

THE MUSTARD SEED



Sunday School dates for April are the 14th & 28th. They will be held after the children's time during worship. 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.



Holy Humor Sunday - Bring a Friend!

The Membership Committee would like to invite you to bring a friend to worship on **April 7**. We would love to see new faces during this Holy Humor service, which is our traditional celebration of God's last laugh over death. There will be refreshments provided after the service, as well.



Five Acts of Kindness 2024! Now through Sunday, April 14, join in the Five Acts of Kindness, a mission engagement program of the Moyer Fund. The theme this year is "Pick Your Passion", encouraging you to pick an area of ministry on which you'd like to focus. Using the forms available on the back windowsill in the sanctuary, you do and then write down five acts of kindness in the area of ministry that you chose. Then using the instructions on the form, submit your five acts and select an 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!



Women's Fellowship Group Activities

April 14—Out to lunch after church at Fenicci's. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Bell Tower bulletin board. Please contact Faith Bicksler at fbicksler@gmail.com or call 717-497-2227 with any questions.
June 9—The Wizard of Oz at the Hershey Area Playhouse



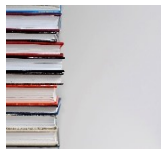
POTLUCK & PIE LUNCHEON— There will be a potluck and pie luncheon held after Rev. Hein's final service on April 21st. Bring a dish to share and/or a pie to share. Beverages will be provided. Any questions contact Pat Young during church office hours.



Adopt-A-Highway and Cemetery- Saturday, April 27th, 9 am

To celebrate Earth Day, we are holding a trash pickup in conjunction with the Campbelltown Community Alliance community-wide pickup. We are looking for folks to help to pick up the trash along Rte. 117 (Forge Rd.) from Campbelltown to Palmyra. Also, we will be picking up trash on our cemetery at the same time. We will meet at the South Londonder-

ry Township Building at 9 am for a community kickoff. Vests, clean gloves and bags will be provided. See the sign-up list in the bell tower or contact Tom Peiffer @ 717-269-5924 or thom-aspeiffer@verizon.net at least several days before the event. Inclement weather date: Monday, April 29th. Thank you for your consideration and support of this 20-year tradition at Salem.



The Book Club will meet Monday, Monday, April 29 7 p.m. in the library to discuss “The Secret Book of Flora Lee” by Patti Callahan Henry. The book for May is “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” by James McBride. Any questions, please contact Carin Kaag. Her e-mail is cas207@yahoo.com.



In the Mailbag!

The Caring Cupboard would like to thank you for your gift of \$110. In 2023 monetary & product donations enabled them to provide healthy foods for 12,348 visits by 906 households & 2,910 unique individuals in our community—a nearly 50% increase over the year prior. They couldn’t do this important work without congregations like ours.

The Lebanon Rescue Mission thanks you for your gift of \$180 to support their many ministries. Through your gifts they are able to offer a safe, nurturing environment where those they serve can build a relationship with Jesus.



PEWS

Church Pews available for Salem UCC members

On March 11th, the Council of Salem voted to remove three pews from the sanctuary. This was discussed and favorably received at the Jan. 28 congregational meeting. They are the rear pews on both sides and the one on the left front as you face the front. These are available for **free** to Salem members. You must arrange transportation. Contact Ron Cline or Tom Peiffer by April 30th. The pews will not be removed until arrangements are made for their repurposing.

Ron Cline, 717-507-4861, rsclinehouse@verizon.net

Tom Peiffer, 717-269-5924, thomaspeiffer@verizon.net



It's that time of year again—the Aungst family is raising money for the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation through the annual Take Steps Walk! 2024 marks 15 years since Ashleigh’s official diagnosis, while Mike “celebrates” seven years since he was diagnosed. This year also marks a new journey for Ashleigh as she recently “failed off” Entyvio when her disease stopped

responding to the medicine she had safely used since 2018 after contracting a rare fungal infection three years prior. In January, she began the induction phase of Skyrizi, and will switch to self-injections next month.

Due to Ashleigh’s history with immunosuppression and complications from Coccidioidomycosis, there is only a small subset of medications she can use to treat her Crohn’s Disease. For a long time, Entyvio was the only option. In June 2022, Skyrizi gained its FDA approval for use in Crohn’s Disease. If that doesn’t work for Ashleigh, there are at least 4 more in the pipeline that *could* be options—*however*, they need funding for research to get them across the finish line. That’s where the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation comes into the picture—they play a vital role in research, both getting us closer to a cure and providing additional treatment options.

