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Salem Community Church
Wolfsville

Wolfsville FOOD PANTRY
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Located at SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
12479 Wolfsville Rd
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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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2026  **EASTER**
at SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
in Wolfsville



Holy Week, Easter Services & Egg Hunt

March-April



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| <p>Sun 29 PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 a.m. at Salem
"Jesus was Anointed at Bethany"
Mark 14:1-11
10:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Thu 2 LAST SUPPER RE-ENACTMENT
7:00 p.m. at Salem
"Surely, not I, Lord"
Mark 14:12-18
Communion</p> <p>Fri 3 GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. at Salem
"Three Responses to Jesus"
Mark 14:27-72</p> <p>Sat 4 PRAYER VIGIL
Noon to Midnight</p> <p>Sat 4 EASTER EGG HUNT
2:00 p.m. at Salem
All children of the community
ages 12 and under.</p> | <p>Sun 5 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
7:00 a.m.
Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church
14110 Stottlemeyer Road
A Wolfsville community event.</p> <p>Sun 5 EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP and CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
9:00 a.m. at Salem
"Who Is It You Are Looking For?"
John 20:1-18
Communion
Children's Recitations
Adult & Children's Choirs
No Sunday School Classes</p> |
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LAST SUPPER
Re-enactment at Salem
Thu Apr 2 7 pm





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Building Connections.
Growing God's Family.

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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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Feb 2026 — Average Worship Attendance

99	Sanctuary
51	Zoom Online
150	TOTAL

Go  **2026 MISSION PROJECTS**
"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-Feb 2026

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$410.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	\$0.00
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons)	\$242.55
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber)	\$100.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem)	\$1,598.90
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada)	\$450.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus)	\$175.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	\$50.00
9. Kelsey McHugh (WIM - Honduras)	\$200.00
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)	\$350.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	\$400.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	\$86.00
13. Heroes' Club (After School Ministry)	\$0.00
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	\$70.00
TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2026	\$4,132.45

Here's how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem Community Church, 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.
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. 4

Christ Cream Ministry by Tim Leber



CHRIST CREAM VAN – NOW SCHEDULING FOR 2026

Mid-April through Mid-October

Offering FREE individually wrapped ice creams and prayers at any of your events this spring, summer, and fall! Just send me an email to schedule.

[\[timleber10@gmail.com\]](mailto:timleber10@gmail.com) With appreciation and much love! — *Tim Leber*

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

[Salem provides a minimum of \$50 monthly for this ministry.]

Who's Doing What, When?

April 2026

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

Lay Reader

- 5 Ron Holter
- 12 Janice Harshman
- 19 Gary Barkdoll
- 26 David Brandenburg

Acolyte

- 1 Saralynn Irons
- 8 Landon Lafferty
- 15 Lawson Rouzee
- 22 Cheyenne Leatherman

Organist/Pianist

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

Presenter PC

- 5 Wanda Barkdoll
- 12 Cathie Elsbach
- 19 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 26 Michael Burrier

Zoom PC

- 5 Robin Haupt
- 12 Brandon Leatherman
- 19 Wanda Barkdoll
- 26 Brandon Leatherman

Greeters

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

"New Members' Sunday" set for April 19th

By Pastor Neil

On April 19th, we will be receiving new members into Salem Community Church.

To prepare the new members, we will be holding a New Members' Class on Sunday, April 12th, during the Sunday School hour.

The purpose of the class will be to explain...

- what is expected to become a member,
- what membership means, and
- how members can contribute to the ministry of Salem Community Church.

**WE ARE
A CHURCH
THAT TEACHES
& PREACHES
TRADITIONAL
CHRISTIAN
VALUES.**

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, please contact me. Any questions can be directed to me, as well. Statistics show that joining a church enhances a believer's spiritual growth by offering spiritual accountability and spiritual community. "Salem Community Church... where you belong!"

41 NEW MEMBERS since becoming Salem Community Church

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

4 New Members on November 9, 2025

Shannã Bidle, Michelle Mallory, Brittini Rouzee, and Jesse Rouzee

[Ed. Note: As of this writing, 8 more folks have expressed interest in becoming a formal member of Salem Community Church. If you are interested, there is still time... just let Pastor Neil know. We'd be blessed to add your name to the above list.]

It's Your Day!



