

# The Mountain Shepherd

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Salem Community Church — Wolfsville

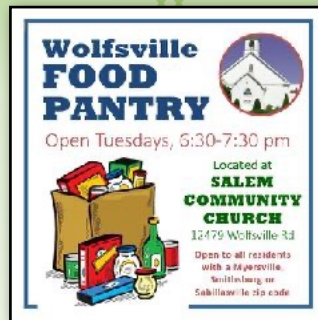
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**OUR VISION**  
Building Connections  
Growing God's Family

We are meeting  
new families  
almost every Sunday

Come Grow With Us

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It's been a "hot summer" . . .  
what better way to get cool than to eat  
**ICE CREAM!**

By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

You are invited to Salem Community Church for our annual Ice Cream Social. Please invite a friend and join us at the pavilion on Sunday, August 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. Ice cream will be served around 7:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, music, games for all, and especially the ice cream. We will be serving Hershey's Vanilla, Chocolate, Mint Chocolate Chip and Black Raspberry ice cream. Beverages will also be provided. We have plenty of seating but if you would rather be a bit more comfortable, please bring your lawn chair. See you there!

We are very thankful for the ice cream donation by LDS of Wolfsville.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026 — 6:00 P.M.**  
at the Salem Church Pavilion

## Mountain Shepherd

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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.

### Colophon:

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### Purpose of Newsletter:

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

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### June 2026 — Average Worship Attendance

104 In Sanctuary  
43 Zoom Online  
147 TOTAL



## 2026 MISSION PROJECTS

"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-June 2026

|                                                                        |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission .....       | \$1,230.00 |
| 2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) .....           | \$0.00     |
| 3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons) .....         | \$1,036.61 |
| 4. Sweet Blessings Ministry (Tim Leber) .....                          | \$300.00   |
| 5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem) .....                             | \$4,124.57 |
| 6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada) .....                               | \$1,350.00 |
| 7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus) ..... | \$625.00   |
| 8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) .....                        | \$125.00   |
| 9. Kelsey McHugh (WIM - Honduras) .....                                | \$675.00   |
| 10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) .....           | \$950.00   |
| 11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick .....                       | \$1,100.00 |
| 12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) .....       | \$258.00   |
| 13. Heroes' Club (After School Ministry) .....                         | \$29.36    |
| 14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) .....                   | \$210.00   |
| 15. Asheton & Tara Root (Senegal) .....                                | \$300.00   |

TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2026 ..... \$12,313.54

### 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.

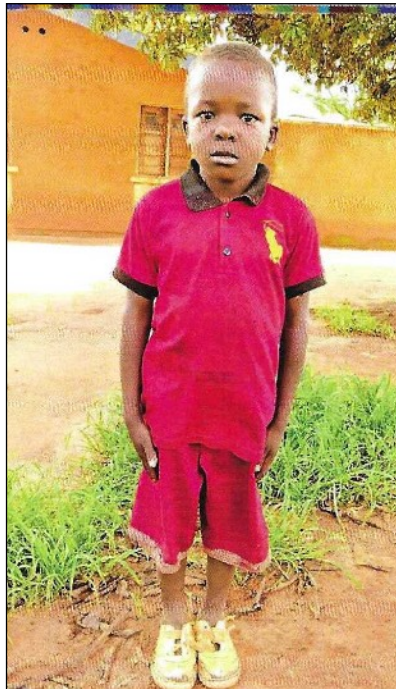
3. Place your contributions in the offering box at church, designate electronically, or mail to Salem.

