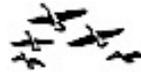


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## OUR VISION

Building Connections  
Growing God's Family

We are meeting  
new families  
almost every Sunday

Come Grow With Us

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## Walking together through "Lent" at Salem Community Church, Wolfsville

**L**ent is a season of reflection, renewal, and hope—a sacred invitation to slow down, turn our hearts toward God, and prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter.

At Salem Community Church in Wolfsville, we warmly invite you to journey through Lent with us as a community grounded in faith, prayer, and service.

Lent is more than a tradition; it is a purposeful season that calls us to examine our lives, deepen our relationship with Christ, and rediscover what truly matters.

Over these 40 days, we are reminded of Jesus' own journey through the wilderness and His ultimate sacrifice made out of love for the world.

At Salem Community Church, we believe this season is best experienced together—supporting one another in worship, learning, and spiritual growth. Throughout Lent, Salem Community Church offers meaningful opportunities to engage your faith.

Our worship services are designed to reflect the reverent and hopeful nature of the season, blending scripture, a teaching message, prayer, and music that encourage reflection and renewal.

**On Wednesday, February 18, at 7 p.m., Pastor Neil invites you to join us for a Preparation Service.** We do not do ashes, but rather worship to prepare our hearts and minds for the days leading up to Easter.

Whether you have observed Lent for many years or are exploring it for the first time, you will find a welcoming space to listen and prepare to encounter God's grace.

In addition to worship, we encourage members and friends of the church to embrace personal practices during Lent—such as prayer, Bible study, generosity, and acts of service. These practices are not about perfection, but about intention: creating room in our lives for God to work in new ways.

By walking through Lent together, we strengthen our faith and our bonds with one another. We invite you, your family, and your friends to join us at Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, this Lenten season. Together, let us seek God's presence, grow in faith, and prepare our hearts for the joy that is to come.

We welcome you to connect with Salem Community Church and become part of a growing community.



**PASTOR NEIL BEGINS THE  
"40 DAYS OF LENT"**

**WITH A PREPARATION SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 7 P.M.**

### Ways to Engage with Lent . . .

- Sunday Worship 9:00 am.
- Sunday School for Small Group Study & Fellowship 10:15 a.m.
- Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



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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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**Dec 2025 — Average Worship Attendance**

109	Sanctuary
36	Zoom Online
145	TOTAL

## Go 2025 MISSION PROJECTS

*"Missions is the Mission of the Church"*

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-Dec 2025

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission .....	\$2,460.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) .....	\$30.00
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons) .....	\$12,847.87
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber) .....	\$850.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem) .....	\$9,234.52
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada) .....	\$4,200.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus) ..	\$1,300.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) .....	\$300.00
9. Kelsey McHugh (WIM - Honduras) <b>NEW</b> .....	\$1,200.00
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) .....	\$4,250.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick .....	\$3,185.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) .....	\$516.00
13. Heroes' Club (After School Ministry) .....	\$204.88
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) .....	\$420.00
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2025 .....</b>	<b>\$40,998.27</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. 11*

#### Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

Dear Salem Community Church Family:

Each year we pick a theme that we adopt for the year. It is something we pray about and feel is very meaningful to the center. This year we chose "Sowing Seeds of Life" with the accompanying scripture, 2 Corinthians 9:6b, "he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."



Last week a client was referred to our center from the APR (abortion pill reversal) hotline. She had taken the first pill, but when she got home, she regretted it. She called the hotline and they connected us to her. She came to our center to begin the reversal process. At this visit, she was able to see her baby moving and the heart beating. She is scheduled to come back this week for a follow up ultrasound appointment. Please pray for this client and for the reversal process to be successful. Seeds of truth and life were definitely sewn as we served her.

Thank you for sewing financial seeds so that we can offer all of our services free of charge to our clients. You are part of every story that is written at this center because of your faithful support!

Blessings, —Linda King, Executive Director

[Salem provided \$3,185 to this mission project in 2025.]

