over them. Bake at 375° for 35 minutes or until apples are done.

Many years ago, the late Catherine Harne submitted this recipe for the Readers Memorial Home Cookbook. It was also published in the October 2004 edition of this newsletter.



In His Presence

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD

This morning as I knelt to pray
 I felt a hand upon my head,
 As if my fears had all been lifted
 Leaving peace within instead.

I felt His presence so completely,
 Like a warm and friendly glow,
 That seemed to banish all my worry,
 As if He said, "Be still and know!"

This presence seemed so big and friendly
 And all things it understood,
 Which made me feel a touch of beauty
 In a world so sweet and good.

I try to keep this presence with me,
 Which I find is hard to do,
 And will take a lot of praying
 To make this Holy dream come true.

My Lord knows the way
 through the wilderness.
 All we have to do is follow.

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

God's Grace

By Esther York Burkholder

Autumn abounds in things to delight the sense and the spirit. Trees flaunt a lavishness of color. Fruit ripens and mellowers for the eating. The harvest of the year's endeavors has come. And the coolness of the air points to hearthside and holiday and the gathering of friends. It is time to enjoy and to share the abundance that is ours.



Message from the Pastor

and

Worship in October

■ **By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS**

**“Cancel Culture”
Reaches the Church**

Recent times have seen a trending phenomenon called “cancel culture,” where individuals or businesses that embrace an ideology that is not mainstream were deemed “irrelevant” or “dropped” altogether. The trend was to walk away from those who didn’t agree with you.

I have recently seen that attitude creeping into churches.

Specifically, I am referring to the aftermath of the Charlie Kirk assassination. We mentioned him in church that Sunday and prayed for his family.

But I witnessed messages on Facebook urging people to “leave your church if the pastor fails to mention Charlie Kirk this Sunday.”

That saddened me. I wasn’t distraught because people felt so strongly. I felt bothered that people would flippantly turn their back for a reason as insignificant as that.

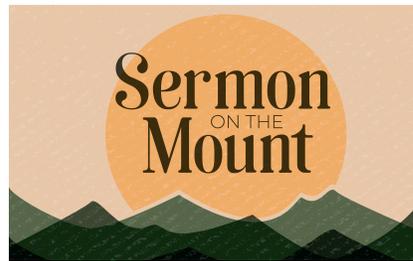
Don’t misunderstand me; there ARE reasons to leave your old church.

If the pastor refuses to preach the Bible, if the church or denomination take a stand against scriptural principles, or if the leadership becomes more tolerant of sin, you owe it to your family to leave.

Parents MUST bring their children up in a church that preaches the Bible.

However, the pastor failing to mention such an emotional event is hardly a reason to leave your church. That is the equivalent of the “cancel culture.”

I am in favor of church membership. Being a member of a church promotes spiritual health, and studies have shown that belonging to a church has positive impacts on



overall physical and mental health.

Being a member of a church promotes a sense of “belonging” and Hebrews 10:25 says, “not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Some have left their respective churches, saying it no longer met their needs.

For the life of me, I can’t find in the Bible where the purpose of the church is to have our needs met!

Let us reverse the “cancel culture.” Salem Community Church is here to build connections and grow God’s family.

If you are already a member here, please pray about ways to use your gifts and abilities to partner with us in those missions.

If you are a regular attender, or considering attending, please pray about solidifying your commitment by becoming a member. “Membership has its privileges!”

In Christ, —Pastor Neil

Worship in October

**Sunday, October 5
“Prayer and Fasting”
Matthew 6:9-18**

Two of the three spiritual disciplines are prayer and fasting.

We saw two weeks ago that Jesus taught HOW to pray, and today we

will learn WHAT to pray. In addition to prayer, Jesus used the Sermon on the Mount to instruct His disciples on fasting.

Fasting is a seldom used discipline that truly provides powerful answers to prayer.

Today’s sermon will share principles of fasting and details of the Lord’s Prayer.

