

# THE MUSTARD SEED



The **Helping Hands** program at **Bethany Children's Home** continues to temporarily shelter unaccompanied children who have crossed our borders to enter the United States. These children are seeking to reunite with their families who already reside in the United States. Many of these children are victims of human trafficking and/or have come from very dangerous environments.

**Current critical needs include: Crafts:** Markers; Colored pencils; Eraser caps; Construction paper; Coloring books; Adult coloring books; Pipe cleaners; Googly eyes; Pom poms; Stickers; Buttons; Paint; Paint brushes; Tie dye kits; Magnets **Activities:** Uno; Nail polish; Jewelry bead and string; Bouncy balls; Stuffed animals; Fidget toys; Kites; Chalk; Rubix cube; Legos/building blocks **Hygiene:** Travel size toothpastes; Toothbrushes; Mini soaps; Feminine hygiene napkins. Donations may be placed on the designated table in the west foyer. In addition, if you wish to make a monetary contribution which will be used to purchase items that are not covered in the grant, you may write a check to Salem and write Helping Hands on the memo line and place the check in the offering plate. **Thank you** for your support and generosity as we not only give a **Helping Hand** but also a **Brighter Future** for these children.



In April, the Salem Youth Sunday School class celebrated Earth Day by discussing ways we can care for the environment while painting earth-patterned batiks. Batik is a technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to the whole cloth.

These creations were made by artisans in Malaysia and sold through Noonday. Noonday is a wonderful company that creates a meaningful opportunity for people around the world. It empowers artisan businesses to create jobs in some of the world's most vulnerable communities. Artisans are able to earn a dignified reliable income through their work. The beautiful youth Sunday School artwork was displayed in the back of our sanctuary.



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** There is a new Flower Chart posted on the Bell Tower Bulletin Board for anyone who would like to decorate our altar or chancel table with flowers in memory of honor of someone or special occasion. As we much else now the prices have gone up the cost for the vases is \$40 for both vases and Chancel Table arrangement start at \$40. There is now also a delivery charge of \$9.95.



**The 2022 John H. And Mary E. Moyer Fund  
5 Acts of Kindness: Creation Justice**

Ensure clean water for all. Protect the grey wolf. Conserving farmland for the future.


These are just a few of the benefactors for the Moyer Five Acts of Kindness with this year’s theme, Creation Justice. Our congregation came through! The result: we received 11 submissions equaling 55 acts of kindness, raising \$550 for seven earth-care charitable organizations. The organizations that received donations were: Lebanon Valley Rails to Trails, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Manada Conservancy, Greenpeace, Humane Society of Lebanon, Wolf Sanctuary of PA, and the Lancaster Farm Sanctuary.

Our small deeds of faith truly added up and, in their own ways, had big effects! Some of the kind acts were as follows: conserving water and energy by washing full loads of laundry and line drying, composting, planting trees & native plants, recycling, eating leftovers, saving gas by combining driving trips, participating in the Salem clean-up day by picking up trash along Forge Rd and cemetery, lessening purchases of products packaged in plastic, turning off car when waiting, wearing clothes more than once before washing, growing vegetables, shopping thrift/consignment stores, keeping heat temperature low at home, using reusable containers for lunch, donating clothes & furniture, writing letter to President Biden via the Endangered Species Coalition urging the overturning of the delisting of grey wolves from the Endangered Species Act, and attending a UCC Creation Justice Webinar. Thank you to all who participated!



**The Book Club** will meet, **Monday, June 27** “84 Charing Cross Rd” by Helene Haniff. 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 July is “Fire Keeper’s Daughter” by Angeline Boulley. For August “Mercy House” by Alena Dillon (Lebanon County Reads selection for 2022 <https://lclibs.org/lebcoreads/>, and “Around the World in 80 Day” by Jules Verne for September.

If you have any questions, please contact Carin Kaag her e-mail is cas207@yahoo.com. Fire Keeper’s Daughter is a YA novel, so feel free to invite the young people in your life to join them.

