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Wolfsville

**Wolfsville FOOD PANTRY**

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12479 Wolfsville Rd

Open to all residents with a Fayetteville, Switzerland or Sabaltrailville zip code

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES DUE NOV 16**

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## Rally Day at Salem

# An Awesome Day of Worship

September 28, 2025

Photos by Michael Burrier



On Rally Day, September 28, 2025, Pastor Neil welcomes 131 parishioners in the sanctuary at Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, and an additional 26 participating in our online congregation via Zoom, some as far away as Tennessee. We are a growing and serving church preaching traditional Christian values. Since becoming an independent church two years ago, we have received 37 new members. If you would like to become an official member of Salem Community Church, please contact Pastor Neil. November 9th will be New Members Sunday.

**NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY**  
**November 9**  
 If you would like to join Salem Community Church, please contact Pastor Neil.

If you have made a decision to follow Christ and wish to be baptized, we believe in Believer's Baptism by immersion. Please contact Pastor Neil.

Children's Time with Pastor Neil





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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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**Sept 2025 — Average Worship Attendance**

101	Sanctuary
32	Zoom Online
133	TOTAL

## Go 2025 MISSION PROJECTS

“Missions is the Mission of the Church”

	Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-Sept 2025
1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission .....	\$1,845.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) .....	\$0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons) .....	\$11,894.53
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber) .....	\$700.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem) .....	\$6,269.13
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada) .....	\$2,025.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus) .....	\$975.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) .....	\$225.00
9. Kelsey McHugh (WIM - Honduras) <b>NEW</b> .....	0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) .....	\$2,100.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick .....	\$2,300.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) .....	\$387.00
13. Heroes' Club (After School Ministry) .....	\$204.88
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) .....	\$315.00
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2025 .....</b>	<b>\$29,240.54</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. 9 **NEW**

#### Kelsey McHugh — World Indigenous Missions in Honduras

#### SALEM ADDS NEW MISSION PROJECT

The Salem Church Council recently filled a vacant spot in Salem's mission project line up. Salem mission project No. 9 has been vacant for some time and has now been filled with the mission ministry of Kelsey McHugh.

Pastor Neil has known Kelsey for many years and felt led to introduce Kelsey and her mission ministry in Honduras to the Salem Council as a worthy project to support. We look forward to learning more about Kelsey's ministry as time goes on.

Kelsey, who is originally from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, moved to Honduras in August of 2015 to work as a fourth-grade teacher at a bilingual school. She taught for several years, while also working with Project Talitha Cumi (PTC), a home for children in Honduras.

She knew that God was calling her to move to full-time missions, and she wanted to join a mission organization rather than try to do full-time missions alone. She decided to join World Indigenous Missions (WIM) in 2017. In 2020, she started working full-time at PTC. She has several roles at PTC, but her biggest role is being a mom to three children who live with her. She had always wanted to be a mom, but never thought it would look the way it does today. She desires to provide these children with a safe and loving environment where they feel like a family.



Kelsey McHugh in Honduras

[Salem will provide a minimum of \$100 per month to WIM to support Kelsey's mission in Honduras.]

## Who's Doing What, When? November 2025

### Lay Reader

- 2 Mary Hunt
- 9 Wanda Barkdoll
- 16 Janice Harshman
- 23 Michael Burrier
- 30 Ken Walls

### Acolyte

- 2 Lawson Rouzee
- 9 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 16 Brynleigh Irons
- 23 Shelby Leatherman
- 30 Saralynn Irons

### Organist/Pianist

- 2 Sara Weitzel
- 9 Sara Weitzel
- 16 Sara Weitzel
- 23 Sara Weitzel
- 30 Susie Stottlemeyer

### Zoom

- 2 Robin Haupt
- 9 Michael Burrier
- 16 Brandon Leatherman
- 23 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 30 Wanda Barkdoll

### Presenter

- 2 Michael Burrier
- 9 Robin Haupt
- 16 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 23 Cathie Elsbach
- 30 Brandon Leatherman

### Greeters

- 2 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 9 David & Sherry Scoggins
- 16 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 23 Kathy Hill
- 30 Joy Barkdoll



# Operation Christmas Child

*Salem Mission Project No. 2*

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

**Turning "shoe boxes" into Christmas gifts for children**

■ By Barbie Stottlemeyer 301-293-2372

We will once again be participating in **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**, in which we fill shoe boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

#### HOW TO PACK YOUR BOX

Boxes are now available for pick up at church. Instructions are inside the box. Select boy or girl and age. Affix label to top of box. Mark "Paid" on the label if you have included a check in the box for shipping, or paid online.