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 Projects No. 12 & 14

### Sponsored Children in Tanzania & Colombia



Luckman  
Tanzania

Compassion — \$43 monthly



Lizeth  
Colombia

World Vision — \$35 monthly

## Who's Doing What, When?

August 2026

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

#### Lay Reader

2 Janice Harshman  
9 David Brandenburg  
16 Denny Leatherman  
23 Tim Eccard  
30 Bill Burrier

#### Acolyte

2 Shelby Leatherman  
9 Saralynn Irons  
16 Landon Lafferty  
23 Lawson Rouzee  
30 Cheyenne Leatherman

#### Organist/Pianist

2 Sara Weitzel  
9 Sara Weitzel  
16 Sara Weitzel  
23 Sara Weitzel  
30 Joann Leatherman

#### Presenter PC

2 Wanda Barkdoll  
9 Cathie Elsbach  
16 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
23 Brandon Leatherman  
30 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

#### Zoom PC

2 Robin Haupt  
9 Brandon Leatherman  
16 Wanda Barkdoll  
23 Michael Burrier  
30 Michael Burrier

#### Greeters

2 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer  
9 Jesse & Colton Lewis  
16 Matthew Stottlemeyer  
23 David & Wanda Kline  
30 Joy Barkdoll



## Back to School Time

By Pastor Neil

It's that time of year, again. We will be having a **Prayer of Dedication** for the upcoming school year on Sunday, August 23rd during the worship service.

We will be recognizing all students, teachers, administrators, and staff from any and all schools.

Frederick County schools are resuming on August 19th, while Washington County schools are resuming on August 25th.

If you know of anyone who will be involved in the upcoming school year, please invite them to come and we can pray for them, as well.

#### Looking Ahead

#### Heroes' Club will begin Monday, September 21, 2026

Heroes' Club is held at Salem Community Church for students K-5 and meets after school on Mondays when school is in session. More details in the September edition of *The Mountain Shepherd*.

## It's Your Day!



### August Anniversaries

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

### August Birthdays

3 - Susan Koons  
3 - Jessie Leatherman  
6 - Jeff Harshman  
6 - Brittini Rouzee  
7 - Linda Marenic  
7 - Grayson Rouzee  
11 - Cathie Elsbach  
16 - Amy McCormick  
16 - Bill Weaver  
17 - Timothy Doyle  
18 - Amy Burwell  
19 - Meagan Wagaman  
21 - Valentina Barkdoll  
26 - Kenslie Buhrman  
27 - Misty Suders  
27 - Dana Keller Rebert  
28 - Curtis Nelson  
29 - Sandy Miller  
30 - Camilo Barkdoll

**WE ARE A CHURCH  
TEACHING AND PREACHING  
TRADITIONAL  
BIBLICAL VALUES.**

### PASTOR'S 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

### Summer, Country Style

By Earle J. Grant

Tawny golden peaches,  
Crimson roses, too;  
Blue morning glories  
Drenched in sparkling dew.

Plump watermelons,  
Green-gold cantaloupes;  
Rosy crepe myrtles  
Festooning clay slopes.

Sweet honeysuckles  
Twining up fence rails;  
Mist like gray chiffon  
Draping hills in veils.

Rare stained-window skies,  
Green corn, mile on mile . . .  
All of these make up  
Summer, country style!



### The Greatest of These is Love

By Norma Nolan Santangelo

**Peace** is a dove with folded wings,  
nesting in the heart that sings;

**Truth** is a burning flame of blue —  
steady, unflinching, piercing through;

**Kindness** is like a violet shy,  
doing good where none espy;

**Patience** is an endless tide  
with hope and faith secure inside;

**Strength** is like a sturdy oak,  
stalwart, upright, supporting folk;

**Hope** is like a butterfly,  
flitting, flirting — low, then high.

**Faith** is like the ocean deep,  
heavy, silent, yet never asleep;

**Compassion** is like soft arms of prayer,  
protecting, enveloping in its care;

**Joy** is a brook that bubbles along  
and fills the air with a glad song;

**And love** is like a full-blown rose,  
the morning star and the sunset's close.



## RECIPE



### Colorful Vegetable Bake

3 cups frozen cut green beans,  
thawed and drained  
2 medium green peppers,  
chopped  
6 plum tomatoes, chopped &  
seeded  
2 to 3 cups (8 to 12 ounces)  
shredded cheddar cheese