April Anniversaries

- 10 - Michael & Jennifer Burrier
- 11 - Forrest & Mary Hunt
- 29 - David & Susan Brandenburg

April Birthdays

- 1 - Travis Keller
- 4 - Paula Main
- 6 - Jessee Rouzee
- 7 - Tim Duley
- 9 - Sophie Wagaman
- 10 - Emily Stottlemeyer
- 11 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 12 - Charlotte Wisner
- 12 - Holly Irons
- 13 - Bill Bere
- 13 - Mason Crutchley
- 16 - Tony Miller
- 16 - Adam Stottlemeyer
- 17 - Judy Hamilton
- 17 - Lawson Rouzee
- 18 - Dennis Leatherman
- 20 - Ali Robinson
- 20 - Mike Young
- 22 - David Scoggins
- 22 - Richard Kline
- 23 - Craig Brown
- 24 - Vernon Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Jase Wesley Haddock
- 27 - Joshua Bidle
- 29 - Karen DeLauter
- 29 - Evelyn Eccard
- 30 - Payton Robinson

PASTOR'S NEW OFFICE HOURS

Pastor's Parsonage Office:

- **Monday** 10:00-5:00 Study, sermon prep, administrative duties
- **Tuesday** 8:00-4:30 study, sermon & Bible study prep
- **Wednesday** 8:00-4:30 Sermon & Bible study prep
- **Thursday** 8:00-4:30 visitation, study

Pastor's Home Office:

- **Friday** 8:00-4:00 sermon prep (working from his residence on Fridays)

Pastor's Day Off:

- **Saturday:** available for emergencies

NOTE: Please notify Pastor Neil of scheduled hospital procedures. Also, he may be out of the office for meetings, appointments and visitation, so it would be best to make an appointment.



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

Long Ago Easter

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD



That long ago Easter keeps calling to me,
Its beauty and wonder were lovely to see,
With rabbits and baskets and children so gay,
Makes me recall that special day.

That long ago Easter, so sunny and bright,
With yards full of flowers and lilies so white,
When all of God's Glory bursts forth with the spring,
And all the world just wanted to sing.

That long ago Easter, when things were home-made,
With those bonnets and dresses in the Easter Parade.
When people were happy with a smile on their face.
When life was a walk instead of a race.

That long ago Easter with candy galore
And the mess that kids made all over the floor.
With marshmallow bunnies with chocolate legs
And lambs and roosters and coconut eggs.

That long ago Easter with rabbits so white,
Soft to the touch, with eyes so bright
When kids were enchanted the whole day through
For to have a live bunny was something quite new.

That long ago Easter when we sat down to eat,
My father would bow and then would repeat
All of those blessings that God had bestowed,
Then with thanksgiving, his heart overflowed.

That long ago Easter church was a must
And faith was much stronger and willing to trust.
When Easter was Holy and God was a part
Of that gladness and joy that lived in the heart.

April

By Edgar A. Guest



April, and the showers are falling;

April, and the birds are calling
To their kin of song and feather,

Quite regardless of the weather.

April, and the birds are humming
Everywhere that May is coming;

Plant and tree are not complaining

That this morning it is raining.
When it's April in our dreaming

And the storms of care are teeming,

May we see beyond our sorrow

All the beauty of tomorrow.



RECIPE



Cheesy Chicken Fettuccine

10-3/4 oz. can cream of mushroom soup	3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, cubed	1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
4 oz. can sliced mushrooms, drained	1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1 cup whipping cream	2-1/2 cups cooked chicken, cubed
1/2 cup butter, softened	8 oz. pkg fettuccine pasta, cooked
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder	

TOPPING:

1/3 cup seasoned bread crumbs	1 to 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons butter, melted	

Combine soup, cream, cheese, mushrooms, cream, butter, and garlic powder in a large pot over medium heat. Stir in cheeses until melted. Add chicken; heat through. Stir in fettuccine. Spread in a lightly greased 2-quart casserole dish; sprinkle with topping. Cover and bake at 350° for 25 minutes. Uncover and bake for an additional 5 to 10 minutes, until golden. Serves 8.



Where God Ain't

Author Unknown

He was just a little boy,
on a week's first day.

He was wandering home
from Sunday School,
and dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass,
he found a caterpillar,
He found a fluffy milkweed pod,
and blew out all the "filler."

A bird's nest in a tree overhead,
so wisely placed up so high.
Was just another wonder
that caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zig-zag course,
and hailed him from the lawn;
Asked him where he'd been that day
and what was going on.

"I've been to Bible School"
he said, and turned a piece of sod.
He picked up a wiggly worm,
replying "I've learned a lot about God."