We would appreciate if you would once again support our family as we Take Steps for Crohn’s Disease & Ulcerative Colitis. **Please mail any donations to Ashleigh Aungst, 13951 Cinnabar Place, Huntersville, NC 28078 by May 4, 2024.** Thank you!



Help care for God's creation with a **NEW POLLINATOR GARDEN** at Salem! The Creation Care Team is starting a garden by the Little Library. If you are interested in helping, there are two workdays - **Monday, April 22nd** (Earth Day!), 9-11am and **Saturday, May 11th**, 9-11am. If you can help or have any questions, contact Pam McNamara - pammcnamara96@gmail.com or 717-304-7394 (cell). Thank you!

Plant Sharing Opportunity! Do you have extra perennials to share? Or are you looking for some new additions to your flower beds? The Creation Care Team is making a list of people with plants to swap. If you'd like to be part of this list, please contact Pam McNamara - pammcnamara96@gmail.com or 717-304-7394 (cell). Thank you!



2024 Salem Graduate!

Congratulations to Matthew R. Hein who recently finished his university education at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Matthew will receive a Bachelor of Science in Marketing with a certificate in Brand Management from the LeBow College of Business at Drexel. During his five-year education, Matthew served as a delegate to the Dean's Student Advisory Board since 2020, including serving terms as vice-president and president of that board. As part of the renowned Drexel Co-Op program, Matthew worked for full-time for six months for the Philadelphia offices of both Vitrex PLC based in London, England, and Fanatics.com based in Jacksonville, Florida, and full-time for six months and part-time for another six months for the Philadelphia office of Macquarie Group based in Sydney, Australia. Matthew's love for the outdoors saw him very involved in the Weekend Warriors student outdoors group at Drexel all five years, where he served in many roles including trip captain, trip leader, treasurer, and president, helping students get off-campus for hiking, kayaking, fishing and camping trips. Matthew continues to work at a small YouTube media agency while he begins his job search.

Drexel University will hold its spring Commencement ceremony on June 14, 2024.



The Heritage Choral will present their Spring Concert "For the Beauty of the Earth" on **Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m.** at James Street Mennonite Church, 323 W. James St., Lancaster; **Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m..** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10 Delp Rd, Lancaster & **Sunday, May 19** at 4 p.m. at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 3131 Columbia Ave, Lancaster.

Join them as they celebrate the beauty of earth & heaven in song. A freewill offering will be taken. See Louise Adams with any questions.

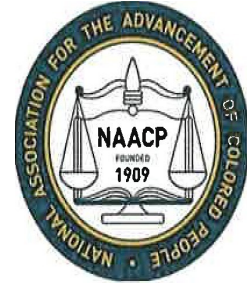
Bible Quiz



What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates

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March 8, 2024

Dear Rev. Hein,

I write on behalf of the general membership and Executive Committee of the Lebanon County Branch of the NAACP to express our Branch's sincere appreciation to you and the Salem United Church of Christ for your very generous donation of \$300 to pay for our African Drumming Workshop on Saturday, February 10 by Studio Solomon at the On Stage Theater in Lebanon.

By all accounts, the event was a great success, with dozens of community members participating and learning more about traditions of African drumming and its links to African American culture here in the United States and across the Americas. It is our hope that these kinds of educational and participatory community events will serve to help heal the rifts and divisions in our increasingly fractured society, and for this reason we are grateful for your partnership and financial support for this important community event.

We also want to acknowledge and extend to you our gratitude for the ongoing support your church has so generously provided over the past year and more, including the use of your copy machine for printing copies of fliers and programs for our events.

With our sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Fields". The signature is fluid and cursive, with some loops and flourishes.

