

# THE MUSTARD SEED

The Salem UCC church council met on March 14 and made the following decisions regarding COVID safety precautions at Salem UCC. The current medical grade mask requirement for attending worship or being inside the building will continue through Saturday, April 2. Meetings may return to in person or hybrid format immediately, following masking guidelines if in the building.



Beginning Sunday, April 3, masking inside the church building will be optional, including for worship services. A decision about having meals and returning to fellowship times will be discussed at the May 9, 2022 council meeting.

The decision to begin optional mask wearing inside the building starting April 3 was based upon the new CDC guidelines which has our area in a green/low risk zone. The council will, of course, continue to monitor the COVID conditions in our area and we could revert back to additional precautions in the future, if deemed necessary.

Remember, if you prefer to wear masks inside the building, you are welcome and encouraged to do so. Worship services will continue to be offered in hybrid format, with both in person and livestreaming options.

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and cooperation as we continue to move forward in this COVID era.



## HOLY WEEK SERVICE AT SALEM UCC

*Note: All Services will be livestreamed on Facebook Live as well as in person.*

**Sunday, April 10, will be Palm & Passion Sunday 10:30 a.m.** We hope you'll join us for the beginning of Holy Week as we welcome Christ to Jerusalem with celebratory palms and focus our hearts and souls on the holiest week of the Christian year. The choir will return with a Palm Sunday anthem! After we remove the ornamentation from the sanctuary for holy week, the service will end in silence as we move forward following the passionate love and teachings of Jesus.

### **Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday – Remembrance of the Last Supper**

For safety reasons, we will not be holding our traditional meal as part of this evening. Instead, we will gather in the sanctuary for a time of worship, as we remember the events of Jesus and the disciples on this holy Thursday, including the Last Supper of Jesus' mortal life. We'll have communion at the altar rail with safety precautions in place for sharing this holy sacrament together. We hope you'll join us.

### **Friday, April 15, 7 p.m. Good Friday Service**

Come to the sanctuary of Salem UCC as we remember the day of Jesus' crucifixion and burial. We'll hear the account of that day from the Gospel of Luke and focus on hearts on the meaning of Jesus' death and the meaning for our lives. This service will be quiet and meditative, as we focus on the wondrous cross.

### **Sunday, April 17 – Easter Sunday Resurrection Celebration**

For the first time since 2019, we'll gather in person to celebrate Christ's resurrection through the glory of Easter morning! We'll sing our hymns of praise and decorate the cross with flowers, symbolizing the new life coming into the world through Christ! The service will include the celebration of holy communion, before we go out into the world to continue to live out the good news that Christ is risen!



## HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY – April 24 ~ 10:30 a.m.

“In Christ’s resurrection, God had the last laugh over death!” So, we’ll celebrate the gift of laughter and joy in life and in the new life of the resurrection. We know how much laughter is getting us through the pandemic, so we’ll get a little silly and have some fun, laughing together on this special Sunday. We hope you’ll join in the fun!



## PACC (Palmyra a Caring Community) Prayers for Peace: an Open Sanctuary

**program** will run each weeknight from 5-7p at participating churches through Lent. Come to quiet sanctuaries around the area to pray for peace or for a time of quiet mediation. The schedule of church is as follows: Mondays, First UMC, Palmyra; Tuesdays, Salem UCC; Wednesdays, Unity Church, Palmyra; Thursdays, Trinity UCC; Fridays, Holy Spirit Catholic

Church. The program will go through Thursday, April 14.

## Five Acts of Kindness for Creation Justice:

*DO JUSTICE ...*  
*love kindness ...*  
**WALK HUMBLY**  
*with our God.*



The John H. and Mary E. Moyer Fund is pleased to announce that our "Five Acts of Kindness" program has returned for the 2022 Lenten season which starts on March 2. Watch for a Mission Moment on Sunday, March 6. Our theme this year is Creation Justice. In exchange for your five acts of kindness for God's wonderful Earth, the Moyer Fund will send a \$50 donation to the earth care charitable organization you designate on the form. Below is a list of simple suggestions for your five acts, and a link to extended suggestions.