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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"Very fine way," the neighbor said,
"for a boy to spend his time."
"If you'll tell me where God is,
I'll give you a brand new dime."

Quick as a flash the answer came!
Nor was his accents faint.
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister,
if you can tell me where God ain't."

*As you celebrate Easter, thank Jesus for His victory over death
and for new life in Him.*



Message from the Pastor

and

Worship in April

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

Theology 101; Bibliology

The theme for this year is “Back to the Bible.” I will be relying on sermons and Bible studies to communicate and teach God’s word to the whole church.

But I also want to utilize this newsletter to teach aspects about God, since He IS the source of the Bible. We will be learning different topics within the field of theology.

Theology is a compound word which is made up of the Greek words, “Theos” and “Logos.” “Theos” means “God,” and “logos” means “word,” or “study.” In other words, Theology is a study of God.

Because we are focusing on the Bible, I felt it would be appropriate to start with Bibliology, which is the study of the Bible.

The Source of the Bible

When learning about the Bible, we must consider three important areas: its Source (where did it originate?), its Supremacy, (is it trustworthy?) and its Sufficiency (must anything be added to it?).

We begin with the Source of the Scriptures. The Bible contains sixty-six books and was written by over forty human authors and spanning over 1,500 years.

2 Peter 1:21 tells us, “For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

The Holy Spirit did not dictate word for word what each author should write. He inspired them to write what they witnessed or experienced, and to do so in their own linguistic style.

The sixty-six books we have now are the complete canon of scripture, meaning it is the complete set of Holy Scripture as recognized by the early church fathers. Books written between the Old and New Testament are incorporated into a



collection called “the Apocrypha” but they are extra-biblical in nature and are not seen as part of the Bible.

The Supremacy of the Bible

To explain the supremacy of the Bible means to come to an understanding of the inspiration of the Bible.

We believe that every word of the Scriptures, in the original manuscripts, was inspired by God.

There are several translations of the Bible, and some of them have an agenda that requires interpreting the Bible according to that agenda. God does not inspire those translations.

2 Timothy 3:16 says, “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness” — the Greek word for “inspired” means ‘God-breathed.’ (Incidentally, the word “all” in the Greek means ‘ALL!’)

Some will argue or posit that “the Bible contains God’s word.” However, that is dangerous. To say it contains God’s word implies that there are some parts of the Bible that are NOT God’s word.

The Sufficiency of the Scriptures

Finally, it is important to address the sufficiency of the Scriptures. Lately, evangelicals have been quick to accept the inspiration of the Scriptures but have denied their sufficiency. However, Christian experiences, Christian works, and Christian disciplines do NOT make

us more spiritual.

However, if we study and read the Bible, and take it to heart, we will become involved in those experiences, works, and disciplines which WILL facilitate spiritual growth.

The Bible is sufficient for our spiritual growth. To summarize, we believe that the Bible IS God’s word, it is fully inspired by God and is sufficient as the agent of developing into mature disciples of Jesus Christ. In Christ, —Pastor Neil

Worship in April

As a month, April begins with Easter Sunday, and then kicks off a new sermon series on the Holy Spirit. Easter Sunday is one of the pinnacle moments of the church calendar. Celebrating the resurrection of our Messiah always gives us hope and joy.

Following the resurrection, the Holy Spirit became the focus of the Christian life. We will become more acquainted with this third member of Holy Trinity in a series of sermons called, “The God We Barely Know.”

Thursday, April 2 7:00 p.m.

‘The Last Supper’ Re-enactment

Mark 14:12-18

The painting by Leonardo DaVinci called “The Last Supper” is possibly one of the most famous, and most easily recognizable painting of all. It was based on an actual event where Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with His disciples.

All four gospels chronicle the event. We will be seeing that night re-lived. In our text, Jesus prophesied that one of His closest friends (who had spent three years traveling with Him) was going to betray Him. Shocked and perplexed, each disciple asked himself, “Is it I who will betray Him?” We will be partaking of communion this evening.

Good Friday, April 3 7:00 p.m.

Three Responses to Jesus

Mark 14:27-72

Following the Last Supper, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane with Peter, James, and John to pray. He went off by himself and asked them to remain and pray. They fell asleep. He caught them sleeping three times! Afterwards, Judas betrayed Him to a crowd who arrested Him. Judas infamously betrayed Jesus with a kiss.

The crowd led Jesus away for His

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“trials.” While Jesus was being whipped, scorned, and beaten, Peter denied he knew Jesus three times! All this was before the crucifixion which would be just hours away.