Pastor Tony Fields
President, Lebanon County Branch 26AA of the NAACP



Wednesday	April 3	Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary
Saturday	April 6	Girl Scout Cookie Sale Parking Lot
Sunday	April 7	Holy Humor Sunday Family Worship 10:30 a.m.
Monday	April 8	Creation Care Team 7 p.m. Hybrid
Tuesday	April 9	Women's Guild 10 a.m. Kitchen Lebanon Association Exit Interview 7 p.m.
Saturday	April 13	Girl Scout Cookie Sale Parking Lot
Sunday	April 14	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School after Children's Time Lebanon Assoc. Spring Meeting 3 p.m. Hill Church
Monday	April 15	Council 7 p.m. Hybrid
Tuesday	April 16	Membership Committee 7 p.m. on Zoom
Wednesday	April 17	Chime Rehearsal 7 p.m. Choir Room Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Thursday	April 18	Lebanon Assoc. Ministerium 10:30 a.m.—Lebanon
Friday	April 19	Keystone Project—10 a.m.—3 p.m.—Lingelstown
Sunday	April 21	Family Worship 10 a.m.
Monday	April 22	Christian Education Committee 7 p.m.
Thursday	April 25	UCC Homes Annual Meeting 10 a.m.—Camp Hill
Sunday	April 28	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School after Children's Time
Monday	April 29	Book Club 7 p.m. Church Library

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



WORSHIP SCRIPTURES

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

I John 1:1-22

John 20:19-31

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

I John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

I John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

I John 4:7-21

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

John 15:1-8

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

I John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

I John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27

John 15 :27-27, 16:4b-15

May 26, 2024

First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-27

John 3:1-17

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Deedee Peiffer
- 6 Cindy Umberger
- 7 Rachel Flanagan
- 8 Haley Albright
- 9 Claudia Boyer
- 9 John Risser
- 10 Ron Cline
- 11 Ella Longenecker
- 13 Robin Ream
- 17 Ray Latchford
- 21 Blair Thomas
- 23 Patricia Brandt
- 26 Kaylie Brown
- 27 Meah Gravely
- 28 Cole Miller
- 29 Michael Aungst
- 29 Barry Hite
- 30 Kylie Rose Uhler



May BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jennifer Grab
- 2 Janelle Waller
- 5 Barb Gainer
- 6 Sheena Kindt
- 8 Mary Daub
- 9 Amber Jefferson
- 12 Dean Alger
- 13 Joan Alger
- 13 Brianna Cooper
- 16 Emily Uhler
- 17 Pam McNamara
- 17 Norah Monahan
- 20 Trenton Grab
- 23 Sally Cline
- 23 Grayson Meadath
- 24 Clara Kindt
- 24 Amelia Kindt
- 26 Rebecca Risser
- 29 Cody Broaddus
- 31 Shirley Beck



Following the ‘Perfect Fool’

Theologian Frederick Buechner, who died at age 96 in 2022, explored how the “foolishness of God” (see 1 Corinthians 1:25) compares to human wisdom. He pondered the safety stickers that warn, “The life you save may be your own.”

“That is the wisdom of [humans] in a nutshell,” wrote Buechner. “What God says, on the other hand, is ‘The life you save is the life you lose.’ In other words, the life you clutch, hoard, guard and play safe with is in the end a life worth little to anybody, including yourself, and only a life given away for love’s sake is a life worth living.”

Buechner continued, “To bring his point home, God shows us a man who gave his life away to the extent of dying a national disgrace without a penny in the bank or a friend to his name. In terms of [human] wisdom, he was a Perfect Fool, and anybody who thinks [they] can follow him without [being] something like the same kind of a fool ... is laboring under not a cross but a delusion.”

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.

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 Old clothing and material that are too worn to use can be recycled? If possible, take to an H&M Store (they give you a coupon for each bag!), otherwise put it in the box in the west narthex and we'll take it for you. Thank you!

Writing Tool Recycling You can recycle old writing tools – crayons, markers, pens, and pencils? Staples Store will recycle these items as well as many other items (check their website!). Feel free to take to a Staples or place in the "Crayola marker" collection tube on the windowsill in the west narthex. Thank you!

You are my witnesses



John White (1924-2002) was a medical missionary, psychiatry professor, church planter and prolific author who wrote about faith and outreach. He refuted the notion that being an effective witness for Christ is akin to being a salesperson. Christians are representing and sharing a person, he said, not touting a product.

“A good witness is like a signpost,” he added. “It doesn’t matter whether it is old, young, pretty, ugly. It has to point the right direction and be able to be understood. We are witnesses to Christ; we point to him.”