# Who's Doing What, When? February 2026

9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & ONLINE ZOOM WORSHIP

### Lay Reader

- 1 Ron Holter
- 8 Ken Walls
- 15 Wanda Barkdoll
- 22 Gary Barkdoll

### Acolyte

- 1 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 8 Brynleigh Irons
- 15 Shelby Leatherman
- 22 Saralynn Irons

### Organist/Pianist

- 1 Sara Weitzel
- 8 Sara Weitzel
- 15 Sara Weitzel
- 22 Sara Weitzel

### Presenter PC

- 1 Wanda Barkdoll
- 8 Cathie Elsbach
- 15 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 22 Michael Burrier

### Zoom PC

- 1 Robin Haupt
- 8 Wanda Barkdoll
- 15 Brandon Leatherman
- 22 Wanda Barkdoll

### Greeters

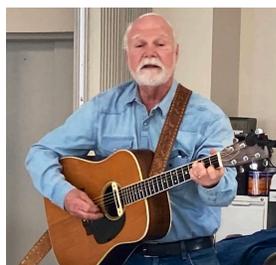
- 1 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 8 David & Sherry Scoggins
- 15 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 22 Kathy Hill

## New "Seniors Ministry" off to a good start

*Age 60 and Older*

By Ken Walls

Just a little note to say that we had a wonderful time together at our 1st Seniors Ministry on January 13th. The coffee & cookies were great. The personal testimonies were fantastic. And, as always the sharing of the Word of God was enjoyed by all.



Ken Walls led the music at our 1st Seniors Ministry.

**Next Time Together: February 10, 2026, 10 a.m.**

Our next time together will be Feb 10th at 10am. February is a great time to focus on loving relationships. With that in mind, we hope to present SEVEN RULES ON HOW TO HAVE A GOOD FIGHT! That's right! And, it's not just for married folks. God's Word is simply too good to be limited to just us married folks. Love in Christ, *Ken & Thelma*

## Salem Community Choir Notes

**Spring Season begins February 10, 7:30 p.m.**

By Sandy Lewis

Choir will begin practicing for the Spring season on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. We will be preparing musical offerings for Sunday morning worship services and for the Lenten season as well as Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

As I write this article, it doesn't feel much like Spring but it will be here before we know it. We hope to see all of our choir folks back with us and invite anyone else who would like to join us.

Marlene and I are looking forward to another season of joyous singing with all of you!

### Save the Dates . . .

- ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, March 8, 2026, 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary
- SENIOR LUNCHEON - Sunday, April 19, 2026, Noon, Salem Social Room
- LADIES NIGHT OUT - Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 6:30 p.m.  
at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont.

## It's Your Day!



### February Anniversaries

- 22 - Denny & Diana Leatherman
- 22 - Roy & Holly Rippeon
- 28 - Curtis & Dawn Nelson

### February Birthdays

- 1 - Maria Barkdoll
- 3 - Michael Burrier
- 3 - Ruth Draper
- 3 - Connie Kline
- 4 - Susan Brandenburg
- 5 - Diana Leatherman
- 6 - David Woods Jr.
- 9 - Robin Haupt
- 9 - Robert Keller Jr.
- 10 - Trista Wright
- 15 - Janet Goetzke
- 16 - Polly Miller
- 19 - Avaleigh Bidle
- 19 - Michele Kline
- 21 - Dianna Poling
- 21 - Landon Lafferty
- 24 - Scott Wisner
- 24 - Gary Barkdoll
- 24 - Aven Mallory
- 24 - Michael Mellott
- 26 - Tonia Mueller
- 29 - Peighton Rhinehart

### End-of-Year Giving Statements

Lora McGraw, Salem's Financial Secretary, records your tithes and offerings throughout the year and has prepared your annual financial giving statements for 2025.

Any questions should be directed to Lora at [kre8ive4u@yahoo.com](mailto:kre8ive4u@yahoo.com) or call 301-824-3322 and leave a message.

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Contact:  
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[jessieleatherman@comcast.net](mailto:jessieleatherman@comcast.net)

### 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

### St. Valentine's Day

By Edgar A. Guest

Give her a hug this morning,  
Give her the old-time kiss —  
From the calendar's first to final,  
There's only one day like this.



Rumple her hair a little,  
In the old-time tender way,  
Show her you haven't forgotten . . .  
This is St. Valentine's Day.

Never take love for granted,  
Don't be afraid to speak —  
While you are pouring his coffee,  
Fondle his whiskered cheek.

And over his shoulder bending,  
"I love you," be sure to say.  
Now is the time to do it . . .  
This is St. Valentine's Day.

If lovers at times seem foolish,  
As cynics will agree,  
Then this is the very morning  
When foolish it's wise to be.

We all need a lot more, loving,  
And more of true love's display,  
So, let's be a little silly . . .  
This is St. Valentine's Day.

### Do We Dare

By Tom Kolb

Do we dare to be a Christian  
And devote our life to God,  
When there's sin and grave temptation  
On every path we trod.  
Do we dare to tell the story  
Of a God that sets us free,  
When there are idols all around us  
For everyone to see.