In this night, we witness three responses to Jesus. We can choose apathy, like the three disciples. We can choose betrayal, such as Judas Iscariot did, We could also choose to respond to Jesus with denial, like Peter. But my prayer is that our response would be the only right response; a response of pure worship.

Easter Sunday, April 5

Who Is It You Are Looking For?

John 20:1-18

In John’s gospel narrative of the resurrection, the risen Jesus met with Mary Magdalene. But because He was glorified, she did not recognize Him. She thought He was the gardener until He spoke her name. He asked her, “who is it you are looking for?”

When she recognized it was Him, Mary ran to tell the disciples that she had seen the Lord who had risen from the dead. That was the first post-resurrection appearance of Jesus after His crucifixion.

“The God We Barely Know”

Beginning April 12

The Doctrine of the Trinity is the fact of a triune godhead: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. All three are equal in divinity, but distinct in nature and function.

Everyone is familiar with God the Father, and God the Son is celebrated by almost all mankind. However, God the Holy Spirit is often neglected for various reasons.

Some denominations exaggerate the ministries of the Holy Spirit, erring on the side of charismatic frenzy.

To avoid being labeled as doctrinally incorrect, churches avoid preaching about the Holy Spirit. As a result, people grow up in churches never learning about this third member of the Godhead. Hence, the Holy Spirit is like “the God we barely know.”

Sunday, April 12

But He IS Still God!

I Corinthians 2:9-13

The Holy Spirit is just that: a spirit. He has no physical features. He is unlimited by time or space constraints. Yet the

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Spirit of God is no less God than the Father or Jesus Christ.

In today’s text, we will discover that the Holy Spirit knows the thoughts of God. It is the Holy Spirit who bears witness to us of the things of God. Being born again means the Holy Spirit lives within us, and we are totally indwelt by the divine nature of God, Himself!



Sunday, April 19

He Is Our Comforter

John 16:5-16

Prior to His crucifixion, Jesus told His disciples that He would be leaving this world, and they would no longer see Him. Jesus assured them that He would provide them with a replacement who would enable them to do more that Jesus could help them do.

Jesus described this divine helper as a “Counselor, a Helper, and an Advocate.”

The Greek word He used was Parakletos. It comes from two Greek words: para (alongside) and kaleo (to call). So, a paraclete is one who is called alongside to comfort us. In other words, The Holy Spirit is our Comforter.

Today we will learn how that truth will keep us on track for spiritual growth.

Sunday, April 26

He Is the Giver of Life

John 3:3-7

Late one night, a man came to Jesus to ask about who Jesus truly was. This man recognized that Jesus did great things that could only be done if God were truly with Him.

That man’s name was Nicodemus and he was a member of the Sanhedrin, a supreme cabal of Scribes and Pharisees. They were the “who’s who” of spiritually elite Jewish leaders.

Jesus told Nicodemus that to go to heaven, one must be “born again.” That stumped Nicodemus. He asked if we had to climb back into our mothers’ wombs.

Jesus corrected him by saying when we are physically born, we are born of water. But when we are spiritually born, we are born of the Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who gives life.

Monthly Themes for Wolfsville Food Pantry at Salem — 2026

March

Rise & Shine Breakfast Items:
Tea, Coffee, Kids Flavored Cereal,
Syrup, Pancake Mix, Jams/Jellies,
Honey, Pop-Tarts, Oatmeal, etc.

April

Spring Cleaning: Cleaning Products

May

Easy Meals: Hamburger Helper, Ramen
Noodles, Chef Boyardee, etc.

June

Canned Meat: Spam, Vienna Sausage,
Tuna, Chicken, Ham, Salmon, etc.

July

Fruit: Canned or Fresh

August

Hygiene Products: Shampoo, body
wash, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste,
deodorant, etc.

September

Condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo,
BBQ Sauce, Pickles, Relish, etc.

October

Blankets: New only, please.

November

Turkeys

December

Baking Supplies: Cake Mix, Icing, Jello,
Cooking Oil, Pudding, Salt, Pepper, etc.



Large crowd attends Salem’s 3rd Congregational Meeting

Advancing Ministry in Wolfsville

Sunday, March 8, 2026 — At the third congregational meeting of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, the membership participated in the election of officers and was informed about church financials, mission projects including the food pantry, the work of Salem’s Board of Trustees, and a report from Pastor Neil.