Please bring your filled boxes back to church by Sunday, November 16th.

**BRING BOXES TO CHURCH  
BY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

#### POSTAGE is \$10.00

There is a \$10.00 postage charge for each box. Place the postage amount in the donation envelope and place the envelope on top of the gift items inside the box so it is clearly visible.

Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child.

If you are unable to pay the postage, Salem will pick up this cost from our Mission Project No. 2.

## ★ SALEM "BEE-LIEVERS" WOMEN'S GROUP WILL BE MAKING DINNER FOR YOU AGAIN

**Friday, November 7 — 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Menu:** Meatloaf, Green Beans, Escalloped Potatoes, Salad, & Dessert

**Cost:** Your Donation

**Eat-In or Carry Out:** Salem Social Room



## It's Your Day!



### November Anniversaries

- 10 - Harry & Karen DeLauter
- 19 - Justinn & Holly Irons
- 24 - Ronnie & Sue Kinna
- 25 - Dale & Audrey Kline

### November Birthdays

- 2 - Jerod Lenhart
- 3 - Caroline Buhrman
- 9 - Lily Mueller
- 10 - Kenzly Rouzee
- 13 - Leah Tolland
- 14 - Karen Sowers
- 16 - Polly Doyle
- 17 - Christopher Haupt
- 17 - Beth Snead
- 18 - Ben Swope
- 22 - Liz Waite
- 24 - Wanda Kline
- 25 - Jadie Buhrman
- 26 - Mary Fogle
- 28 - Susie Stottlemeyer

### HEROES' CLUB UPDATE ★

This past week, we had two young ladies who made a profession of faith by receiving Jesus Christ as their personal Savior!

We celebrate their spiritual new birth and look forward to help them follow Jesus more closely as disciples.

Please be praying for the Heroes' Club ministry so we can see souls saved and make young disciples.

*—Pastor Neil*

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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

### Thankful

By Edna Jaques



Not for the mighty world, O Lord, tonight,  
Nations and kingdoms in their fearful might,  
Let me be glad the kettle gently sings,  
Let us be thankful just for little things.

Thankful for simple food and supper spread,  
Thankful for shelter and a warm, clean bed,  
For little joyful feet that gladly run  
To welcome me when the day's work is done.

Thankful for friends who share my joy & mirth.  
Glad for the warm, sweet fragrance of the earth,  
For golden pools of sunlight on the floor,  
For peace that bends above my cottage door.

For little friendly days that slip away  
With only meals and bed and work and play,  
A rocking chair and kindly firelight —  
For little things, let us be glad tonight.

### The Grip of Grace

By Marlene Young (Salem member)



Remind me, Lord, again each day  
To thank you when I kneel to pray,  
For the gift of grace you've given me  
That changed my life and set me free.

It's grace that comes from up above  
That shows us how to live Your love,  
To sympathize and to understand  
When a hurting soul needs a helping hand.

Instill in me a listening heart  
As you speak to me in countless ways,  
Through the people and the ordinary events  
That fill and shape my days.

So help me make a difference, Lord,  
By my actions and my deeds,  
And let me share your love and peace  
With those who are in need.

For every moment is a gift of grace  
As I continue to run life's steady race.  
For it's not just the works I do,  
And I've known it from the start —  
That what really counts eternally  
Is the attitude of my heart.

So by your grace I'll carry on  
Unwavering from life's pace,  
Wrapped in your love and mercy  
Until at last I look upon your face,  
Knowing fully all the while You've  
Held me safe within your loving grip of grace.

Originally printed in this newsletter November 2004.



