

# THE MUSTARD SEED



**Daylight Savings times begins March 10.** Please don't forget to turn your clocks ahead Saturday night, March 9.



**Sunday School dates for March are 3, 17 & 31.** 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 WEEK SERVICES

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT SALEM UCC

**Sunday, March 24, we'll celebrate Palm Sunday at 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 Chimes of Salem will ring in the joy of the day as well. We'll end our all-church Lenten theme with a focus on "Live Peaceably." Please plan to begin holy week together with us in our sacred community.

*(Note: We will not be observing "Passion Sunday" as the second part of our service this year, with some of those traditions being incorporated into the Good Friday service.)*

### **Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Meal & Service**

On the night when we remember Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his disciples and friends, we'll join in a simple bread and soup meal in the basement fellowship hall of the church. The meal will be incorporated into the Maundy Thursday worship service and will include holy communion shared together around the same tables as our meal. We hope you'll join us.

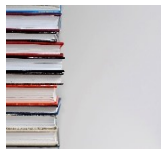
### **Friday, March 29, 7 p.m. Good Friday Service**

Come to the sanctuary of Salem UCC as we remember the day of Jesus' crucifixion and burial.

This service will be quiet and meditative, as we remove the ornamentation from the sanctuary and focus solely on the cross. The service will end in silence as we leave pondering the sacredness and meaning of this day.

### **Sunday, March 31, 10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Resurrection Celebration**

We'll gather together in wonder and awe, like those who were first told, 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!



**The Book Club will meet Monday, March 25 & Monday, April 29 7 p.m.** in the library .Any questions, please contact Carin Kaag. Her e-mail is [cas207@yahoo.com](mailto:cas207@yahoo.com).



In the Mailbag!

**The United Church of Christ Homes** would like to thank you for your gift of \$430 which was placed into their Benevolent Fund. Your generosity will touch the lives of real people and enhance our mission to provide compassionate care and services.

**The Caring Cupboard** would like to thank you for your gifts of \$220 & \$580. 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.



**Girl Scout Cookies Sale return in March!** Look for local Girl Scout troops to begin their annual Girl Scout Cookies sale from 9a – 3p in the Salem UCC parking lot on Saturdays starting on March 9 through April 6 (except Easter weekend on March 30), weather permitting. Come out and support the important education and leadership building programs of the Girl Scouts in our area while purchasing a tasty treat!



**Church World Service Health Kits** - We will be collecting items for the Health Kits from now until March 24. The items that we will need for the kits are: nail clippers, band aids, toothbrushes and bath size soap (4 oz), with the toothbrushes and soap individually wrapped. The specifications for the towels, washcloths and combs have become very precise, so we feel it is better to purchase those items. Therefore, if you would like to give a monetary donation for the purchase of the towels, washcloths and combs, we encourage you to do that also. Any donations, items or monetary, may be put on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact either Lee Ann Ream (717-574-9040 or [momsmile@aol.com](mailto:momsmile@aol.com)) or Lisa Smith (717-215-1027 or [lgsmith0131@gmail.com](mailto:lgsmith0131@gmail.com)).



**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!



**Upcoming Youth Events- Have SPARE time? Come STRIKE up some fun at PALMYRA BOWLING on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm!** Cost is \$15 for unlimited games plus shoe rental. All are welcome!

RSVP so we can reserve lanes by 3/2 to Pam McNamara - [pammcnamara96@gmail.com](mailto:pammcnamara96@gmail.com) or 717-304-7394.



### Women’s Fellowship Group Activities

April 14—Out to lunch after church at Fenicci’s

June 9—The Wizard of Oz at the Hershey Area Playhouse



Easter Flowers - On Easter Sunday the chancel area of Salem Church will be decorated with festive Easter flowers. You are invited to honor or remember those you love by any of the flowers on the chart below. After the Easter Service you can take your flowers home to decorate your house or garden. Below are the flowers available. Order forms will be available on the back windowsill of the Sanctuary.

Please do not put your completed form and payment in the offering plate; a collection basket is provided on the center windowsill in the rear of the sanctuary to receive your order and payment. **All plants are \$11.99 except the Mini Daffodils which are \$5.99 & Lilies which are \$14.99.** You may pay by cash or check made payable to Salem UCC with a notation in the memo line: Easter Flowers. For more information or questions please contact Pat Young (717-838-4236 or [secretary@salemucccampbelltown.org](mailto:secretary@salemucccampbelltown.org).)