**Sunday, October 12
“Defeating Materialism”
Matthew 6:19-24**

Jesus told His disciples that “where your treasure is, there will your heart be, also.” What importance does that have on our values and priorities?

We will look at that more closely in this morning’s message. He also said, “the eye is the lamp of the body...” What did He mean by that?

We will learn the answer to that question today.

**Sunday, October 19
“The Silent Killer”
Matthew 6:25-34**

Kingdom living will introduce disciples of Jesus to numerous obstacles.

Most of the obstacles are external by nature. As such, we can brace ourselves for those enemies that are at least VISIBLE. But perhaps the most daunting potential obstacle is the one of worry.

Worry can be a debilitating nemesis because it can paralyze us from living the victorious Christian life. I have titled worry “the silent killer” because none of us are immune to its stifling grip.

We will discover the solution to worry can be found in Matthew 6:33.

**Sunday, October 26
“All Rise”
Matthew 7:1-5**

If you ever find yourself in a courtroom, whenever the judge enters, the bailiff will call out, “All rise.”

At that moment, you will be aware that the judge is prepared to hear arguments that will allow him or her to make judgments.

Our text today instructs us to NOT judge. However, there is a difference between judging and discerning. He used an analogy of splinters and beams to help us understand the folly of judging others.

Come join us today to be encouraged by what the Word says.

Grades 4+

BE AN "IGNITE YOUTH" EVERY SUNDAY

IN OCTOBER, THE IGNITE YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (GRADES 4+) WILL LEARN ABOUT "THE WORD OF GOD" TO KNOW THE BIBLE IS TRUE AND IT IS INDEED GOD'S INSPIRED WORD, CONTAINING HIS MESSAGE OF SALVATION.



We will explore the stories of prophets like Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Isaiah, as evidence to the Biblical Truths that God inspired people to know what to write, that everything in the Bible is true and will last forever, and the Bible is God's message about Himself and teaches about His plan for salvation through Jesus. Because the Bible is true, we can have hope. God always does what He says He will do!

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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON MONDAY EVENINGS



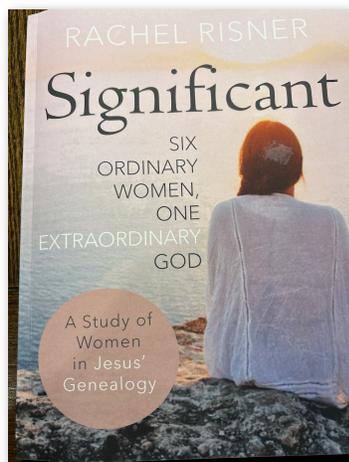
By Debbie Irons

The Ladies Bible Study continues on Monday evenings at 6:30, here in the church and also on zoom.

We invite you to join us as we continue the study titled "Significant" by Rachel Risner.

It is a study of Women in Jesus Genealogy.

For more information contact Debbie Irons at 240-446-1380.

**SERVE THE LORD AS "LAY READER" IN WORSHIP**

Would you like to serve as a Lay Reader during worship by offering a prayer, leading the Lord's Prayer, and reading the scripture? To get added to the Sunday rotation, please contact Bill Burrier at 301-508-0023 or billburrier@icloud.com.

FOOD PANTRY THEMES

October - Blankets **November** - Turkeys

December - Encouraging Christmas Cards

41 people served in August

57 people served in September (as of this writing)

Food Pantry Leaders: Justinn & Holly Irons

A TRIBUTE TO REV. H. RONALD ELLIS**WOLFVILLE PASTOR**

1979 — 1989

By Bill Burrier

The Salem congregation expresses sincere sympathy to the family of Rev. H. Ronald Ellis who passed away September 16, 2025.

Rev. Ellis began his ministry in 1976 as a student pastor at Buckeystown United Methodist Church, after a 28-year tour of duty in the United States Navy.