**We have compiled for you a suggested list of Earth Friendly “Acts of Kindness”** but it is only an idea-starter list and by no means complete. Use your sacred-  
imagination to see where God is leading you— or check out the internet for ideas: <http://www.creationjustice.org/blog/52-ways-to-care-for-creation>

**Here are Acts of Kindness ideas for our earth:** Eat left overs: We throw away 25% Make a compost in your backyard Wash your laundry in cold water. Only wash clothes when the laundry basket is full. Do your dishes less often Cut your shower time by 5 minutes Turn the water off while you brush your teeth, turn on to rinse. Clean your closet of clothes you have not worn for one year Change your light bulbs to Eco-friendly Be creative and act on your own

Return your form by April 24 to assure that your favorite earth care organization is credited. You may email your form information to Joan Alger at [jca513@aol.com](mailto:jca513@aol.com). Paper forms will also be made available at Salem during business hours for those who prefer. Completed paper forms can be given to any Moyer fund committee member or just mailed to the church office.



## What's better than Sunday School with Mrs. Alger?

Crafts during Sunday School with Mrs. Alger! Sunday morning April 3 will be a craft lesson with Mrs. Alger after the Children’s Time. Please remember we still must follow the COVID protocol of keeping our distance, but masks are optional. Please wear clothing that you don't mind possibly getting paint on when doing the craft. However, if needed, we will have smocks available. If you are coming, we would love to know. Please email [momsmile@aol.com](mailto:momsmile@aol.com) if you plan on being there for this craft! This is open to the younger children and also the Youth!

We will be having an Easter Celebration with the children, during the regular church time, on Easter Sunday April 17.



**2022 TAKE STEPS FOR CROHN'S & COLITIS:** Coping with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis can be extremely challenging and isolating. Take Steps is the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's largest nationwide fundraising campaign, helping to accelerate the progress of breakthrough research and to support critical patient programs. Take Steps also brings the community together in a fun, family-friendly and supportive atmosphere so patients know they are not alone.

On walk day, we experience a sense of community and belonging that only happens when a united group comes together to celebrate their success. It is a day of celebration that leaves us feeling empowered for having made a difference, inspired about the future and connected to those on a similar journey.

Take Steps has brought together more than 441,000 people and raised over \$114 million to help further the Foundation's mission. The money we raise goes towards breakthrough research, public and professional education, and patient support services in communities across the nation.

*The Aungst Family has joined The Charlotte Take Steps event and will be walking in Symphony Park on Saturday, May 21, 2022 — This is our 13<sup>th</sup> year!*

Checks made payable to The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation – CCFA, will be accepted through Saturday, May 14, 2022. We hope to see you in church and if not, please mail your donation to either

**Mike & Susan Aungst 5 Gentry Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078**

**or Ashleigh Aungst 13951 Cinnabar Place, Huntersville, NC 28078.**

We will be happy to mail you a receipt when your donation is received. Thank you!



The first CPBB blood drive of 2022 will be held on **SATURDAY APRIL 9th**. from 8 am until 4 pm at the 1st. UMC . Donors can call the CENTRAL PA. BLOOD BANK @ 1-800-771-0059 to schedule a donating time. Anyone with questions can call Ron Fouche' @ 717-838-2569.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



**The Book Club** will meet, **Monday, April 25 at 7 p.m.** to discuss “The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend” by another Katarina, Katarina Bivald. They will meet in person! Please bring a chair and if it's nice they will meet outside, but also bring your mask in case they are inside. The book for May is “Lucky Breaks” by Yevgenia Belorusets, described as **Powerful, off-beat stories about women living n the shadow of**

**the now-frozen, now-thawing war in Ukraine.** If you have any questions, please contact Carin Kaag her e-mail is cas207@yahoo.com.



**The Caring Cupboard** thanks you for your gift of \$430, received on March 9, 2022. Thank you for making the choice to support individuals and families in need in our community. With your donation to The Caring Cupboard, you are helping transform lives, and thereby, improve the well-being of our greater community, and for that we can all be truly grateful.

In the Mailbag!

**The Lebanon Rescue Mission** would like to thank you for you gift of \$110 in support of their ministries: Men's Ministry, Agape Family Shelter, Lebanon Free Clinic, Agape Christmas outreach to seniors and Back Dock ministry.