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<b>Mums Cushion &amp; Daisy Assorted Colors</b>	_____	_____
<b>Hyacinth – Pink</b>	_____	_____
<b>Blue</b>	_____	_____
<b>White</b>	_____	_____
<b>Daffodils</b>	_____	_____
<b>Mini Daffodils</b>	_____	_____
<b>Tulips – Yellow</b>	_____	_____
<b>Red</b>	_____	_____
<b>Pink</b>	_____	_____
<b>Lilies</b>	_____	_____

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# March

Sunday	March 3	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School after Children's Time Lebanon Rescue Mission Meal 2-6 p.m.
Monday	March 4	Creation Care Team 7:00 p.m.—Hybrid
Tuesday	March 5	Women's Guild 10:00 a.m.—Basement Kitchen Mission Committee 7 p.m.
Saturday	March 9	Girl Scout Cookie Sales Parking Lot
Sunday	March 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins Family Worship 10:30 a.m.
Monday	March 11	Council 6:30 p.m.—Choir Room
Wednesday	March 13	Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary
Saturday	March 16	Girl Scout Cookie Sales Parking Lot
Sunday	March 17	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School after Children's Time
Wednesday	March 20	Pastoral Relations Committee 1 pm. - Church Library Chime Rehearsal 7 p.m.—Sanctuary
Saturday	March 23	Girl Scout Cookie Sales Parking Lot
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Sunday	March 24	Palm/Passion Sunday Family Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday	March 31	Easter Sunday Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School after Children's Time

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

## **Bless you!**

On March 17, when we remember the Christian missionary St. Patrick, Irish blessings abound. Here are two benedictions to share with friends in the faith:

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. Amen.

May there always be work for your hands to do;  
May your purse always hold a coin or two;  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
May the hand of a friend always be near you;  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.





# WORSHIP SCRIPTURES

**March 3, 2024**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians I:18-25  
John 2:13-22

**March 10, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

**March 17, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Jerimiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

**March 24, 2024**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19, 29  
Mark 11:1-11

**March 31, 2024**

**Easter**

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
I Corinthians 15:1-11  
John 20:1-18

**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  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

**April 21, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

**April 28, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
John 15:1-8

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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

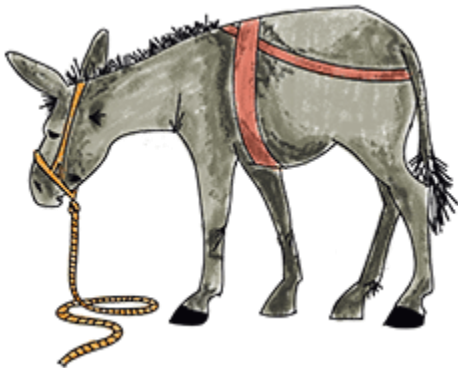
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- 11 Margaret Smith
- 14 Louise Adams
- 16 Lee Ann Ream
- 16 R. Isaac Weidler
- 20 Anthony Davis
- 23 Renee Bordlemay
- 23 Alexander Gingrich
- 25 Audrey Schaeffer
- 27 Faith Bicksler
- 28 Susan Aungst
- 30 Tyler Binkley
- 31 Jeannie Berlin



### 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

Be the donkey



Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian who helped shelter hundreds of Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, was asked how she stayed humble despite her fame. “When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?” she replied. “If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor.” Jesus told his followers they’d need to carry (or “take up”) their cross. But how well do you carry your Savior? How do you bring him into a world that desperately needs the good news of the gospel?

## SALEM COLLECTIONS -

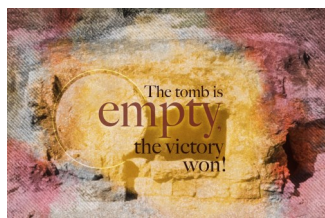
**The Caring Cupboard** is a community food pantry, that has grown into a community necessity, that currently serves over 350 families living primarily in the Palmyra and Annville-Cleona School Districts. Products to be given to the Caring Cupboard may be placed on the designated shelves found at the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



### **Resurrection rumblings**

In *Easter Earthquake*, James A. Harnish explores the "earthshaking promise" of Jesus' resurrection. Easter Sunday "shatters the power of fear," he writes.

"Because Christ is risen, we no longer allow fear to dominate, control or manipulate us. We don't remain imprisoned in the tombs of our past failures or buried under the weight of present anxiety. In the risen Christ, old things pass away and everything becomes new."

Easter, Harnish adds, is proof that God hasn't forsaken us and is present among us. "The Resurrection contradicts the assumption that Christ resides on an ethereal cloud in a distant heaven. Rather, we find him on the dusty road that leads to the real stuff of our ordinary world."

Jesus' followers can find him everywhere, Harnish concludes. "The risen Christ will meet us along the confused, chaotic, fearful paths of our lives and speak the same words the women hear at the tomb, 'Do not be