## RECIPE



### Pumpkin Muffins

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 cup sugar	1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 cup vegetable oil	1/2 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs	1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
3/4 cup pumpkin	1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 1/2 cups flour	1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1. Cream sugar, oil, eggs and pumpkin. Combine dry ingredients; then add to mixture.
2. Fill greased muffin tin 2/3 full. Bake at 400 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes.



### Thankfulness

By Johnielu Barber Bradford

Our thanks to God can be  
so many things:  
A grateful pause to note  
a rose at dawn,  
A listening moment when  
a cardinal sings.  
Or thanks can be a smile  
when day is gone,  
A silent prayer, or eyes that  
gaze afar  
In humbleness at all  
creation's spread,  
Or gladness in the heart  
for every star.  
How often when the Holy Word  
is read  
And meditations follow,  
calm and sweet,  
The spirit yields unuttered thanks  
for life  
And for communion at the  
Master's feet,  
For peace and beauty in a world  
of strife.  
Our thankfulness to God  
is any move  
Whereby we turn to Him with  
thoughts of love.

With practice,  
anyone can master  
the art of thankfulness.

### 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

#### TAKE 2

### Like a Pumpkin

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"

The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

"He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

Submitted by Dianna Poling  
Printed in this newsletter  
November 2005





## Message from the Pastor

and

## Worship in November

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

### Pickleball Passion

**I** was at the gym recently and was in the locker room changing. While I was not there for a long period of time, I was there long enough to hear a conversation between two men.

The first man (I will call him ‘pickleball Pete’) was passionate about the sport of pickleball.

“Pete” was talking to his friend with a great deal of enthusiasm and passion about the game.

He invited the man to come to the courts to play with him. “Pete” also suggested the friend could join their league. “Pete’s” friend was cordial and open to his enthusiasm.

Finally, “Pete” asked his friend if he had ever played pickleball. I was amused when his friend said “nope!” That made me laugh.

“Pete” was so excited about his passion, he was enthusiastically inviting a man to enjoy the game with him; even though the man had no experience with the game. And that got me thinking. I can learn a few lessons from “pickleball Pete”.

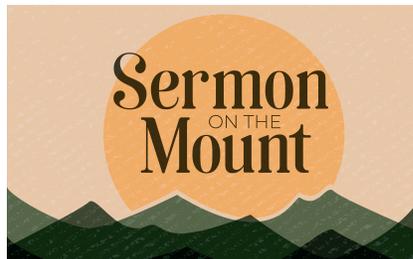
The first lesson “Pete” taught me is the need for exuberance. Exuberance is a ‘joyful enthusiasm’ and “Pete” has exuberance.

If he can be enthusiastic about pickleball, I must be enthusiastic about my faith. Paul said in Romans 12:10 that we should be “fervent in spirit”.

“Pete” was so happy to share his hobby, he was beaming with pride.

I have a message of hope that is even more amazing than a game. My exuberance should be as obvious.

Another lesson from “Pete” is compassion for others. While he was very enthusiastic about pickleball, he also was compassionate about the well-being of his friend.



“Pete” was passionate about pickleball, and he felt his friend would benefit from the sport. And that is why he invited him. “Pete” wanted his friend to be happy and fulfilled.

I must look beyond what is best for me and focus on what is best for others. Philippians 2:3 says, “Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.”

It is essential for us to be interested in what is best for others. Thanks for the lessons, “Pete”.

### Worship in November

We will complete the “Kingdom Living” series from the Sermon on the Mount this month. We will also feature our Thanksgiving service and start the Advent season.

#### Sunday, November 2 “ASK is Spelled A-S-K” Matthew 7:6-12

This mnemonic device is a good way to memorize this verse. Jesus told the disciples that they had to ask, seek, and knock.

Ask and it shall be given to us. If we seek, we will find what it is for which we are looking. And when there is a door of resistance in our way, we need only knock and that door will be opened for us.

The lesson here is about the consistency of prayers. How does this

apply to us today? We need to be persistent in our prayer lives.

#### Sunday, November 9 “The Broad Way and the Narrow Way” Matthew 7:13-23

There is an old saying, “all roads lead to Heaven”. That is just blatantly untrue.

The reality is that the broad way is the easy way. That is the path that is popular, and convenient. Unfortunately, the wide path leads to destruction and, sadly, many people will be on that road.

