

June, 2024

THE MUSTARD SEED



Sunday School dates for Summer are June 16, July 28 and August 11. They will be held after the prayer for the day 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.



June is busting out all over!!! It's time for summer music while the choir is on hiatus. Please visit the sign-up sheet in the east narthex and choose your Sunday. Solos, duets, trios, quartets, vocalists and instrumentalists are greatly appreciated. Karen is available for accompaniment as needed. Please prayerfully consider sharing your talents with us in June, July and August!



THANK YOU to everyone who helped Salem's gardens grow! Take a minute to enjoy the beauty out front and the new pollinator garden by the Little Free Library. If you want to help keep it beautiful by watering it, please contact Pam McNamara Sat pammcnamara96@gmail.com or 717-304-7394.



Salem Church Outdoor Service & Picnic—Sunday, August 4 at 11 a.m.—Salem UCC will hold its annual outdoor worship service and picnic at the American Legion pavilion on Campbelltown/Palmyra Rd. Everyone who comes is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone and please bring your own place settings and utensils. The Fellowship Committee will be preparing the main dishes and drinks. Further information and a sign-up sheet will be available in the near future.



The Book Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the library to discuss “The Great Divide” by Cristina Henriquez. Any questions, please contact Carin Kaag. Her e-mail is cas207@yahoo.com.

The Caring Cupboard would like to thank you for your gift of \$140. 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.



In the Mailbag!

The Lancaster Seminary thanks you for your gift of \$120 for the LTS Annual Fund. Your gift today is guiding their students as they join in God’s redemptive and liberating work so that all creation may flourish.

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches would like to thank you for your gift of \$100. Your contribution will go a long way in forwarding their work.

The Lebanon Rescue Mission thanks you for your gift of \$150 to support their ministries.



There is nothing better than a beautiful Saturday morning spent Taking Steps with our team! Thank you to everyone who donated to make the **Charlotte Take Steps Walk - 2024** such a success! Out of 342 walkers, our team ranked 10th of all fundraising teams with Ashleigh ranking 6th among all individual walkers. Most importantly, here’s to finding treatment options, remission, and someday a cure for the more than 3.1 million Americans fighting IBD!

With grateful hearts ~

Ashleigh, Mike, Susan *and our wire fox terriers, Mary Kate and Joey*



CONGREGATION’S BUDGET UPDATE	
	General Fund Yr. to Date
January to April 2024	\$63 628
Actual Expenditures	\$73,668
Pro Rate Budgeted Expenses	\$74,168

The General Fund provides the basic support of our ministry, benevolences, program, staff and building. Receipts are the best year to date that we have on record.

We have paid our final salary and benefit obligations to Dwight. We have expenses for major repairs to the building and grounds.

Spending is within the prorata budget. We have a deficit of over \$10,000 for the year to date. Expense relief can be reasonably expected in the near future.

The 2024 budget was approved prior to Dwight’s announcement of resignation. It included a full year's budget of compensation and benefits for him

There are many unknowns as we go through this process. Thank you for your prayerful stewardship.

Thank you,

Tom Peiffer

The 2024 John H. And Mary E. Moyer Fund

5 Acts of Kindness: PICK YOUR PASSION

"Five Acts of Kindness" encouraged the Salem UCC community to engage in acts of kindness and mission during the Lenten season, focusing on small deeds of faith and how they can add up to having a big effect! This year, we invited the congregation to **Pick Your Passion**. We determined the Passion could be the kindness you are passionate about and the charitable organization to which we should send the donation.

We provided ideas of groups to **Pick Your Passion including but not limited to:**

Environment	Animal Refuge
Food Insecurity	Gender Equality
Accessibility	Racial Justice

We tied the Passion theme to the Connections game that has become a passion for many titled the "Five Acts of Kindness" Connections. We provided the categories and the word bank with the possible solutions with the goal of fun!

The Results: Our members advocated for Food Insecurity, Animal Welfare Advocacy and Animal Refuge, and Justice (Racial, Social, Climate, Environmental, and LGBTQ+).

We received 11 submissions raising \$550 with 55 Acts of Kindness that will benefit nine charitable organizations.