**The Caring Cupboard** would like to thank you for your gift of \$140. During last 2 years they have been through a lot as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, they are extremely grateful to people like you, who have provided financial support that has allowed them to never miss a beat as sources for donations dried up temporarily, supply chains became taxed, and the prices of food began to soar.  With donations like your recent gift, they have been able to continue providing food, day in and day out, to those in need in our community.

**The Lebanon Rescue Mission** thanks you for your gift of \$150 to support their ministries: Men’s Ministry, Agape Family Shelter, Lebanon Free Clinic, Agape Christmas outreach to seniors, Back Dock ministry and Mobile Senior Pantry..

**The United Church of Christ Homes** is pleased to inform you that our Annual Helping Hands auction and event raised almost \$27,000 for the Benevolent Endowment Trust Fund. Thanks to your participation and contribution to our event, residents of UCC Homes who are unable to pay for the cost of their care and who do not have access to governmental assistance programs will be able to receive financial aid for years to come. We thank you for being a part of our event and hope that you will continue to support UCC Homes’ ministry to the elderly.

**Lancaster Theological Seminary** would like to thank you for your gift of \$70 in support of the ministry of theological education at Lancaster Seminary. The support you provide with your prayers and your gifts opens the doors for our students’ education, opens their minds to learning, and opens their hearts to serving.

**United Church of Christ Homes** would like to thank you for your recent gift of \$230 which was placed into their Benevolent Fund. Helping people, reaching out a helping hand to someone who needs out concern it what the UCC Homes is all about.



Sunday	June 5	Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday, Communion Choir Sings
Saturday	June 11	PCC Annual Meeting On-Line
Sunday	June 12	Worship 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	June 14	Worship & Music Committee 7 p.m.- Hybrid Meeting
Sunday	June 19	Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday	June 26	Worship 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	June 28	Missions Committee 7 p.m. – Hybrid Meeting

*\*All Worship Services will also be livestreamed on Facebook Live and our web page  
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| <b>5</b> Madison Flory       | <b>1</b> Gregory Miller      |
| <b>6</b> Katelyn Gingrich    | <b>3</b> Matthew Kaag        |
| <b>9</b> Ruth Gerhart        | <b>5</b> Carolyn Albright    |
| <b>13</b> Crystal Aungst     | <b>5</b> Darrell Woomer      |
| <b>13</b> Jacqueline Boyer   | <b>5</b> Myron Comanitsky    |
| <b>13</b> Richard Patrick    | <b>6</b> Grace Frew          |
| <b>14</b> Sydney Weidler     | <b>9</b> Julia Fuhrman       |
| <b>16</b> Madeline Gingrich  | <b>10</b> James Binkley      |
| <b>18</b> Charles Doll       | <b>18</b> Sophia Southers    |
| <b>20</b> Nathan Longenecker | <b>20</b> Barbara Kauffman   |
| <b>21</b> Kyle Uhler         | <b>21</b> Joanne Longenecker |
| <b>24</b> Ruth Anna Bashore  | <b>22</b> Debra Weidler      |
| <b>24</b> Caden Weldon       | <b>29</b> Patricia Flanagan  |
| <b>26</b> Brian Weidler      | <b>31</b> Shirley Dupert     |
| <b>29</b> Danny Goss         | <b>31</b> Tara Jankouokas    |
| <b>29</b> Kim Riggs          |                              |
| <b>30</b> Christina Cooper   |                              |



**June 5****Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
 Romans 8:14-17  
 John 14:8-17, (25-27)

**June 12****Trinity Sunday**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
 Psalm 8  
 Romans 5:1-5  
 John 16:12-15

**June 19****Second Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:14, (5-7), 8-15a  
 Psalm 42 & 43  
 Galatians 3:23-29  
 Luke 8:26-39

**June 26****Third Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
 Galatians 5: 1, 13-25  
 Luke 9:51-62

**July 3****Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

2 Kings 5:1-14  
 Psalm 30  
 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16  
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 10****Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 7:7-15  
 Psalm 82  
 Colossians 1:1-14  
 Luke 10:25-37

**July 17****Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 8:1-12  
 Psalm 52  
 Colossians 1:15-28  
 Luke 10:38-42