Do we dare to be quite different  
From the busy passing throng,  
And always know the difference  
Between what's right and wrong.  
Do we dare to stand for something  
In a world of many creeds,  
And willing to be Christian  
When we see our brother's needs.



## RECIPE



### Cinnamon Coffee Cake

#### CAKE:

1 cup white sugar	1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup butter	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup sour cream	1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups flour	

#### TOPPING:

1 cup brown sugar	3 tablespoons melted butter
2 tablespoons flour	1 teaspoon cinnamon

Mix all ingredients for cake. Pour 1/2 of batter into an 8" x 12" pan and sprinkle 1/2 of crumbs on top. Next layer remaining batter and remaining crumbs on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until done.

NOTE: This recipe is in memory of the late Catherine Harne who submitted it to *The Mountain Shepherd* in 2005.



### Buried Treasure

By Clay Harrison

Beneath the snows of winter,  
Spring treasures can be found  
In seeds that lie their sleeping  
Below the frozen ground.

While snow falls in the meadow,  
The rose must get her rest.  
Soon spring will kiss his princess  
And she must look her best.

Sleeping Beauty shall awaken  
And yawn without a sound  
As sprigs of buried treasure  
Come bursting from the ground.

All earth proclaims God's glory  
When spring is in the air.  
Each bud fulfills a promise —  
Each rose an answered prayer.

Spring is a resurrection —  
Winter's stone is rolled away  
To reveal God's buried treasure  
Each sun-kissed springtime day.

### The Gospel According to You

You are writing a Gospel,  
A chapter each day,  
By deeds that you do,  
By words that you say.

### 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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### The Morning Sky

By Hope C. Oberhelman

I looked out at the morning sky,  
The day was bright and clear;  
I felt a gladness in my heart,  
And I sensed the Master near.

I looked out at the noonday sky,  
Some clouds were drifting by,  
While happiness o'erflowed me  
That almost made me cry . . .

I looked out at the evening sky,  
The sun had gone to rest,  
And I thanked the Savior for His love,  
For I felt completely blessed!



## Message from the Pastor

and

## Worship in February

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

### We Have One Job!

**G**rowing up, I enjoyed reading the Readers' Digest Condensed Version of books. Suffering with ADHD that had been undiagnosed, I didn't want to deal with a lot of details. I wanted to get to the gist of the content and move on.

The same struggle can face Christians today. "What am I supposed to do, as a follower of Jesus Christ?" is a question many ask, and even more wonder.

It is easy to get caught up in the busyness of work, church, and everyday life. But the good news is that before leaving the earth, Jesus left us with one, clear task. It is called the "Great Commission," and the primary location of these verses is found in Matthew 28:18-20.

The passage reads, <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Jesus claimed that this authority (exousia) is the same power a government has to issue a proclamation. Since Jesus had risen from the dead, He had the power to issue this commission.

"Therefore, go and make disciples" is the simple command. I said "command" because it is written in the imperative. But the word "go" is written in a tense that means "as you are going." This means that the command is meant for us to always obey.

There is not a time in our day when



we are not to be fulfilling this command.

#### What is this commission?

Making disciples is the most important thing on God's mind. I want to add that Jesus stipulated that we are to make disciples "of all nations." The word "nations" means "people groups." In short, it covers people all over the world.

#### What does "making disciples" entail?

The answer is found in the two participles (words that end with "ing"). The participles are "baptizing" and "teaching."

Baptizing means more than just immersing them in water. Before they can be baptized, they would need to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Once they have received Christ's salvation, they should follow him with believers' baptism.

The first part of the Great Commission is for us to make sure all people can hear the gospel and then respond with baptism.

In addition to baptizing them, making disciples involves teaching them to obey Jesus. Jesus concluded the Great Commission by stating He would be with us, even to the end of time.

#### So, what is our one job?

The one job we have is to make disciples of all people. It is a command.

Since Jesus assured He would be with us, let us make sure we are striving to fulfill the Great Commission. In Christ. —Pastor Neil

### Worship in February

#### Sunday, February 1 "Renewing Our Vows" Joshua 5:1-12

Just like a married couple might renew their wedding vows on a significant anniversary, the Israelites were reaffirming their commitment to follow God.

Specifically, this involved the covenant of circumcision. The men who came out of Egypt had been circumcised, but the males born in the wilderness were not.

All Israelites, both men and women, were renewing their loyalty to the Word of God, the Will of God, and the Servant of God.

#### Sunday, February 8 "Breaking Down the Walls of Your Life" Joshua 5:13-6:27

Ah, the Battle of Jericho. We have ALL heard the story. The Bible chronicled it. Archaeology confirms it. However, if we are not careful, we can miss the spiritual lessons that permeate the narrative.