Prayers prayed in the Spirit never die until they accomplish God's intended purpose. His answer may not be what we expected, or when we expected it, but God often provides much more abundantly than we could think or ask. He interprets our intent and either answers or stores up our prayers. Sincere prayers are never lost [and] will never be wasted or go unrewarded.

—Missionary Wesley Duewel

**Salem UCC Council meeting  
Jan 10, 2022**

**Members present:** Louise Adams, Joan Alger, Garrett Bear, Shirley Beck, Beth Gingrich, Dwight Hein, Carin Kaag, Talie Kaag, Melissa Kreider, Tom Peiffer, Lisa Smith, Pat Steely, Kristin Vines

**Members absent:** Tara Jankouskas

Meeting began at 7:04 pm via Zoom.

**Election of Slate of 2022 Council Officers – Pastor Dwight Hein**

Garrett Bear, President

Joan Alger, Vice President

Carin Kaag, Secretary

Tom Peiffer, Treasurer

Pat Young, Financial Secretary

Beth Gingrich & Cindy Umberger, Assistant Treasurers

Motion to approve slate as presented made by Shirley Beck, seconded by Louise Adams. Motion passed.

The meeting was opened with devotions led by Garrett Bear.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's report (Council Minutes) from December 13, 2021 was read and accepted by unanimous consent.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report through December 31, 2021 was read and accepted by unanimous consent.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Hein gave a detailed report on his activities for the past month.

*\*Pastor Care Concerns* – A memorial service for June Grimes was held in the church sanctuary on Saturday, December 18. The private internment for family only was held Monday, December 20 at the National Cemetery at Fort Indiantown Gap. Advent/Christmas home communions were done as much as possible, with a couple that need to be rescheduled because of illnesses. Mary Risser was overjoyed at the Women's Guild/Church Women United Christmas stocking of health/hygiene items she received.

*\*Recent Worship Services* – The Fourth Sunday in Advent service became a music and poetry service. It was received very warmly. Christmas Eve service was the lowest in person attendance in years because of concerns about the Covid surge. Dec 26 service was recorded ahead of time and uploaded to Facebook for access by 10:15 a.m. Because of staff and choir issues related to Covid, the January 2 and 9 services were held online. Thank you to Melissa Kreider who partnered with me for the Advent wreath candle lighting liturgies.

*\*Upcoming Notable Worship Dates* – Ash Wednesday, March 2; First Sunday in Lent, March 6; UCC Women's Sunday could be March 6 or 13; One Great Hour of Sharing, March 27.

*\*Wider Church Activities* –

- I have begun my term as PACC president on January 1. First general meeting will be Tues. January 18 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.
- PCC Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, January 16 from 9 a.m. to Noon
- UCC Homes Board of Directors will meet on Thurs. January 27 at 6 p.m.

**Old business:**

- Salem Safety during the pandemic
  - Discussion was had on worship format and meetings (in person/virtual) for the near future because of extreme numbers of COVID-19 cases in our area. A motion was made by Dwight to move to

online worship and meetings through the end of February, with the exception that members who do not have access to online worship would be allowed to attend in person, not to exceed ten members, with current safety precautions still in place; Tom Peiffer seconded. Motion passed.

- Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 30 –
  - Will be moved to Zoom format as per discussion above. For reference, last year's format was on Zoom before worship at 9:30 a.m. The minimum number of participants for quorum is 10% of membership or 23 members. The only business is to approve minutes of January 2021/November 2021 meetings and the year-end financial reports. Review of submitted Annual Reports is also a part of it, but there is no official business related to that at this time.
  - Members without internet would be allowed to come in and vote.
- Offering Counters – With moving to online services, council will revert to past practice of having four people count the offerings, with their family members, during this time period.

#### **New business:**

- 2022 Schedule of Council Meetings
  - March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12, November 14, December 12
  - Motion made by Louise Adams and seconded by Shirley Beck to hold a special meeting Feb 16, 2022 to discuss continuing virtual services. Motion passed.
  - Other meetings can be added by call of the pastor/council president or a majority of Council members
- 2022 Roster of Council Liaison – liaisons will stay as listed

#### **Committee Reports with Liaison** – See separate document for Committee Reports

**Building & Grounds:** *Bear* – Meeting will be scheduled soon. Thanks to Ron Kline for help with some plumbing and lighting fixtures. Ron is going to look at winterizing both sets of front doors. Anthony Loffreda did do leaf clean up and he is enthusiastic about doing our lawn care and cemetery grounds in 2022. Having issues with waste pickup, so we may choose a different vendor.