Gathering • Member Count Call to Order • Welcome • Prayer

Theresa Haupt, Secretary of Salem’s Church Council, recorded attendance, and Vernon Stottlemeyer, Chair of Salem’s Church Council, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and offered an opening prayer.

Election of Officers

Pastor Neil Suders, Chair of Salem’s Nominating Committee, presented a slate of officers for the congregation’s vote of approval which included 16 positions and committees.

The congregation was also informed of 28 additional positions, committees and Sunday School teachers that had been previously approved by Salem’s Church Council and did not need a congregational vote. Officers are listed on pages 7, 8 & 9 of this newsletter.

Church Treasurer’s Report

Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer, presented a detailed Treasurer’s Report which included income and expenses for all of last year (2025) and the budget for this year (2026).

Attendance has significantly increased as well as offerings, and we are pleased to say we have started this year on very good footing, financially.

Salem Mission Projects: Last year, Salem paid out slightly more than \$40,000 to 14 mission projects, locally, nationally and internationally. More than half of that

amount went to “local” outreach projects, including the Food Pantry ministry; teaching children from our elementary school who might not come to church but who come to Heroes’ Club to learn about the ways of God; and other local needs.

Board of Trustees Report

Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Chair of Salem’s Board of Trustees shared a summary of completed work on buildings and grounds as well as work in progress.

More than 40 tasks were logged last year, for work in Salem’s sanctuary, social hall, classrooms, church grounds, cemetery, and parsonage. Highlighted was the need to upgrade/replace the septic system used by the church and parsonage.

Pastor’s Report

Pastor Neil shared a positive and upbeat report about his vision for greater ministry in the Wolfsville community.

- We are working on a photo directory.
- The theme for this year is "Back to the Bible" where the goal is to increase knowledge of Scripture and Theology via sermons, Bible study, Sunday school, and newsletter articles.
- There will be a New Members class during Sunday school on April 12 for those who

wish to become members of Salem Community Church. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, April 19.

- The “Building for Growth Committee” will be meeting in March as we will be discussing options for handling the church growth.

Food Pantry - Ministry Spotlight 722 People Served

Justinn Irons reported we would like to thank everyone for supporting the Food Pantry through prayers, donations, and volunteering. Over the last year, we served approximately 722 people. Our families range from 1 person up to 7 people per family. We received many donations last year through individuals, area churches, Wolfsville Elementary School, and Gambrell Mountain Hunt Club. Last year we started doing monthly themes for donations. During the month of October, we asked for donations of blankets. We received many blankets and our families were very thankful for them. We had 31 families sign up for Thanksgiving baskets last year. If you are interested in volunteering for the Food Pantry, please reach out. We would love to talk to you about it.

POSITIONS ELECTED at CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: March 8, 2026

The Nominating Committee met in January to nominate persons to serve in ministry and leadership roles at Salem Community Church. Thank you to all those who said “yes” to serve in our church!

A full slate of proposed office holders was presented to the Church Council in February. The Council recommended the following nominated persons stand for election at the Congregational Meeting. The following persons were elected and will serve through next March, for a one-year term, or through the year indicated if a multi-year term.

Chair of Church Council	Vernon Stottlemeyer ‡
Vice-Chair of Church Council	Gary Barkdoll ‡
Secretary of Church Council	Theresa Haupt ‡
Church Treasurer	Bill Burrier ‡
Young Adult Member of Church Council (age 19-39)	Holly Irons ‡
Youth Member of Church Council (age 18 and under)	Cheyenne Leatherman ‡
Church Council, Members-at-large (up to 11)	Heidi Agostini ‡, Wanda Barkdoll ‡ Michael Burrier ‡, Dennis Draper ‡ Pat Eccard ‡, Bobby Fogle ‡, Robin Haupt ‡ Mike Irons ‡, Susan Koons ‡ Dennis Leatherman ‡ Matthew Stottlemeyer (Honorary)