It was the first battle within the Promised Land, and God chose this battle to be the wakeup call for the Canaanites. Jericho was the most prestigious and heavily fortified city-state in the land. Today we will see the lessons that can be applied to our own lives.

#### Sunday, February 15 "To Love is To Obey" Joshua 7:1-26

In the aftermath of the Jericho battle, one man brought punishment on the whole army. Achan felt it was okay for him to do his own thing and rebel against the commands the LORD gave Joshua.

How can we claim to love God if we disobey him. There was sin in the camp, and God's justice would be put on display. Not only was His wrath evident, He also gave a glimpse into His all-knowing power. Today, we will learn that love and obedience must go hand-in-hand.

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## Grades 3-5

## BE A "SPARKS YOUTH" EVERY SUNDAY

In February, the new "Sparks" Upper Elementary Sunday School class (grades 3-5) will learn about Missionaries and how they tell others about Jesus in places like England, Turkey and Phoenix, Arizona.

The story of Dan and Tara Byrd leaving Boston, Massachusetts, to help start new churches in England will help students learn how God calls people to share His message. Students will also meet Jim and Jean Leeper who helped change people's lives in Turkey through simple acts of kindness and friendliness. Finally, students will travel with Brian and Brooke Bowman to Phoenix, Arizona, to learn how they started a new church in a movie theatre! The Bowman Family is also reaching out to a group of Taiwanese people living in Phoenix by teaching English classes and starting community groups so they can tell the people about Jesus. We will see through the lives of these missionaries how knowing Jesus makes us want to tell others about Him too.

Mike Burrier teaches the "Sparks" Upper Elementary Class each Sunday from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., meeting at the top of the stairs in the social room. Come grow with us!



## WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

By Pastor Neil Suders

**Wednesday, February 18th 7:00 PM**

**Preparation Day**

**Joel 2:12-18**

On the calendar, this day will read as Ash Wednesday. The celebration of Ash Wednesday was to prepare believers for Lent. We do not smear foreheads with ashes. However, we DO want to prepare ourselves for the spiritual journey known as Lent. This evening service will be to prepare our hearts and minds for the days leading up to Easter.



**Sunday, February 22**

**"The History of Ai"**

**Joshua 8:1-29**

There is a lot in the news today about artificial intelligence, commonly referred to as "Ai". Did you know that there was a city/state in the Bible that was known as Ai? (Can you guess how it is spelled?)

On paper, this should have been a slam dunk. By that, I mean the Israelites outnumbered the people of Ai by a huge amount. The terrain was conducive for conquest. The soldiers were hungry for victory. The battle should have been a walk in the park. But it was NOT. Israel got soundly defeated. Today we will study this historic event and see just what went wrong. Surprisingly, there is a lesson that we can learn from this, as well.



## PRESIDENTS' DAY

**Remembering Leadership, Service, and Our Call to Pray**

Each February, our nation observes

Presidents' Day,

a holiday that invites us to remember the men who have served as President of the United States.

Originally established to honor George Washington's birthday, the day has grown into a broader moment of reflection on leadership, service, and the responsibilities that come with guiding a nation.

Presidents' Day is more than a history lesson or a long winter weekend. It is an opportunity to pause and consider the weight of leadership itself.

Scripture reminds us that leadership is a sacred trust. Jesus taught that "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" (Mark 10:43).

While presidents are political leaders, the principle still applies: true leadership is rooted in service, humility, and concern for the common good.

Throughout our nation's history, presidents have led during times of peace and prosperity, as well as moments of deep division, war, and uncertainty. They are human beings—imperfect and limited—who must make complex decisions that affect millions of lives. As people of faith, we are called not only to evaluate leadership thoughtfully, but also to pray faithfully.

The Apostle Paul urges believers to pray "for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:2).

This call is not dependent on political agreement or personal preference. It is a spiritual responsibility rooted in love, humility, and trust in God's sovereignty.

On Presidents' Day, we can lift up our current leaders, former leaders, and those who will lead in the future—asking God to grant them wisdom, integrity, courage, and compassion.

Presidents' Day can also encourage us to reflect on our own roles as citizens and disciples. Leadership is not limited to those in public office. Each of us leads in some way—within our families, workplaces, ministries, and communities. We are all called to model Christ-like character: to seek justice, love, mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

As we remember presidents past and present, may we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy, acknowledge the responsibilities that come with those freedoms, and recommit ourselves to prayerful engagement in the life of our nation.

Above all, may we place our ultimate hope not in any human leader, but in God, who reigns with perfect justice, mercy, and love.