3 cups chopped zucchini  
1 cup biscuit/baking mix  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
6 eggs  
1 cup milk

1. Place beans and peppers in a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Top with tomatoes, cheese and zucchini.
2. In a bowl, combine the biscuit mix, salt, cayenne, eggs and milk just until moistened. Pour over the vegetables.
3. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 55-60 minutes or until puffed and a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Yield: 12 servings



### Faith

By Gertrude Ryder Bennett

Faith is the power to take  
The step beyond the light,  
To speak of morning sun  
In the hush of night.  
Faith is the power to hear  
Music when all is still,  
To clasp the unseen hand  
And trust His will.

### A Country Garden

By Carice Williams

I find a country garden  
Is the sweetest one of all  
With ragged roses climbing  
Along a garden wall.  
Forget-me-nots and daisies  
All do their own sweet part  
To bring a touch of heaven  
To a corner of my heart.  
I find a country garden  
Quite the loveliest by far;  
It brings a quiet beauty  
No matter where you are.  
It soothes the tired spirit  
And puts the heart at rest,  
A quiet country garden  
Is by far the loveliest.

### 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

### In Sympathy

#### G. Patricia Wolfe

October 19, 1930 - July 5, 2026

The congregation of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville, expresses sincere sympathy to the family of Pat Wolfe who passed at her home on Pleasant Walk Road, Wolfsville, on Sunday, July 5, 2026.

Pat was a member of Salem Community Church, Wolfsville. Private services were conducted by Salem's pastor, Dr. D. Neil Suders.



## Message from the Pastor

and

## Worship in August

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

### Ecclesiology: the Doctrine of the Church

**T**he doctrine of the church is called ecclesiology because the Greek word for church is ekklesia. It is a compound word from ek which means “out of” and kaleo which means “to call.”

Therefore, the church is to be a group of believers who have been “called out” from the world. The “church” is not just a building.

The term “church” has two different meanings. There is the universal church, which is the collective of all people who have been born again by the blood of Jesus Christ.

It involves children of God all around the world, dating from the days of Jesus’ ministry on earth until the Rapture of the church. We are living in what is known as the church age.

The other meaning of church is the local assembly of believers who have united to meet regularly for worship, discipleship, and evangelism.

For the sake of simplicity, we will examine the history of the church, the mandates of the church, and the structure of the church. We will begin with the history of the church.

### The History of the Church

In Matthew 16:13-18, Jesus was discussing with His disciples about who people were saying he was.

The answers included Jeremiah, Elijah, or some other prophets. Jesus followed with the question, “Who do YOU say that I am?”

Peter won the day by answering, “You are the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the Living God.”

Jesus answered, “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.”

Some say that the church started at that point, and Peter was the first leader of the church. However, Jesus used terms



that ruled out Peter as being the rock, and implied that the “rock” upon which the church would be built was the truth that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

My belief was that the church began in Acts 2, being born at Pentecost.

It was here that the Holy Spirit began to indwell all believers who put their faith in Jesus Christ, repented and were baptized.

The Book of Acts chronicled the early, formative years of the Church, and the epistles gave instructions to the church.

### The Mandates of the Church

The first mandate for the Church is found in the Great Commission, which is found in each of the four gospels.

The most familiar of these is in Matthew 28:19-20.

### The Great Commission

Jesus said, “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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Clearly, the intention of Jesus was for His followers to make disciples. That involved evangelism and baptism.

Baptism did not make a person become saved, it was just an outward sign of the genuineness of their faith.

It follows logically that all who became saved and baptized were to be disciplined by observing everything the Word commanded them to do.

### Repentance & Baptism

The other mandate of the church was modeled by the early church in the second chapter of Acts. There we read that 3,000 people believed the message of the cross and repentance and were baptized.