‡ = indicates voting member of Church Council

ELECTED POSITIONS

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Annual Financial Auditor	Meredith Harshman
Board of Trustees	Donald Stottlemeyer (2026) George Stottlemeyer (2026) Dianna Poling (2027) Klaus Mueller (2027) Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (2027) (Chair) ‡ Tim Eccard (2028), Mike Irons (2028) Dan Lafferty (2028) Brandon Leatherman (2028) Tony Miller (2028) Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Cemetery Committee	Bobby Fogle (2027), Robin Haupt (2027) Meredith Harshman (2027) Steve Leatherman (2027) George Stottlemeyer (2027) (Chair) ‡ Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Church Financial Secretary	Lora McGraw
Lay Leader	Dennis Leatherman
Nominating Committee	Lora McGraw (2026) Sandy Miller (2026) Gary Barkdoll (2027) Theresa Haupt (2027) Joy Barkdoll (2028) Cathie Elsbach (2028) Amber Stine (2028) Dennis Leatherman (Lay Leader) Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Personnel Committee	Debbie Irons (2026) Linda Marenic (2026) Ken Poling (2026) Wanda Barkdoll (2027) Cathie Elsbach (2027) Sandy Miller (2027) Bill Bere (2028) Ron Holter (2028) (Chair) ‡ Dennis Leatherman (Lay Leader) Neil Suders (Pastor) (non-voting)
Sunday School Superintendent	Bobby Fogle
Sunday School Treasurer	Mary Fogle

‡ = indicates voting member of Church Council

Salem Community Church, Wolfsville
Annual Easter Egg Hunt

For ages 12 and under

Saturday

April 4, 2026 2:00 p.m.



Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the Easter Egg Hunt.

POSITIONS APPROVED by CHURCH COUNCIL

The following individuals were nominated, accepted the call to serve, and approved by the Church Council in February. These positions do not require a congregational vote. Terms continue until the next Congregational Meeting in March 2027. *Thank you for serving!*

“Bee-lievers” Women’s Group President	Wanda Barkdoll
Children’s Coordinator	Caroline Buhrman
Co-Choir Directors (Adult)	Sandy Lewis * Marlene Young
Choir Director (Children)	Jody Eccard-Duley
Church Communications Team	Bill Burrier (newsletter/website) Michael Burrier (social media/ email/calendar/outdoor sign board) Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (bulletin) Neil Suders (Pastor) (prayer requests)
Church Organist/Pianist	Sara Weitzel * Susie Stottlemeyer
Communion Steward (Prepare)	Amy McCormick
Communion Stewards (Serve)	Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer Susie Stottlemeyer Cathie Elsbach
Worship Computer and Communications	Robin Haupt, Jim Laky Michael Burrier
Sound Board	Jim Laky, Michael Burrier
Family Ministries Leaders	Kathy Hill, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
Flower Coordinator (Worship)	Barbie Stottlemeyer
Flower/Gift Card Care Ministry	Susie Stottlemeyer (Leader), Mary Ellen Eccard, Kathy Laky, Susan Brandenburg, Katy Laky
Food Pantry Leaders	Justinn & Holly Irons
Ladies’ Bible Study Leader	Debbie Irons
Salem Iron Men Leader	Bill Weaver
Director of Student Ministries	Jessie Leatherman
VBS Coordinator(s)	Hannah Rouzee, Jody Eccard-Duley
Worship Committee	Neil Suders (Pastor) (Chair) Shannaa Bidle, Michael Burrier, Robin Haupt, Susan Koons, Jim Laky, Sara Weitzel
Audio/Visual Station Operators	Robin Haupt (Leader) Wanda Barkdoll Michael Burrier Cathie Elsbach Brandon Leatherman Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

* = indicates paid staff position managed by Pastor & Personnel Committee

Save the Date:

- **April 26** — Senior Luncheon (65+), 12:30 p.m. at Salem
- **May 13** — Ladies/ Men’s Night Out - Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Salem’s Sunday School program is organized by the elected Sunday School Superintendent. The following teachers are currently serving in this ministry. *Thank you for serving!*

Pre-K & Kindergarten Teacher	Caroline Buhrman
Early Elementary Class Teachers (Grades 1-2)	Misty Suders Kathy Laky
Upper Elementary Class Teacher (Grades 3-5)	Michael Burrier
Teen Class Teachers (Grades 6-12)	Jessie Leatherman Linda Marenic
Special Needs Class Teacher (High School & Adults)	Mary Ellen Eccard
“Crossroads” Young Adult Teacher	Neil Suders
“Adult Discussion Group” Teacher	Bill Burrier
Adult Class Teachers (Men & Women)	Bobby Fogle Meredith Harshman Donald Stottlemeyer

Please keep all of our church officers and ministry leaders in your prayers! May each person receive strength, wisdom and discernment from our Lord for the tasks He has planned at Salem Community Church this year. Helpers are always needed; if you sense the Lord calling you to get involved in a certain ministry at Salem, please talk with Pastor Neil or reach out directly to the leader of that area to learn more.

Q. Why did the chicken cross the road?

Now we know the answer... to get to Salem Community Church.