**Christian Education:** *Smith* - Next meeting March 7; may meet sooner to discuss virtual options for Sunday School children as classes had been planned.

**Fellowship:** *Alger* - no fellowship at this time

**Finance and Stewardship:** *Peiffer, Gingrich* – worked with Paul Fogle on the “Tithely” option, which is an app that allows for flexible ways to pay the church. Will discuss with Pat best way to distribute envelopes that haven't been picked up at this point.

**Membership:** *Jankouskas* – Will meet in February

**Mission:** *C. Kaag, Steely, Vines* – next meeting Jan 25; did Christmas wrapping for Bethany, Bethany Xmas donations went well. MLK Treasure walk coming up next weekend in partnership with NAACP.

**John H. and Mary E. Moyer Fund:** *Bear, Beck* - next meeting is Jan 29, bulletin board has been put up.

**PACC/Interfaith Manor:** *Peiffer/C. Kaag* – next meeting Jan 18; did receive a donation from a church that has not been active in PACC before.

**Pastoral Relations:** *Adams* – will meet Feb 9

**Women's Fellowship:** *Beck* – no meeting or planned events

**Worship and Music:** *Alger, Kreider* – next meeting Jan 24

**Youth Fellowship:** *T. Kaag* – no meeting, hoping to plan snow tubing, Camp Kirchenwald may have some winter activities as well

*[Open comments] – no notes taken during this time*

Motion to adjourn made by unanimous consent.

**Closing** with the Mizpah Benediction: “May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other.”

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

**Next Meeting: February 16, 2022 at 7 pm on Zoom (Special Meeting)**

## **Salem UCC Council meeting**

**February 16, 2022**

**Members present:** Louise Adams, Joan Alger, Garrett Bear, Shirley Beck, Dwight Hein, Beth Gingrich, Tara Jankouskas, Carin Kaag, Melissa Kreider, Tom Peiffer, Lisa Smith, Pat Steely, Kristin Vines

**Members absent:** Talie Kaag

Meeting began at 7:05 pm via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Joan Alger.

### **Old business:**

- Salem Safety During the Pandemic – when to reopen?
  - Dwight presented data from CDC on latest numbers for nation, PA, and Lebanon County.
  - Only one person has taken advantage of being able to come in person if lacking internet access.
  - Council members discussed information.
  - Pat Steely made a motion to reopen on March 6 for in person worship services and Christian Education classes with the additional requirement of medical grade masks. Joan Alger seconded. Motion carried.

*[Open comments] – no notes taken during this time* Motion to adjourn made

by unanimous consent.

**Closing** with the Mizpah Benediction: “May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other.” Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**Next Meeting: Monday March 14, 2022 at 7 pm**



Sunday	April 3	Bible Study Class 9:15 a.m, Hybrid Worship 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	April 5	Sunday School for grades K-6 after Children’s Time Open Sanctuary 5-7 p.m. Prayers for Peach
Wednesday	April 6	Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.
Tuesday	April 12	Open Sanctuary Prayers for Peace
Sunday	April 10	Palm/Passion Sunday Bible Study Class 9:15 Hybrid Worship 10:30 a.m.
Thursday	April 14	Maundy Thursday
Friday	April 15	Good Friday
Sunday	April 17	Easter Sunday Bible Study Class 9:15 a.m. Hybrid Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for grades K-6 after Children’s Time
Sunday	April 24	Holy Humor Sunday Bible Study Class 9:15 .m. Hybrid Worship 10:30 a.m.
Monday	April 25	Book Club 7 p.m. Parking Lot
Tuesday	April 26	PACC Meeting at First United Methodist Church 7 p.m.
Thursday	April 28	UCC Annual Corporation Meeting 10 a.m. – Board Only
Saturday	April 20	Moyer Fund 9 a.m.