The list of organizations:

- Lebanon County NAACP Branch
- Lancaster Farm Sanctuary
- Salvation Army Food Pantry- Harrisburg
- Raven Ridge Wildlife Center Inc
- Lebanon Valley Conservancy
- Lebanon Rescue Mission
- Penn Central Conference Ministries Support
- Salvation Army-Lebanon
- Londonderry Village Good Samaritan Fund



Our small deeds of faith truly added up and, in their own ways, had big effects! Some of the kind acts are:

- Cleaning up trash while walking and hiking
- Volunteered to help organize and participate in Black History events in Lebanon County
- Learned about plastics and chemicals and what I can do
- Wrote letter to editor about solar rooftops and had it published
- Donated both money and food to the Caring Cupboard
- Participated in Salem's mission to donate, prepare, cook, and serve food at the Lebanon Rescue Mission.

Salem provided maximum number of volunteers.

- Bought native plants to help the environment
- Volunteered at a local food pantry
- Donate garden vegetables to local food pantry
- Planning the pollinator garden with Creation Care Team
- Made own mouthwash eliminating plastic bottles
- Provided transportation for neighbors
- Donated to the Humane Society Thrift Store
- Put all food and veggie scraps to feed animals
- Send and make birthday cards to group members
- Recycling Styrofoam

- Letters of advocacy sent to: Senators Casey and Fetterman, Representative Meuser urging enhancement and passage of the Equality Act to give equal protection under the law to LGBTQ+ as well as other protected groups

Thank you to all who participated!



Bethany Children’s Home Helping Hands Program is providing temporary shelter to unaccompanied children/ youth 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: twin size bedding, shoes from size #13 kids to size #9 adult, paper kitchen products, board games, stuffed animals, backpacks and socks. All items must be new..** Your new item donations may be placed on the table provided in the west narthex of the church. If you wish to make a monetary contribution, you may write a check to Salem and write Bethany Helping Hands on the memo line and place the check in the offering plate. Thank you for your support as we not only give a *Helping Hand* but also a *Brighter Future* for these children.



Saturday	June 1	Wittel Farm Work Day 9 a.m. - Noon
Sunday	June 2	Family Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	June 5	Transition Team - 7 p.m. on Zoom
Thursday	June 6	Missions Committee -7 p.m. on Zoom
Sunday	June 9	Family Worship 10:30 a.m.
Monday	June 10	Council 7 p.m. - Choir Room - Hybrid
Thursday	June 13	Mainstreamers 4H 7 p.m. Basement Area
Sunday	June 16	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School after morning prayer
Sunday	June 23	Family Worship 10:30 a.m.
Monday	June 24	Book Club 7:00 p.m. Library
Sunday	June 30	Family Worship with Communion 10:30 a.m.

All Worship Services will also be livestreamed on You Tube and our web page www.salemucccampbelltown.org



WORSHIP SCRIPTURES

June 2, 2024

Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:10-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-11
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 3:20-35

June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

June 23, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19,23)
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 30, 2024

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:17-17
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-48

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:10-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 4:26-34

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

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While you're away

Taking regular vacations is key to our well-being. It's important to spend time with loved ones, experience physical and mental refreshment, enjoy changes in scenery and routine, and prepare for future productivity.

Just remember: God's work goes on all summer long. When you're on vacation, your friends at church miss you. No one else can fill your unique role in the congregation. Your presence and gifts help the church thrive. So please give your regular offerings before you leave for vacation. And if you have the opportunity, try to attend church while you're away. Have a wonderful summer!

SALEM COLLECTIONS -

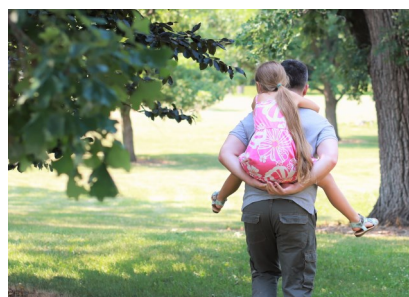
The Caring Cupboard is a community food pantry, that has grown into a community necessity, that currently serves over 350 families living primarily in the Palmyra and Annville-Cleona School Districts. Products to be given to the Caring Cupboard may be placed on the designated shelves found at the end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



An ode to dads

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,
the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night,
the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed,
the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete, and so, he called it ... Dad.