Three years later, in July 1979, he was assigned to the Wolfsville Charge which, back then, was comprised of two churches, Salem and Garfield United Methodist Church.

Rev. Ellis, his wife Amy, and their children moved into the Salem parsonage which had been built by the Salem congregation just five years earlier.

His ministry time would be divided equally between Salem and Garfield. Every Sunday, he preached at Salem at 9:00 a.m. and at Garfield at 10:00 a.m. He was also responsible for all other ministry duties, i.e., hospital visits, weddings, funerals, meetings, etc., for both congregations.

He ministered to the Wolfsville churches for 10 years before retiring from the ministry in July 1989, Salem's 170th anniversary year.

During those 10 years at Salem, his leadership brought many positive changes and a deep bonding of friendship between the Salem congregation and the entire Ellis family.

In the July 1989 edition of Salem's newsletter, *The Mountain Shepherd*, I wrote the following tribute to our retiring pastor, Rev. H. Ronald Ellis.

"As we reflect at this time of retirement, we are reminded of his caring and sharing attitude. I remember his comments to the congregation early-on saying, 'A smile and a kind word to those you meet will foster the same response in return.' An example from which we all can learn.

"His ministry supported all age levels. He initiated the Children's Sermon during the worship service, taught Bible School, supported the youth and their many activities, including their positive attitudes toward contemporary Christian musicals like *The Clown*, *The Witness*, and *The Dreamer*, all major successful ministry projects.

"His ministry to the senior citizens of the Wolfsville community has caused him to be regarded as 'their' pastor. Likewise, his rapport with residents of area nursing homes was extraordinary.

"At Salem Rev. Ellis saw the need to adopt a more effective organizational structure used specifically in small membership churches. This has facilitated more organized methods for planning our worship, age-level and outreach experiences and activities.

"The Ellis family has undoubtedly made a lasting impact on our church and the surrounding community."



Rev. H. Ronald Ellis

Salem Mission Project No. 1**FRANK & NANCY STOTTLEMYER**

Dear Folks at Salem Community Church:

Thank you for being a very important part of our lives through your prayers, your gifts, and your friendship.

We appreciate you all and your faithfulness for so many years.

We have the “normal” aches and pains that come with being in the 80s, and we are not able to do as much as we would like, but, as far as we know, we don’t have any major health issues. We are blessed for the level of health we have.

We are still doing pretty much the same things we’ve been doing for some time.

Nancy continues to visit a few widows either in their homes or in nursing homes. Some are lonely and really appreciate it when she visits them.

Frank continues to serve on the board of our home church, Black Rock Bible Church, he is the bookkeeper/treasurer, sometimes teaches Sunday School or Wednesday evening Bible study, 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, and son-in-law, Lynn, both have jobs and are involved in ministries.

Our son and daughter-in-law, Eric & Wendy, recently returned to Senegal after a few months in the U.S. Eric is the Bible teacher in the village to the Badyaranké people. Wendy helps with the Bible translation into the Badyaranké language.

Our daughter, Rebecca, teaches literacy to some of the Badyaranké people, oversees a man who is also teaching literacy, and has ladies read Scripture in their language. She is a literacy consultant for West Africa for the mission.

Our son & daughter-in-law, Gary & Lisa, serve at a missionary retirement center in Florida. Gary is part of the ground crew and works on other projects at the center; Lisa heads up cooking for the retired missionary residents who are unable to do that themselves.

Our granddaughter, Tara & her husband, Asheton, graduated from the missionary training of Ethnos360. Asheton is now taking additional linguistic training. Please pray for Tara’s thyroid issues.

Granddaughter, Elli, married Devin in June, and they are now in Bible College training.

Thank you so much for all you do for us and for our family through your gifts and prayers.

Joyfully in Christ, —Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer



Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

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” Installation

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

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 two years and continues to grow. Therefore the space taken up by the camera, projector and computer are needed for seating as we continue to grow.

Equipment orders have been delayed in some cases but all equipment has now been received and is ready for installation.