### Teaching & Studying

Then the Bible says that they “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to the fellowship, and to the breaking of bread, and to prayer” (Acts 2:41,42).

Therefore, the church is to be committed to learning the Word of God via teaching and studying.

Additionally, they were to be devoted to coming together for worship, the ordinances of baptism and communion, and fervent prayer. These are all aspects of the church we should be modeling today.

### The Structures of the Church

When considering the structure of the church, we are looking at leadership structure.

When the early church began in Acts, there were no denominations, regional offices, or hierarchical leadership. It was just local believers meeting together to worship.

The leadership in those days consisted of Bishops, Elders, Pastor teachers, and Deacons. The spiritual leadership of the church was to be provided by the Bishops and Pastors.

The Administrative leadership of the church was to be handled by the Elders, and the meeting of physical needs of the congregation was the responsibility of the Deacons. (I will be writing a different article soon to explain the offices of Elders and Deacons, because we will be considering the appointment of Elders and Deacons here at Salem starting next year.)

Ecclesiology is the Doctrine of the Church, and it is crucial to understand the Biblical standards for the history, mandates, and structure of the church.

Jesus said, “I will build My Church”, so He is involved in the local churches, and has a vested interest in how they function.

We are part of this local church, and we are part of God’s universal church. “Don’t just GO to church. BE the church!”

In Christ. —Pastor Neil

## Worship in August

### Sermon Series: Grace in Suffering

We will continue to grow from the First Epistle of Peter during this month. The title

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## WORSHIP IN AUGUST

of this sermon series is "Grace in Suffering" because even when God's children are suffering, God's grace is available and comforting.

Again, I marvel at the transformation of Peter. He went from the boisterous, overconfident zealot-turned-denier—to the articulate, humble servant of God whose writing style was passionate and articulate. We have much to learn from this former fisherman!

### Sunday, August 2 "Got Milk?"

#### 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

The Christian life is often challenging because we have a sin nature with which we often wrestle daily.

When God declared us righteous through our salvation, the sin nature was not removed; it was just rendered inoperative.

Peter used the analogy of a newborn baby as an example for us to follow. If you have ever been around a baby, they will let you know when they are craving milk. Similarly, we are to desire spiritual milk in the same way.

Like a baby who is not placated until it is fed, believers must have the same passion for spiritual growth.

Jesus said, "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." (Matthew 5:6 ESV)

### Sunday, August 9 "A Holy and Royal Priesthood"

#### 1 Peter 2:4-12

In our text today, we see that Peter used the term "priesthood" for the children of God. He described the term using words like "holy" and "royal."

His readers would have been able to relate to that term because the priests were instrumental in Israel's history, especially in the Old Testament. It was the priests who served as the agents of worship to bring people into a relationship with God.

Whether through sacrifices, or serving in the Tabernacle, the priesthood mediated between God and mankind.

Along those same lines, His children should be bringing others into a relationship with God. Part of how we can do this is to live as lights among a dark, sinful world.

Today, we will understand how we can

do that and the tools with which God has equipped us to be that "holy and royal priesthood."

### Sunday, August 16

#### Gary Barkdoll preaching Pastor Neil and Misty are on vacation "Becoming and Making Disciples"

Whenever Jesus said, "Follow Me," He was saying come and be My disciple.

There are three basic principles to being a disciple of Jesus.

Every new Christian needs to submit himself or herself to the mentorship of a more mature, growing Christian. We are commanded in the Great Commission to "make disciples." We are not to put anything, or anyone in front of Christ. Jesus is to be number one in our lives, and as God, He deserves no less.

There is a cost to being a disciple. It may not cost you your physical life, but it will require your life completely and spiritually speaking.

As disciples, we must give all of who we are to all of who He is, every single day.

A disciple needs to spend time in the Word of God daily to be familiar with how Jesus acted and reacted to various situations—to learn how He loved and forgave; how He reached out to those who were hurting; how He showed compassion and served those in need.

