

THE MUSTARD SEED



Holy Week Services at Salem UCC

Sunday, April 2, will be Palm & Passion Sunday 10:30 a.m. We hope you will 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 year. Both the choir & chimes will have special music. 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 6, 6:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday— Remembrance of the Last Supper.

This year we will return to our traditional meal of soup and bread in the basement Fellowship Hall. We will then remember the events of Jesus & the disciples on this holy Thursday and we will have communion around the tables. We hope you'll join us. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for organizing the meal.

Friday, April 7, 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 Matthew and focus our hearts on the meaning of Jesus' death and the meaning for our lives. The service will be quiet and meditative, as we focus on the wondrous cross.

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday Resurrection Celebration 10:30 a.m.

We will gather 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!



Salem's ANNUAL EGG HUNT will take place on Easter morning, April 9th at 9:45am before church for children and youth. There will be "empty tombs" and other fun! Please RSVP to Pam McNamara (pammcnamara96@gmail.com) by April 2nd if you plan to attend so we can prepare. Thank you!



Holy Humor Sunday—April 16—10:30 a.m.

In Christ's Resurrection, "God had the last laugh over death!" So, we'll celebrate the gift of laughter & joy in life and the new life of the resurrection. We know how much laughter got us through the last few years, so we'll get a little silly and have some fun, laughing together on this special Sunday. We hope you'll join the fun!



Sunday School dates in April are 2, 9 & 30th after the children's time during worship (except Easter Sunday—see special announcement regarding Easter Sunday). Sunday School is for all children in grades K-12 and covers a different bible story each Sunday that the class is held. Classes include not only the bible story but often include crafts, games or other activities to make the time fun and educational for all.



The Book Club will meet April 24 at 7 p.m. to discuss “Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris” by Paul Gallico. If you have any questions, please contact Carin Kaag. Her e-mail is cas207@yahoo.com.



In the Mailbag!

The Caring Cupboard thanks you for your recent gift of \$110, which will allow them to continue to provide access to a nutritious variety of food for those in need, so that no one in our community goes hungry.

The Lebanon Rescue Mission would like to thank your for blessing them with your gift of \$120 to support their ministries.



Caring for God's Creation

Five Acts of Kindness for Creation! Now through Sunday, April 23, join in the Five Acts of Kindness for Creation, a mission engagement program of the Moyer Fund and the Creation Care Team. Using the forms available on the back windowsill in the sanctuary, do and the write down five acts of kindness for creation, such as composting or changing light bulbs to a more energy efficient kind. Then using the instructions on the form, submit your five acts and also select a earth-care organization where you'd like to have the Moyer Fund send a \$50 donation in honor of your acts of kindness. Again, follow the instructions on the form for details. Thank you!



The Road Home

The Heritage Chorale presents “The Road Home” on **Sunday, April 30, 4 p.m.** at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 200 West Orange Street, Lititz; **Sunday, May 7, 4 p.m.** at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 308 Petersburg Rd, Neffsville and **Sunday, May 21, 4 p.m.** at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 3131 Columbia Ave, Lancaster. A free will offering will be taken. For further information see Louise Adams.



Taking Steps Fundraiser - Coping with Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis can be extremely challenging. Join us as we honor the journeys of those living with IBD. Every step we take and every dollar we raise will create awareness, fund research, and show everyone touched by this isolating disease that they are not alone. The Aungst family will walk in the Charlotte Take Steps event on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Checks made payable to The Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation (CCFA), will be

accepted through Saturday, May 6, 2023. Please see Mike & Susan in church or mail your donation to **Mike & Susan Aungst 5 Gentry Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078** or **Ashleigh Aungst 13951 Cinnabar Place, Huntersville, NC 28078**. A receipt will gladly be mailed when your donation is received. Thank you!

“Consider”

Consider the lilies of the field whose bloom is brief:
We are as they; like them we fade away, as doth a leaf.

Consider the sparrows of the air of small account:
Our God doth view whether they fall or mount, he guards us too.

Consider the lilies that do neither spin nor toil,
Yet are most fair: What profits all this care and all this coil?

Consider the birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks;
God gives them food: Much more our Father seeks to do us good.



Council Meeting Minutes

From January 23, 2023 – Hybrid Format

Present: Shirley Beck, Pat Steely, Melissa Kreider, Louise Adams, Beth Gingrich Talie Kaag, Dwight Hein, Kristin Vines, Tom Peiffer, Jim Flanagan, Matt Kaag, Barb Kauffman

Absent: Tara Jankouskas, Ron Cline

Call Meeting to Order – Dwight Hein at 7:03 PM

Opening Devotions – Dwight Hein

Discussion of Robert’s Rule – Dwight Hein

Approval of Agenda for tonight’s meeting by Unanimous Consent

Approval of Officer Positions

President – Shirley Beck

Vice President – Matt Kaag

Secretary – Beth Gingrich

Treasurer – Tom Peiffer

Financial Secretary - Pat Young, Assistant Treasurers – Cindy Umberger and Beth Gingrich

Motion was made by Barb Kauffman to accept the slate of Officers for 2023. Seconded by Pat Steely

Secretary’s Report – December 12, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes approved by Unanimous Consent

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer’s Report through December 31, 2022 approved by Unanimous Consent as amended.

Discussion on December’s receipts of \$98K! All budgeted benevolences paid for 2022. Annual Meeting will be held February 5, 2023. Tom to review giving patterns with Pat Young. Plan is to do a small consecrating stewards. Matt Kaag suggested we remind the congregation in May of giving as offerings decline during summer and result in issue at the end of the year in December. Council discussed the various means of giving – tithely app, new envelopes with church address for US Postal mailing, Vanco direct deposit besides the traditional offering plate.