Equipment includes 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 social room. (The display can also be used for other presentations taking place in the social room.)

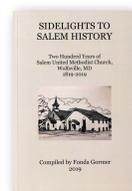
The installation is expected to take 5 days, Monday through Friday, with 3 to 5 people working on the project, and is scheduled for the week of September 29th.

Along with the work by Audio Video Group, Salem is working with Comcast to upgrade the Internet service in the church as well.

The company will provide training for the Salem folks who will be operating the computer, iPad, camera, etc.

Salem History Book: Still Available

The book titled “Sidelights to Salem History” is in its 2nd printing. Copies are still available for \$10 each and can be obtained by contacting Vernon Stottlemeyer 301-293-1470.



August 31, 2025

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM *by* IMMERSION

Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Susie Stottlemeyer

On Sunday, August 31, 2025, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer and Susie Stottlemeyer were added to the list of 18 others from the Salem congregation who have celebrated Believer's Baptism by immersion since the establishment of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, two years ago. A total of 20, listed below, have now experienced the amazing emotion of being baptized by immersion like Jesus.

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

2 Believer's Baptisms on August 31, 2025

Baptism by immersion — Susie Stottlemeyer and Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

NEXT BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – OCTOBER 19 ★

The next Believer's Baptism will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 12 Noon. The Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, 11301 Meeting House Road, has graciously allowed us to use their baptismal.

If you feel led to be baptized at that time, please contact Pastor Neil.

HEROES' CLUB GROWS TO 28 STUDENTS

Salem's after school ministry, Heroes' Club, began its fall semester on September 22, 2025.

28 students from grades K through 5 registered to participate — last year, 21 students registered for the fall semester.

The students meet at Salem every Monday when Frederick County has school, from school dismissal to 5:30 p.m. We will look at trust, courage, forgiveness, obedience and love through the eyes of our Biblical heroes. Students will move between snack time, play time, a Bible story and activity, and homework time. Growing closer to one another and closer to God, students will gain greater self-confidence and grow in their faith, looking upon themselves as the Heroes they are!

**SALEM ATTENDED EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE**

18 women and friends from Salem attended the women's conference at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA, on Friday & Saturday, September 19-20, 2025.

"What a blessing to have spent two days with very special friends at the Extraordinary Women's Ministries, 8,000 ladies attending. Every speaker was so inspiring and they had their own personal stories. The music was awesome. Hope to go again next year."

—Dianna Poling



Scenes from . . .

65TH ANNUAL LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL

THURSDAY — Soup Making 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll & Michael Burrier



Making Beef Vegetable, Ham Bean, and Turkey Noodle soup.

FRIDAY — Fruit Pie Making 9 a.m.—5 p.m. Custard Pie Making 5—9 p.m.



51 Fruit pies: 18 apple, 14 peach, 8 cherry, 7 blueberry, and 4 raisin.
40 Cream pies: 10 Chocolate, 10 Lemon Meringue and 20 Coconut Cream.

SATURDAY — Sandwich Making 8—10 a.m. Sales, Music, Auction & Fellowship 2—6 p.m.





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Lesson in Forgiveness

“Forgive your enemies” was the topic of the pastor’s sermon on this particular Sunday morning. At the close of his rather long message, he asked how many were willing to forgive their enemies. All raised their hands except one elderly lady on the back row. “Ms. Jones, aren’t you willing to forgive your enemies?” the pastor inquired.

“I don’t have any” was her answer.

“Ms. Jones, that’s very unusual. How old are you?”

“Ninety-three.”

“Ms. Jones, please tell this congregation how a person can live ninety-three years and not have an enemy in the world.”

She said, “It’s easy. I just outlived ‘em all!”

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

If I stop to think before I speak, I won’t have to worry afterward about what I said before.

Don’t think people judge your generosity by the amount of advice you give away.

Do unto others as though you were the others.

Time may wrinkle the brow but should never weary the spirit.



The Mountain Shepherd

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