Conversely, the narrow, least-traveled road will lead to eternal life. Few are on that road.

Jesus reinforced this message with the analogy of a fruit tree. Good trees do not produce bad fruit, and bad trees do not produce good fruit. Those who are saved are on the narrow way.

#### Sunday, November 16 “How to Build a House” Matthew 7:24-29

This passage is a classic illustration about two men who were building homes. One man was wise and the other man was foolish. The difference was the foundation each one used.

Obviously, the wise man built his house on a rock, and the foolish man built his house on the sand. Both homes faced storms and winds, but only the one on the good foundation stood firm.

Those who obey the teachings of Jesus are like the wise builder.

#### Sunday, November 23 “Give Thanks to the Lord” Psalm 136:1-26

Thanksgiving Sunday is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Our focus this day will be to give thanks to God for all His many blessings.

“His mercy endures forever” is repeated after every verse, though it was not in the original Hebrew manuscripts, the principle shapes our thankfulness.

#### Sunday, November 23 — 4:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service Harmony Community Lutheran

This is going to be a very big day for our church.

At 4:00 in the afternoon, we will be part of the community Thanksgiving service, which will be held at Harmony Community Lutheran Church. I will be preaching the message at that service.

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## Grades 4+

**BE AN "IGNITE YOUTH" EVERY SUNDAY**

In November, the IGNITE Youth Sunday School class (grades 4+) will continue learning about "The Word of God" to know that the Bible is true and 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.

**WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER**

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

By Pastor Neil Suders

**Sunday, November 23 — 5:30 p.m.**  
**Hanging of the Greens at Salem**

Following the Community Thanksgiving Service, we will be back at Salem at 5:30 for the "Hanging of the Greens", where we will decorate the church for Christmas!

All who come can bring Christmas cookies to share, or some snacks or drinks to share.

**ADVENT Sunday 1**  
**Sunday, November 30**  
**"The HOPE of Advent"**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**

At Christmas, we celebrate Advent. The word "advent" means "appearing". The first appearing of Jesus Christ was when he was born in a manger.

Advent Season features four Sundays in a row and each Sunday will have a theme. Today's theme will be "Hope".

Joseph received a visit from the Angel Gabriel who promises the child born to them would be the Messiah who would save the people from their sins. And THAT is hope!

**FOOD PANTRY THEMES**

November - Turkeys

December - Encouraging Christmas Cards

57 people served in September

19 families served in October (as of this writing)

31 blankets were donated (as of this writing)

**Food Pantry Leaders:** Justinn & Holly Irons**SALEM COMMUNITY CHOIR NOTES**

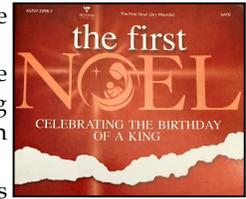
"I will sing the Lord's praise for He has been good to me." -Psalm 13:6 NIV

This is a statement we can all agree with and what better way to sing God's praise than by participating in Salem Community Choir.

We invite all of you to join with us in preparing offerings for Sunday morning worship and for special occasions such as Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. If you have thought about joining us, please give it prayerful consideration. Just come out on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm. We welcome you!

If your schedule doesn't allow you to participate on a regular basis but you would like to sing with us for the Christmas musical, you would be a welcome addition to our group. The musical we will be presenting this year is "The First Noel" by Russell Mauldin.

Hope to see and hear you at our next rehearsal.



Christmas Cantata

**NEW MEMBERS CELEBRATION LUNCHEON**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

Our final date in this calendar year to receive new members will be Sunday, November 9th. In addition to receiving new members, the Church Council will be hosting a luncheon at 11:30 for the entire church where we will celebrate all 37 new members who have joined the church since becoming Salem Community Church in 2023.



The meal will be a great time of fellowship. We wish to rejoice in what God has been doing and the growth of the church.

The meal will be a pot-luck meal where the church will provide the main course, and the church is invited to bring side dishes. Mark your calendars and do what you can to be here for the celebration.

If you are interested in joining Salem Community Church that day, we would like to welcome you to the congregation. Please see me if this is where God might be leading you.