*\*All Worship Services will also be livestreamed on Facebook Live and our web page [www.salemucccampbelltown.org](http://www.salemucccampbelltown.org)*



**Palm Sunday as an advent**

When a king came to town during Greco-Roman times, citizens held an *adventus* ceremony, which led to the word *Advent*. Liturgy specialist Chan Gyu Jang writes, “On an Advent-oriented Palm Sunday, we know not only that we face fierce opposition and ridicule in this world, but that salvation comes in the least expected, most unforeseen way: a baby born of a virgin and laid in a manger, a man from Nazareth riding on a donkey, a ‘King of the Jews’ crucified between thieves, an empty tomb, wind and fire, bread and wine, a trumpet call out of nowhere, yet heard in every ear.”



## WORSHIP SCRIPTURES

**April 3**  
**Fifth Sunday In len**  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

**April 10**  
**Sixth Sunday in Lent**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29  
Luke 19: 28-40

**April 17**  
**Easter**  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
John 20: 1-18

**April 24**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 5:27-52  
Psalm 118:14-29  
Revelations: 1:4-18  
John 20: 19-31

**May 1**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)  
Psalm 30  
Revelations 4:11-14  
John 2:1-19

**May 8**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelations 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

**May 15**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelations 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

**May 22**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29

**May 29**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Acts: 16:16-34  
Psalm 97  
Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

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### A dose of humor

On the Sunday after Easter, some churches incorporate joy into worship through “holy humor.” During his four decades in ministry, Thom Rainer has collected these funny gems heard by real-life pastors:

- “Is it okay to lie if I ask for forgiveness in advance?”
- (During the offertory) “Pastor, do you have change for a twenty?”
- (During an ordination council) “What’s your view on Christian missions in space?”
- “My husband’s ashes are in two different places. Will Jesus be able to find him?”
- “Pastor, will you pray for my son? He’s wild and out of control.” (Pastor: “Sure, what’s his name?”) “Maverick.”

## SALEM COLLECTIONS -

**Box Tops for Education (Beth Gingrich)** started in 1996. General Mills wanted to create a program to help support education and benefit America's schools—and so, Box Tops for Education was born. Today, America's schools have earned over \$719 million.

You can find *Box Tops* on hundreds of products throughout the grocery store. A complete list can be found on the west wing table. Clip Box Tops from each package. Box Tops are each worth 10¢. Beth collects your Box Tops from the box on the shelf above the coat rack in the bell tower entrance, takes them to the Palmyra Area School District and in return, our elementary schools receive cash twice a year.

**The Caring Cupboard** is a community food pantry, that has grown into a community necessity, that currently serves over 350 families living primarily in the Palmyra and Annville-Cleona School Districts. Product to be given to the Caring Cupboard may be placed on the designated shelves found at the end of the northwest hallway of Salem Church.

**Community Aid (Missions Committee)** is a nonprofit organization with the primary purpose of raising funds for distribution to local schools, churches synagogues, temples and nonprofit charitable organizations. A complete list of items accepted is on the west wing table. Our collection bin can be found in the rear of the Salem Church parking lot on Horseshoe Pike between the Campbelltown United Methodist Church and The Londonderry Inn. All donations must fit in the collection bin. Proceeds from our collection bin benefit the Caring Cupboard.

**Pop Tab Collection Program (Matt Waller) Ronald McDonald House.** The collection of aluminum beverage tabs began in 1996. The aluminum tabs are sold to a local recycling company; and their proceeds help with daily operating expenses at the Ronald McDonald House. The generous amount from the tabs collected has been very beneficial to the House and the families they serve. They are averaging \$1,000 monthly just from these tiny tabs. You can help raise money by pulling tabs from any aluminum container. Pop Tabs may be placed in the designated box on the shelf above the coat rack in the bell tower entrance.

**Redner's Cash Register Receipts (Florence Umberger)** By using the Save-A-Tape card you picked up at Customer Service Desk each time you purchase merchandise at Redner's Warehouse Markets, your receipt will be designated as a Save-A-Tape customer receipt. When you come to Salem Church, place your **entire register/sales receipt (DO NOT CUT!)** in the designated box on the shelf above the coat rack in the bell tower entrance. Salem Church will receive a check for 1% of the total amount of tapes submitted, excluding items controlled by the government, such as tax, milk and tobacco products.

**Clothing Recycling** We are again collecting old clothing for recycling. These should be clothes that are too worn to be passed along. No underwear. Simply place your worn-out clothes in the box in the west narthex and we will do the rest! (Clothing in good condition should be donated in the collection bin in our auxiliary parking lot.)