Is being a disciple of Jesus easy? Far from it! But it is the most fulfilling thing we can do while we walk this earth... until He comes.

### Sunday, August 23 "Submission is the Mission"

#### 1 Peter 2:13-25

Submission has received a terrible reputation. The "Church" in the 70's and 80's abused and misused the term to denigrate women and make them feel inferior to men.

The word submission means to align your authority willfully under the authority of another with a higher rank.

It was a military term. "Submit" is the first word Peter used in today's text.

He instructed his readers (and us, today) to submit to those in authority, and to do it "for the Lord's sake."

He wrote that we should live as free people, and later in the same sentence, said we should live as God's slaves. That

## FOOD PANTRY

### "Monthly Themes" for "Wolfsville Food Pantry" at Salem

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#### 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.

*On May 1, 2026, the Food Pantry moved across the parking lot to the front room in the parsonage at 12477 Wolfsville Road. The new space is larger and has more storage area.*

*During the month of June, the Food Pantry served 21 families.*

*Justinn & Holly Irons  
Food Pantry Ministry Directors*

sounds like a paradox.

Today we will learn what Peter meant and how we can obey his instructions.

### Sunday, August 30 "Do Right; Even If It Causes Suffering"

#### 1 Peter 3:1-14

The beginning of this passage addresses responsibilities and attitudes of wives and husbands.

The section closes with a mandate to do good to all people, seeking and pursuing peace.

Peter wrote that even if we suffer doing what is right, we are blessed.

This reiterates what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:11,12).

Today we will understand the meaning of this text and apply the principles to our everyday lives.

# The Community Comes Together

## Church Sponsored Events

### 1ST SATURDAY IN AUGUST

#### GARFIELD PICNIC

**AUGUST 1, 2026**

**10:00 A.M. UNTIL . . .**

**CORNER OF GARFIELD & BRANDENBURG HOLLOW ROADS**

**SPONSORED BY GARFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

### Garfield Picnic

The Garfield Picnic will be held Saturday, August 1, 2026, starting at 10:00 a.m. until...

There will be food, drink and ice cream, baked goods, white elephant and crafts. Rada knives will also be available to purchase.

The picnic woods is located at 3950 Garfield Road, at the corner of Garfield & Brandenburg Hollow Roads.

The event is sponsored by Garfield United Methodist Church.

—Sandy Lewis

### 2ND SATURDAY IN AUGUST

#### MT. BETHEL PICNIC

**AUGUST 8, 2026**

**10:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M.**

**CORNER OF STOTTEMYER & RIDENOUR ROADS**

**SPONSORED BY MT. BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

### Mt. Bethel Picnic

Mt. Bethel's picnic will be held Saturday, August 8, 2026, starting at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be chicken corn soup, vegetable soup, country ham sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, hamburgers, our famous Foxville fries, ice cream, and drinks, for purchase along with yard sale items, craft items, canned goods, baked goods, produce, and more!

Music entertainment will be provided by Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band. There will be games for all ages, including a dime toss. Returning this year for the kids will be Barrel Train rides, Moon Bounce, and Royal Flush Pitching Game!

The Wolfsville Area Youth Group will be selling their custom made T-Shirts as well as running the dunk tank. All proceeds go to support the youth ministry. All other proceeds benefit the ministry and mission of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church. —Pastor Andrew Brown

### 3RD SATURDAY IN AUGUST

#### WOLFVILLE PICNIC

**AUGUST 15, 2026**

**11:00 A.M. UNTIL . . .**

**WOLFVILLE RURITAN PARK**

**12708 BRANDENBURG HOLLOW ROAD**

**SPONSORED BY ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### Wolfsville Picnic

The Wolfsville Picnic will be held Saturday, August 15, 2026, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. The annual picnic has taken place since at least 1875. Early picnics were held in John Duble's woods on the north side of Black Rock Road. In 1906, the picnic was moved to Smith's woods on Wolfsville Road, until 2023 when it was moved to the Wolfsville Ruritan Park.