In Christ, —Pastor Neil

**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

**Salem Mission Project No. 3**

**OUTREACH TO “MIDDLETOWN VALLEY PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE”**

As an outreach project, Salem has donated the Treasure Chest pictured at right, valued at more than \$300 for the Middletown Valley People Helping People “Holiday Craft Fair” fundraiser to be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department Activities Building, 1 Fireman’s Lane, Middletown.

Also included in the chest is a treasure of valuable Scripture references for when life takes it’s unexpected turns. They are rolled as a scroll and tied with a ribbon.



Salem donated this Treasure Chest of silver coins & scripture worth more than \$300 for their auction.

**Salem Mission Project No. 6**

**TRAVIS & MARY IN MISSION IN CANADA**

We continue to support and follow the work of Travis and Mary and their little daughter in Canada.

In a recent newsletter from Mary updating their many activities, she reports that their daughter Mélodie is now 2¼ years old! She has graduated to a toddler bed, and loves to talk, sing, watch Sesame Street, and play pretend.

Their work is mainly focused on helping and building positive relationships with immigrants, teaching language skills, etc.



Travis, Mary & Mélodie



**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY IS NOW ON ZOOM**

If you would like the Zoom link to join us on Wednesday evenings, contact Pastor Neil.

**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” Installed**

Salem members Robin Haupt and Bobby Fogle worked countless hours installing electrical and communication cables under the sanctuary floor, above the sanctuary ceiling, and from there to the social hall.



Robin & Bobby at work in the sanctuary.

This work had to be completed before the technicians from Audio-Video Group LLC, from Frederick, could begin installation of the new system the week of September 29th. Installation of the system took five days.

Seven Salem members are learning to use the new system during worship which is more technically elaborate than our previous temporary set up.

The photo below shows from left Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Wanda Barkdoll, Robin Haupt, Brandon Leatherman, Michael Burrier, Cathie Elsbach, and Jim Laky (not pictured), at the new control center with two laptops, control panels, monitors, iPad, etc.

Once everyone is familiar with the system, only two operators will be needed at the control center. Jim Laky is controlling the audio from an iPad and will continue to pass a microphone to those speaking from the congregation.

Group Learning



October 19, 2025

**BELIEVER'S BAPTISM *by* IMMERSION**

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, Brynleigh Irons, Saralynn Irons, and Justinn Irons were added to the list of 24 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 27, 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

**4 Believer's Baptisms on January 26, 2025**

Baptism by immersion — Amber Stine, Trevor Mehaffie, Grayson Tyler Stine, and Janice Harshman

**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

**3 Believer's Baptisms on October 19, 2025**

Baptism by immersion — Brynleigh Irons, Saralynn Irons and Justinn Irons

**NEW OUTDOOR BULLETIN BOARD  
HAS ARRIVED**

As of this writing, our new electronic bulletin board is resting in a wooden crate behind the Salem Community Church banner in the church front yard where it will be installed.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
AND  
HANGING OF THE GREENS**

By Pastor Neil Suders

**Thanksgiving Service**  
**Sunday, November 23**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Harmony Community Lutheran**

We have a tradition of meeting with the other churches in the area to have a "Thanksgiving Service", which used to be on the eve of Thanksgiving.

The pastors of the ministerium have been meeting, and we would like to change that. Knowing the night before Thanksgiving is usually busy, we will be celebrating the Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

The service is held on rotation of churches, and this year it will be hosted by Harmony Community Lutheran Church.

In the past, all ministers of the various churches brought a 10-minute message on a particular passage. This year will be different. We will have only one minister bringing the message. This year, I will be preaching the message.



**Hanging of the Greens**  
**Sunday, November 23**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Salem Community Church**

Last year, we used the Sunday before Thanksgiving to decorate the church for Advent at our "Hanging of the Greens" night.

Since Advent will begin on the following Sunday, November 30th, we will still be having the "Hanging of the Greens" on Sunday, November 23.

We will be having the service at Harmony Community Lutheran Church at 4:00. We will then come back to Salem Community Church at 5:30 to decorate our church!

We will invite all who can make it to bring Christmas cookies, snacks, or drinks to share. After decorating, we will have a snack party and bask in our hard work.