Photo by Pastor Neil when walking into church on Sunday morning, March 22.



Posting on Facebook generated some humorous comments and 97 likes.

- Smart chicken
- As the hymn says, His blood can make the ‘fowl-est’ clean.
- She must have heard the organist playing Bach, Bach, Bach!
- Very clever post. Kudos to the poster.
- Last Sunday her kids were so well behaved in church I didn’t hear a peep.

In Sympathy

Elizabeth Ann Martin McHugh

May 6, 1938 — February 28, 2026
Gallatin, Tennessee

Elizabeth Ann “Liz” Martin McHugh passed on to her new life on February 28, 2026, at age 87. Born May 6, 1938, in Wolfsville, MD, she was the daughter of the late Richard Adam and Gladys Rhae Shuff Martin.



She was raised in Wolfsville, Maryland, and graduated from Middletown (Maryland) High School in 1956, then living in Frederick County until moving to New Jersey in 1971.

She and her husband James Henry McHugh were married on September 16, 1984, at the Parsippany United Methodist Church in Parsippany, NJ.

After her marriage to Jim in 1984, she worked as his financial sales assistant with Thomson McKinnon Securities, and Prudential Securities, until their retirement in 1994. Jim & Liz lived in various states throughout the Southeast US and enjoyed traveling for many years, before settling in Gallatin, TN in 2020. They were truly “partners in life”, and they were rarely seen apart from one another. They were past members of the Branson United Methodist Church in Missouri where they were active workers at the church’s Thrift Shop and in other church activities. When they lived in Charleston, SC, they volunteered over 10,000 hours at the LowCountry Food Bank. They were avid “walkers” and often walked over 1,000 miles a year together.

In addition to her parents, she was pre-deceased by her former husbands, Philip H. Welty and Lynn W. Pett; brother, Richard L. Martin; sister, Doris J. Martin Fogle; brother, Ronald L. Martin; and brother-in-law, Robert Fogle.

Liz is survived by her husband, Jim of Gallatin, TN; son, Philip Craig Welty (Kellie) of Elverta, CA; daughter, Deirdre A. Welty Pizzo of East Stroudsburg, PA; grandchildren, Joshua C. Welty (wife Sabrina, and daughter Morgan), Mallory E. Welty Vest (husband Mitchell and children, Tessa, Eve, Gemma, and Emory); Sarah L. Welty Cray (husband Michael and children, Ella, Luna, and Arlo), Hannah M. Welty, Deandra A. DeRosa (husband Jay), Ryan A. Pizzo (daughter Gianna), and Alyssa R. Pizzo (son Gunner); and sisters-in-law, Jacqueline R. McHugh of Charleston, SC, Sherry Martin of Jefferson, MD and Ann Martin of Frederick, MD.

A Celebration of Life: April 12 at Salem

A celebration of Liz’s life will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 12, 2026 at the Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, 12477 Wolfsville Rd, Myersville, MD 21773 with burial to follow in the Salem Community Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Liz’s memory to Salem Community Church, PO Box 144, Myersville, MD 21773.

Grades 3-5

BE A "SPARKS YOUTH" EVERY SUNDAY

In April, the "Sparks" (Grades 3-5) Upper Elementary Sunday School class will learn about "Jesus, the Savior!"

In this unit, our "Sparks" students will see that, because God loves us, He does not want our sin to keep us separated from Him, so He made a way for us to receive salvation through His one and only Son, Jesus.

They will hear the story of Thomas and how he doubted Jesus' resurrection until he saw Jesus with his own eyes. Through the story of Peter's denial of Jesus and his restoration, they will discover that God will forgive people.

They will also learn that Jesus ascended to heaven, but He promised to return one day.

The lessons this month will serve as a guide to help our Upper Elementary students understand that salvation comes only through Jesus and His sacrifice, and that nothing can separate them from God's love.

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



Seniors Ministry

Age 60 and Older

By Ken Walls

Just a note to invite you to the next Seniors Ministry on Tuesday, April 14th from 10 a.m. 'til noon.

Have you ever wondered where angels come from? Have you ever thought that you might have even seen one?

This month's topic is the subject of angels. Maybe, just maybe, there's more to them than fluffy white clouds, golden harps, and thousands of hallelujahs.

Please join us as we explore angels and their purposes from above and below. —Ken & Thelma Walls



Salem Community Choir Notes

By Sandy Lewis

The Salem Community Choir will be presenting several offerings for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. For Palm Sunday we will present the energetic "Day to Sing Hosanna."