Tom Peiffer is working on the Offering Counter’s schedule for 2023. Traditionally council members are paired in groups of two. Tom is developing the schedule and anyone with concerns about being included on the schedule should talk to him.

Pastor’s Report – see attached report

Old Business:

Salem Safety During the Pandemic – No action needed. CDC Community level rate for Lebanon County is back to green and “Low Risk” area

Annual Congregational Meeting – will be held February 5, 2023. Submit any annual reports to Pat Young

Gutter Cover and upgrades approved at last meeting and work has begun on MLK day. Custom part at the bell tower has not been done yet

New Business:

Review of Proposed Council Meeting Schedule in 2023 – 2nd Monday of month

March 13, May 15, July 10, Sept 11, Nov 13, Dec 11

Could add meetings in months omitted in above schedule if necessary.

Communion Schedule – Dwight has dates and may setup a schedule of communion servers

Review of Job Description/Search Process for Director of Music of Salem UCC

See separate sheet – presented to Council from the Music & Worship Committee

Review of Council Liaisons to Committees along with reports

Building, Grounds, Cemetery: Ron Cline – Dwight shared he discovered a leaking pipe between the kitchen and fellowship hall, it was patched. Cemetery NE corner ground is settling and being monitored

Christian Education: Jim Flanagan – has not yet met. Sunday School planned through April, Next Meeting 2/13/23

Fellowship: Sue Mitchell, Matt Kaag – Christmas Eve cookies returned including Salem’s infamous punch, traditional potluck after the Congregational meeting 2/5/23

Finance Stewardship: Tom Peiffer, Beth Gingrich -

Membership: Tara Jankouskas - not met

Missions: Pat Steely, Kristin Vines – Met 1/10/23, Angel Tree tags gifts were distributed, Gifts delivered to Bethany, Lebanon Valley Home gift cards, Christmas Eve Offering split between Bethany Children’s Home and Church’s budgeted benevolences, Veteran’s Fund Collection, MLK Day, OGHS Collection, Souper Bowl and Hygiene kits coming up. Lebanon Rescue Mission meal coming in March. Subcommittee created for environmental mission projects – Creation Care

Moyer Fund: Barb Kauffman, Shirley Beck – meeting 1/28, welcome any new members

PACC & Interfaith Manor: Tom Peiffer (PACC) – Meeting 1/24/23, United Way funding is back for 2023

Open Comment:

Meeting Adjournment at 8:33 PM by Unanimous Consent

Closing: Mitzpah Benediction

Next Meeting – March 13, 2023 - 7pm EST



April

Sunday	April 2	Palm Sunday Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Chimes Play, Choir Sings Sunday School after Children's Time
Wednesday	April 5	Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Thursday	April 6	Maundy Thursday Meal and Service with Communion 6:30 p.m. Basement Fellowship Hall
Friday	April 7	Good Friday Service 7 p.m. in Sanctuary
Sunday	April 9	Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 a.m. Easter Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Choir Sings
Wednesday	April 12	Pastoral Relations Committee 10 a.m. on Zoom Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Thursday	April 13	Manstreamers 4-H Club Basement 7 p.m.
Sunday	April 16	Holy Humor Sunday Family Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	April 19	Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Saturday	April 22	Adopt-a-Highway 9 a.m.
Sunday	April 23	Creation Care Sunday Family Worship 10:30 a.m.
Monday	April 24	Book Clubm 7 p.m. Church Library
Tuesday	April 25	PACC Meeting 7 p.m. at Unity Church
Thursday	April 27	10 a.m. UCC Homes Annual Corporation Meeting Camp Hill
Sunday	April 30	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School after Children's Time Private Party Basement 1:30 - 6 .p.m.

**All Worship Services will also be livestreamed on Facebook Live and our web page
www.salemucccampbelltown.org*



WORSHIP SCRIPTURES

April 2

Sixth Sunday in Lent—Palm/Passion Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 9

Easter

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

April 16

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 23-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 29:19-31

April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:24a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:1-10
John 14:1-14

May 14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 21

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 28

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

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6 Cindy Umberger
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9 John Risser
10 Ron Cline
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13 Robin Ream
14 Gail Kerr
17 Ray Latchford
21 Blair Thomas
23 Patricia Brandt
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13 Brianna Cooper
16 Emily Uhler
17 Pam McNamara
17 Norah Monahan
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23 Sally Cline
23 Grayson Meadath
24 Clara Kindt
24 Amelia Kindt
26 Rebecca Risser
29 Cody Broaddus
31 Shirley Beck

Death doesn't win



In the final hours of 2021, a wildfire near Boulder, Colorado, destroyed 1,000 homes, including one belonging to Pastor Bill Stephens. His family, out of town at the time, lost all their possessions. After months of feeling buried in debris, insurance paperwork and mourning, Stephens decided that Easter 2022 would mark a fresh start.

During worship that morning, the pastor shared a photo of vibrant daffodils emerging on his charred property. Burned remnants were visible in the background, just as Easter's backdrop includes the pain and death of Good Friday. But the empty tomb in Easter's foreground means death won't win, reminded Stephens. Even when earthly life "isn't all daffodils," we have hope and eternal life through Jesus.

Easter reveals that God will "give us the joy, and it's going to be in the heart of pain that we go through as well," added the pastor. "And that just makes me draw closer to God."

SALEM COLLECTIONS -

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. Products 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 (Cindy Steger) 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.)