There will be lots of good food, as always, including sandwiches, pot pie and Tim Stotemyer's popular stand with homemade chips, fries, soups, etc. There will also be two quilts auctioned at 2:00 p.m.

Entertainment includes the Rohrersville Band, the Frankco Penn Bluegrass Group, and Hearts in Harmony Women's Barbershop Quartet.

Sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church & Sunday School, Wolfsville.

—Lois Kuhn

### 2ND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

#### LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**

**2:00 – 6:00 P.M.**

**6:00 P.M. (AUCTION OF UNSOLD ITEMS)**

**WOLFVILLE RURITAN PARK**

**12708 BRANDENBURG HOLLOW ROAD**

**SPONSORED BY SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH, WOLFVILLE**

### Lord's Acre Festival

The 66th annual Lord's Acre Festival will be held Saturday, September 12, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. Free Admission. Free Parking. Rain or Shine.

Sales will include homemade soups (beef vegetable, ham bean, and chicken noodle), sandwiches (country ham, turkey salad, hot beef, hot dog, chili dog, kraut dog, pulled pork with cole slaw), french fries, baked goods (cookies, pies, cakes, more), hand-dipped ice cream, soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and water. Also fresh produce, crafts & hand-made fancy needlework, flea market/yard sale items, children & youth activities, Christian music by "His Word Ministry" singing group, silent auction, and live auction of featured donated items and numerous unsold items beginning at 6:00 p.m. Auctioneer will be Robert A. Wilson, Auctioneer

—Bill Burrier

## Grades 3-5

### BE A "SPARKS YOUTH" EVERY SUNDAY

In August, the "Sparks" (Grades 3-5) Upper Elementary Sunday School class will learn that "God Had a Plan" and He created everything through His word and deliberate action.

The culture would like us to believe everything that exists came into being by some random chaotic force, but that is not the truth. We will learn about God's Plan for His creation and for the families He created, including how God created the world from nothing; how God has a plan for you and wants a relationship with you; and how family members can work out differences, forgive one another, and love and care for one another. Stories from Genesis will anchor this month's lessons.

The lessons use engaging materials and videos like "Scripture Sketches" and "The Adventures of Dab & Derek" to reinforce the Gospel message in a fun and age-appropriate way.

Mike Burrier teaches the "Sparks" Upper Elementary Class each Sunday from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Educational Building. Come check us out!



## Special Music Schedule

### Summer of 2026

By Marlene Young

The following special music will be presented at Salem Community Church during Sunday 9:00 a.m. worship.

July 26th — Linda Marenic & Susie Stottlmyer

Aug. 9th — Salem Praise Band

Aug. 16th — Joann Leatherman

Aug. 23rd — Denny Leatherman & Marlene Young

Aug. 30th — Tony Miller

Sept. 13th — Marlene Young & Pastor Neil Suders

Sept. 20th — Jody Eccard-Duly & Children



## Seniors Ministry

### Age 60 and Older

By Ken Walls

Seniors Ministry for the month of August will be Tuesday, Aug 11th, 10 a.m. 'til noon.

Theme: "Holy Living In A Dirty World"

How Holy did you feel when you got up today? Most folks are drawing a blank right now. Yet, from Genesis to Revelation, the subject of God's Holiness is woven into Scripture like a golden thread. The Bible says, "Without holiness no one shall see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14)

The problem is that we live in such a dirty world. So then, how shall we live? It promises to be a lively discussion. Join us Tuesday, August 11th at 10 a.m. We have the coffee, you bring the cookies. —Ken & Thelma



## 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. They grow up seeing themselves as valued members of the congregation.