As we remember the suffering of our Lord we will offer "At the Cross (Love Ran Red)" on Good Friday evening.

We will celebrate resurrection day with the familiar "He Lives", and the children will be joining us with joyful bell ringing. We will also present "Glorious Day (Living He Love Me)," as we praise and glorify our risen Lord on Easter morning!

We will not have practice on Tuesday, April 7, to give our singers a brief break, and also due to church directory photos being taken. Practice will resume Tuesday, April 14, at the usual time of 7:30 p.m. Thanks to all for their participation and dedication. May everyone have a blessed Easter!

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.

Pastor Neil will send you a card. Please let him know if you have a need. He will meet with you and answer any questions you may have.

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.

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

Children who worship with their parents learn early that they are part of the larger church family.

Children's Activity Bags

Children's Activity Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary each Sunday.

Each bag contains activities around the scripture for the day and other activities to engage your little ones during the service.

Need to Step Out During the Service?

If you 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.

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 or Michael Burrier (301-401-7575) 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.

Do you have one of our car stickers?

Here's what our logo represents.

It begins with an open Bible (the pages) from which we learn about God's love (the heart) and the Good News of salvation through Jesus (the cross) leading to spiritual growth in our lives (a growing leaf).

These vinyl decals look great on a car, truck, SUV ... anywhere!

Now available at church or message us and we'll send you one.



Stained Glass Window Project at Salem: Update

■ By Gary Barkdoll

In July 2017, a donation was made to the church to go towards enhancing one's spiritual experience through the addition of stained glass windows around the sanctuary and other places throughout the facility.

The Salem Church Council appointed a committee to investigate and select from the various vendors in this area that could provide such a service.

The COVID pandemic and the churches' disaffiliation slowed the progress of this work for several years and our prime contractor even went out of business due to COVID.

The committee selected a new vendor and collaborated with that vendor to look into possible themes, styles and color selections that would work well with the style of windows and design of our sanctuary.

A well-known regionally operated contractor, Epiphany Studios, Inc in the Front Royal, Virginia area was selected.

Several examples of work that Epiphany Studios had done for other churches around the area was provided to help get the committee started with the task.

After several months of work over the past several years, the committee has narrowed down the theme, styles, and general color schemes that they believe would work well for our church.

The committee's number one goal was to promote and provide to our congregation and visitors a means of reflection and inspiration of how Christ has charged each one of us to live our lives to the glory of his name and our Father's Kingdom.

The committee thought the best way to project this idea was to select as our theme

for all the windows was "The Life of Christ."

The style, and layouts are common in all windows, with the individual scenes depicting key moments during Christ's life on earth and his return. There are also scriptures that will accompany each window that are related to that particular scene.

As of this writing, the stained-glass window project has made considerable progress. To date, currently under contract are four of the five large windows in the sanctuary, the two half windows on either side of the altar, and two of the four smaller windows in the outer vestibule. These are in various stages of the process.

We are hoping to see the first of the windows being installed by late spring or early summer of this year.

Last month, Epiphany presented scaled, color renditions of the major windows to the Church Council, and they have been approved to move forward with full scale production of those windows. Some of the windows already have pieces of glass being cut out for assembly.

If you would like to be part of this undertaking, it is not too late. You can either sponsor any remaining windows or, if you would like, you can make a contribution of any amount towards the overall project. All support is greatly appreciated. Just contact Gary Barkdoll with any questions, inquiries, or donation towards this project. We are confident that this project will positively impact our worship and learning experience as a growing Christian community here at Salem Community Church.

Thank you and may God bless us all.



Artist depiction of one of the windows. The theme for all the windows is "The Life of Christ." Some of the windows already have pieces of glass being cut for assembly.

Don't miss the Last Supper Re-enactment: April 2

The men of Salem Community Church will present a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper."

In turn, the 12 apostles speak their minds to themselves, to each other, and to Jesus. They are reflecting on the tragic words which they had just heard Jesus speak. Those words being, "One of you will betray me." Each will end their dialogue with the dramatic words "Is It I?"



Last Year
April 17, 2025

**How to Give
Tithes & Offerings**

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 and select GIVE.

Heavenly Humor



Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Natural life came by God's breath; eternal life comes by Christ's death.

After all that Christ has done for us, how can we do less than give Him our best?

The Good News of the resurrection is too good to keep to ourselves.

Because Christ is alive, we need not fear death.



The Mountain Shepherd

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SERVICE TIMES

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

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