Let Presidents' Day be a reminder that faithful prayer, humble service, and trust in God are essential—not only for those who lead, but for all who seek to follow Christ.



*Minimum of 15 to make the trip*

## SALEM TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

### Walking Where Jesus Walked

By Pastor Neil Suders  
[pastorneil05@gmail.com](mailto:pastorneil05@gmail.com)

I recently sent out an email as an announcement that we are scheduling a trip to the Holy Land in October, 2026.

We will be flying from either JFK in New York, or Dulles out of DC on the evening of October 21, 2026.

We will need a **minimum of 15 guests** to make the trip a reality. Obviously, first priority will go to the Salem Community Church family. However, if you know of friends or family who are interested in going, please let me know.

We have until **June 14, 2026**, to give a **tentative list**.

### Places to Visit in Israel

Jerusalem Eternal Tours (JET), Inc. will be our guides. We will experience western Israel and the region of Galilee. We will visit the Dead Sea, have an opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River, and visit Jerusalem, the city of David.

A boat ride on the sea of Galilee and a Bible study in the garden of Gethsemane will be among the highlights of the trip.

More details will be available later, but the trip will conclude with a banquet on the 29th, followed by our midnight flight to return home on the 30th.

### Estimated Cost

The estimated cost of the trip is about \$2,200 per person, plus airfare and tips. There are discounted rates for more than twenty guests.

Rates will be priced with a double occupancy (but a single room rate would be available with an added surcharge).

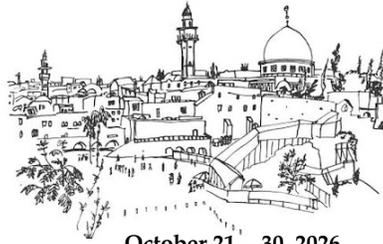
A **deposit of \$200** with room assignments will be needed **by July 14th, 2026**.

### Interested in the Trip?

Please send me an email ([pastorneil05@gmail.com](mailto:pastorneil05@gmail.com)) or hand me a note so I have a list in writing. I will keep the congregation apprised of the status.

As I mentioned in the email, even if you expressed interest last time, please tell me again.

Please prayerfully consider joining us on this trip of a lifetime. Incidentally, IF the region becomes a battle zone again, JET, Inc. will cancel the trip.



October 21 – 30, 2026

## 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. We encourage children to remain with their parents in worship and participate in Pastor Neil's children's message.

### Need to Step Out During The Service?

You may watch the service on the big screen in the upstairs social room. Feel free to use this space whenever needed.

### Inclement Weather Policy Status of Church Services

If inclement weather forces the church building to be closed for Sunday service, Pastor Neil will send out an email by 7 a.m. An abbreviated worship service may still be held at 9:00 a.m. using Zoom, giving folks an opportunity to worship at home.



### Heroes' Club

Salem's after school ministry on Mondays, Heroes' Club, will be held only when Frederick County schools are open.

### How to Receive our Announcements

If you are not currently on Salem's distribution list for prayer requests and church announcements, please provide your email address to Pastor Neil (717-753-2112) [pastorneil05@gmail.com](mailto:pastorneil05@gmail.com) or Michael Burrier (301-401-7575) [bankermike73@gmail.com](mailto:bankermike73@gmail.com).

### Midweek Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Salem's midweek Bible study, led by Pastor Neil, meets on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. in the church social room. Join us in person or Zoom in from home. Contact Pastor Neil for the Zoom link.

### Salem Iron Men

The Salem Iron Men have moved their regular monthly gatherings to the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.  
Contact: Bill Weaver, 301-730-7247

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

As of this writing (Jan 15)  
the food pantry has served 22 families (58 people)  
in the month of January 2026

Food Pantry Leaders: Justinn & Holly Irons



**1. In Person**

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.



**A 4-Year-Old's Description of Creation**

In the beginning, which was close to the start, there wasn't anything except God, darkness and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord, thy God, is one," but I think He has to be much older than that. Anyway, God made the world and then He said, "Give me some light," and somebody gave it to Him. He split an atom and made Eve. Adam and Eve didn't wear any clothes, but they weren't embarrassed because God hadn't invented mirrors yet. Adam and Eve sinned by eating one bad apple and they were driven out of the Garden of Eden. I'm not sure what God drove them in because He hadn't invented cars, yet. You can just imagine the rest.



*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.  
— Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States

The strength of our country is the strength of its religious convictions. The foundations of our society, and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible . . .  
— Calvin Coolidge, 30th President of the United States



**The Mountain Shepherd**

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**SERVICE TIMES**

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