### 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.

### "Thank You" Note from Sara

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Joann Leatherman and Susan Koons for playing the organ and piano while I was recovering from hip replacement surgery. Their service and talent are greatly appreciated. —Sara Weitzel

### Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles

#### Current Study Series — "People Who Met Jesus"

Every Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.

Salem's Adult Discussion Group Sunday School Class, consisting of couples and singles, is currently studying a series called "People Who Met Jesus," based on a book by Dr. David Jeremiah.

This study series includes 10 Bible people: Nicodemus, Woman at the Well, the Rich Young Ruler, Zacchaeus, the Dying Thief, Mary Magdalene, Saul of Tarsus, Woman Caught in Adultery, Pontius Pilate, and the Leper Who Returned.

Students will determine, after studying each person, whose lives were changed forever.

New students are invited to join anytime. The class meets every Sunday from 10:15-11:00 a.m. in the upstairs social room.

Coffee & snacks are provided. Bill Burrier is the group leader.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

■ By Gary Barkdoll

July 17, 2026 Update — The stained-glass window project is progressing nicely and moving forward on schedule.

We experienced a slight delay during production with facial expressions on some of the windows. Those windows had to have those areas reworked, repainted, and refired.

We are still expecting to see some of the windows being installed in August and weather permitting, having all the windows in the sanctuary area completed by September or early October.

We are so excited to be getting closer to seeing some of the windows being installed soon.

I cannot thank our church family enough for all the support and sponsorship of this project.

Also, a big thank you to Epiphany Studios for all the coordination, communications, hard work, and contribution that they have already made to this project.

Although the windows for the sanctuary area have been fully funded, there are still two remaining windows in the Sunday School wing to be completed.

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 remaining 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.



*Looking Ahead...*

### Rally Day set for October 4

(On this day, change in worship time . . . worship begins at 10 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.) No Sunday School on this day.

Let's "Pack the Pews."

Following worship, there will be a catered lunch by Mountain Gate Family Restaurant at the pavilion starting at 11:30 a.m.

There will be a bounce house for the children.



## SALEM CHURCH CEMETERY

Photo by Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer



July 6, 2026 — Due to a strong storm on the evening of July 4th, several large trees came down in the cemetery as well as a lot of debris strewn across the cemetery. An email went out to the Salem Church family and the cleanup response was outstanding— many more, not pictured above, were working and completed the job in one evening.

### Reminder: New Cemetery Adornment Policy

By George Stottlemeyer, Chair, Cemetery Committee

Beginning in 2026, a seasonal policy has been instituted regarding the placement and removal of flowers, ornaments, and other adornments at grave sites in our cemetery.

The cycle for placement of those items will be consistent with seasonal changes. Therefore, beginning in March through September, we ask that spring and summer seasonal items be displayed; and October through February fall and winter seasonal items be displayed.

At the end of each season, we ask that items out of season be removed. Any items remaining will be removed by custodians of the cemetery. We ask that all items displayed be placed either on the headstone or as close to the stone as possible to accommodate mowing.

Photo by Jim Lacy



July 12, 2026 — So pleased to have so many children in worship at Salem.



### 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.



### I Stand at the Door

A new pastor moved into town and went out one Saturday to visit his parishioners. All went well until he came to one house. It was obvious that someone was home, but no one came to the door even after he had knocked several times. Finally, he took out his card, wrote on the back "Revelation 3:20" and stuck it in the door.

The next day, as he was counting the offering, he found his card in the collection plate. Below his message was a notation "Genesis 3:10."

Revelation 3:20 reads: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he will with me."

Genesis 3:10 reads: "And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked."

### Some thoughts to ponder . . .

You don't need a long life to live a good life.

He who has the most trouble usually has been busy making it.

You can't "wait on the Lord" and "run with the devil" at the same time.

If we are too busy to pray, we are too busy.

You can learn a lot from the Bible; you can learn still more practicing it.



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### SERVICE TIMES

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

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



**August 2026**

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