**July 24****Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Hosea 1:2-10  
 Psalm 85  
 Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)  
 Luke 11:1-13

**July 31****Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Hosea 11:1-11  
 Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
 Colossians 3:1-11  
 Luke 12:13-21

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**Salem UCC Council meeting  
March 14, 2022**

**Members present:** Louise Adams, Garrett Bear, Shirley Beck, Beth Gingrich, Dwight Hein, Carin Kaag, Talie Kaag (late), Melissa Kreider, Tom Peiffer, Lisa Smith, Kristin Vines

**Members absent:** Tara Jankouskas, Pat Steely, Joan Alger

Meeting began at 7:03 pm via Zoom.

The meeting was opened with devotions led by Garrett Bear.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's report (Council Minutes) from January 10, 2022 and February 16, 2022 were read and accepted by unanimous consent, with the spelling of the name Loffreda corrected in the Buildings and Grounds section.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report through February 28, 2022 was read and accepted by unanimous consent.

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

**Old business:**

- Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 30 was held successfully on Zoom.
- Salem Safety during the pandemic
  - Discussion was had on the continuation/alteration of the current safety precautions (masking/online only). CDC has changed recommendations. Discussion was had about choir. Suggestion was made for Darrell to poll the choir and see what their comfort level is with resuming choir. Carin Kaag made motion to allow in person/hybrid meetings starting immediately, to move to mask optional starting Sunday April 3, and choir will be polled on their comfort level of resuming choir. Tom Peiffer seconded. Motion passed.

**New business:**

- Approval of Sabbatical Interim & Sabbatical Interim Agreement – Aug 1 – Oct 23 2022
  - Sabbatical Interim Agreement was previously approved by Council
  - Motion comes from Pastoral Relations Committee to call Rev. Dave Bushnell as Salem UCC's Sabbatical Interim Pastor. Motion carried.
- Review and Approval of Cemetery Grave Opening Price Increases
  - see separate sheet for details
  - Motion was made by Louise Adams to approve the increases. Tom Peiffer seconded. Motion carried.

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

**Building & Grounds:** *Bear* – Meeting cancelled due to snow. Will meet Monday March 21.

**Christian Education:** *Smith* - Met March 7. See report. Discussing trying to continue Christian Education classes, will meet every other week through May.

**Fellowship:** *Alger* - no fellowship at this time; Dwight did online trivia with church members one Sunday. Seven devices, more people. Was fun.

**Finance and Stewardship:** *Peiffer, Gingrich* –No activity

**Membership:** *Jankouskas* – See report

**Mission:** *C. Kaag, Steely, Vines* – Souper Bowl of Caring; Lebanon Rescue Mission meal at end of month; Martin Luther King Jr event was cancelled; Mission Central date 5/21 9-12:30; Health kits coming up in May.

**John H. and Mary E. Moyer Fund:** *Bear, Beck* - 5 Acts of Kindness due Easter Sunday; contributed

\$350 towards Martin Luther King Jr. book drive with Making a Difference Lebanon. Also contributed basket towards UCC Homes Auction. Next meeting May 3.

**PACC/Interfaith Manor:** *Peiffer/C. Kaag* – Open sanctuary program to help pray for Ukraine; PIM continues renovations and is working on updating Pet Policy.

**Pastoral Relations:** *Adams* – see report

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

**Worship and Music:** *Alger, Kreider* – Met Jan 24, next meeting March 29. Reviewed recent services; discussed recent services. Switching companies for print music so we can use same license for print and live streaming. Organ and piano were tuned.

**Youth Fellowship:** *T. Kaag* – Superbowl Sunday drive through for Souper Bowl of Caring. Youth danced in Women's Sunday. No other events planned at this time.

*[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 8:24 pm.

**Next Meeting: Monday May 9, 2022 at 7 pm, hybrid meeting**

## Celebrating the church's birthday



On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, “Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now



## 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. 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.)



## The church hive

Bees live in a cooperative way described as “eusociality,” or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church’s health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul’s words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts “but the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4).

According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect “living illustration of how to walk in unity.” He wrote, “Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we ‘may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ’” (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church “hive”?