If you are unable to attend both events that evening, we invite you to come to one or the other. If you have any questions about the event(s) please feel free to speak to me and I will try to offer clarification.

**SALEM TO HONOR VETERANS  
NOVEMBER 9**

We will recognize our veterans on Sunday, November 9th during the 9 a.m. worship service and provide a special gift for all veterans in attendance.



Revisited...

# SALEM “STAINED GLASS WINDOW” PROJECT

By Gary Barkdoll

Salem began a project looking into stained glass windows in 2019 before the pandemic began. The intent of the project was to enhance the worship experience during Sunday services and special events during our Christian calendar year.

The committee was able to advance the project through a general theme for the windows, preliminary designs, and scripture readings for the designs.

A firm was selected from a review and cost analysis from three firms.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began, a shutdown forced most businesses to close and forced the project to be put on hold.

Salem decided to continue the hold on the project after the shutdown ended due to the decision to disaffiliate and become an independent church.

**Time to Revisit the Project**

Now that our church has stabilized once more, it was decided to revisit the project and update the information in an effort to advance the project again.

With the church growing, questions were raised about what would happen or if the windows could be affected if there was an expansion to the existing building.

Our current facility cannot have additional space added for several reasons. The main factor affecting our property is that most of our usable land area now lies within an updated flood plain.

That factor eliminates area needed to update and expand our septic field to meet code requirements for an addition.

We also have limits that will not allow us to expand the front of the church due to our proximity to Route 17, set back requirements to the left of the church and our wells system on the right side of the church.

So, for the foreseeable future, our sanctuary will remain as it is, and the windows will be enjoyed for years to come.

**Phase I — Five Large Windows**

There are thirteen windows remaining to be completed with only one already completed over the exit doors at the rear of the sanctuary.

An explanation of the project will be presented during a worship service in the near future.

The intent currently is to complete the five large windows on either side of the sanctuary.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this project can sponsor a complete window or contribute to the overall project with a donation towards the project.

Each window price includes the design and artwork, manufacturing of the window, removal of existing windows, and installation of the designated window to include a protective exterior storm window.

The two windows on the right side of the sanctuary, (interior), will include

back lighting and bulletin boards on the hallway side.

**Sponsoring or Dedicating a Window**

Further information can be obtained by contacting me (Gary Barkdoll) or by asking questions during the presentation.

For general information below is a list of windows with associated cost.

Individuals or groups of people can commit to sponsoring a window—that window will only be contracted when all funds for that window are collected.

Though our focus is currently on the sanctuary, if you wish to sponsor a smaller or any of the windows that will be fine also.

**LIST OF WINDOWS WITH THEIR ASSOCIATED COST**

Window Number	Location	Size	Type	Picture	Design/fabricated/Installed Window Base Cost	Extended Cost
1	Sanctuary - East	48" x 49"	4	Jesus' Baptism	\$ 11,634.02	\$ 11,634.02
2	Sanctuary - East	48" x 49"	4	Last Supper Scene	\$ 13,638.99	\$ 13,638.99
3	Sanctuary - North	42" x 104"	1	Jesus' Resurrection	\$ 17,826.02	\$ 17,826.02
4	Sanctuary - South	42" x 104"	2	Jesus w/ Open Arms	\$ 14,006.70	\$ 14,006.70
5	Sanctuary - North	42" x 104"	1	Jesus' Crucifixion	\$ 16,571.60	\$ 16,571.60
6	Sanctuary - South	42" x 104"	2	Jesus & Peter	\$ 18,073.13	\$ 18,073.13
7	Sanctuary - North	42" x 104"	1	Jesus' Birth	\$ 16,812.83	\$ 16,812.83
9	Vestibule - North	28" x 53"	5	Alpha Sign	\$ 4,815.19	\$ 4,815.19
10	Vestibule - South	28" x 53"	5	Omega Sign	\$ 4,815.19	\$ 4,815.19
11	Vestibule - West	53" x 48"	6	Christian Cross	\$ 6,907.33	\$ 6,907.33
12	Below Bell Tower	30" x 84"	7	Christ Return	\$ 10,813.20	\$ 10,813.20
13	S.S. Wing - North	44" x 130"	3	Jesus' with Children	\$ 25,175.49	\$ 25,175.49
14	S.S. Wing - South	44" x 130"	3	Jesus Knocking at Door	\$ 20,671.17	\$ 20,671.17
<b>Project Total</b>					<b>\$ 181,760.86</b>	<b>\$ 181,760.86</b>
<b>5 Main Project Total</b>					<b>\$ 83,290.28</b>	
<b>Alter Project Total</b>					<b>\$ 25,273.01</b>	
<b>Vestibule Project Total</b>					<b>\$ 27,350.91</b>	
<b>Sunday School Project Total</b>					<b>\$ 45,846.66</b>	
<b>Project Budget</b>						
<b>5 Main Project Balance</b>						\$0.00

Scenes from . . .

## RALLY DAY – “FILL THE PEWS” SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 — Combined Service 10:00 a.m.

Photos by Bill Burrier



Attendance was 131 in the sanctuary and 26 online. An awesome day of worship. Salem member and Lay Reader is leading the congregation in a prayer to begin worship.



*More scenes from . . .*

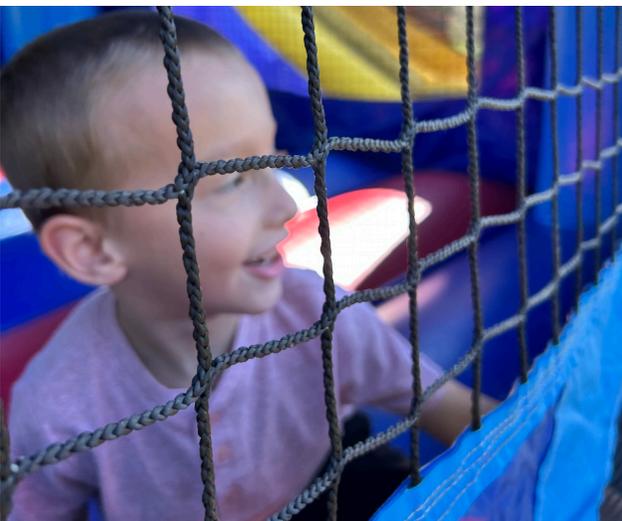
## **RALLY DAY – “FILL THE PEWS” SUNDAY**

**CATERED LUNCH** by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, at Salem’s pavilion.

*Fresh Vegetable Tray with Dip, BBQ Meatballs, Fried Chicken, Pulled BBQ Pork, Scalloped Potatoes with Broccoli, Baked Macaroni & Cheese, Rolls & Butter, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Pies & Cupcakes for dessert.*

*The meal was free... a gift to our faithful congregation.*

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll & Michael Burrier



**How to Give  
Tithes & Offerings**

**1. Offering Box in Sanctuary**

For those at sanctuary worship, an offering box is available at the rear of the sanctuary.

**2. By Mail**

You may mail your tithes and offerings to:

**Salem Community Church**  
 Church Treasurer  
 P. O. Box 144  
 Myersville, MD 21773-0144

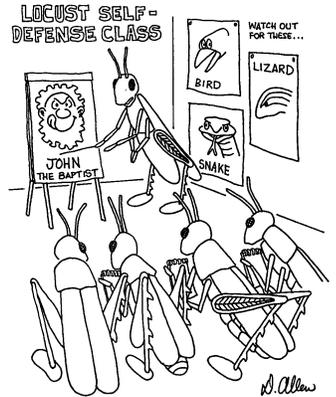
Make checks payable to: **Salem Community Church**

**3. Electronically Online**

You may give electronically by viewing our website [SalemChurchWolfsville.org](http://SalemChurchWolfsville.org) and select GIVE.

**Heavenly Humor**

**"Humans generally  
are not a threat,  
but there is one  
exception . . ."  
See Matthew 3:4**



*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it.

If you would not write it and sign it, don't say it.

Christians never say goodbye to each other for the last time.

A church helps the lost to find their way home when its light shines brightly.



**The Mountain Shepherd**

Salem Community Church, Wolfsville  
 P. O. Box 144  
 Myersville, MD 21773-0144

[www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org](http://www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org)

Address Services Requested

**SERVICE TIMES**

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



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