

# THE MUSTARD SEED



**Alex Gingrich** will be graduating from **Lebanon Valley College** with degrees in **BioChemistry and Molecular Biology** and a Spanish minor. Alex plans to pursue a career in Public Health. Alex is the son of Beth and the late Doug Gingrich.



**Tessa Flanagan** will graduate on Tuesday, May 24 with a **Masters of Engineering - Civil Engineering** degree from **Princeton University**. Throughout the one-year accelerated program, she has again participated in the Princeton Chapel Choir and continued working part-time as a barista at Rojo's Roastery in Princeton. Starting in June, Tessa will be working in the Boston, MA office of the structural engineering consulting firm Silman (<https://www.silman.com>).



**Brianna Cooper** will graduate from **Palmyra Area High School** on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. During her high school career, Brianna has been a member of the National Honor Society, Orchestra, Key Club, French Club, Mini-THON Committee, Homecoming Court, and has also competed on both the Tennis and Lacrosse teams. At Salem UCC, Brianna served as acolyte from 2017 – 2020 and was a member of the 2017 Confirmation class. Outside of school, she enjoys traveling with her family to visit and learn about new cultures around the world. Brianna will be attending Penn State University Park this fall, majoring in Biobehavioral Health.



**Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.** to do assorted jobs at **Mission Central**. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 A.M. to carpool. Located in **Mechanicsburg**, Mission Central partners with more than 80 ministries throughout PA and around the world to focus on Disaster Response, Mission Outreach and Mission Education. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bell tower bulletin board. Please take a **waiver of liability form** from the folder on the bulletin board to complete and to take along on May 21. (*Special Notes: The masking policy at Mission Central will be shared closer to the date. If you are feeling sick (or have a cough), please volunteer another time. Due to safety issues, children must be over the age of eight to volunteer. Volunteers must wear closed toe shoes.*)



**2022 TAKE STEPS FOR CROHN'S & COLITIS:** Coping with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis can be extremely challenging and isolating. Take Steps is the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation's largest nationwide fundraising campaign, helping to accelerate the progress of breakthrough research and to support critical patient programs. Take Steps also brings the community together in a fun, family-friendly and supportive atmosphere so patients know they are not alone.

On walk day, we experience a sense of community and belonging that only happens when a united group comes together to celebrate their success. It is a day of celebration that leaves us feeling empowered for having made a difference, inspired about the future and connected to those on a similar journey.

Take Steps has brought together more than 441,000 people and raised over \$114 million to help further the Foundation's mission. The money we raise goes towards breakthrough research, public and professional education, and patient support services in communities across the nation.

*The Aungst Family has joined The Charlotte Take Steps event and will be walking in Symphony Park on Saturday, May 21, 2022 — This is our 13<sup>th</sup> year!*

*Checks made payable to The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation – CCFA, will be accepted through Saturday, May 14, 2022. We hope to see you in church and if not, please mail your donation to either*

*Mike & Susan Aungst 5 Gentry Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078*

*or Ashleigh Aungst 13951 Cinnabar Place, Huntersville, NC 28078.*

We will be happy to mail you a receipt when your donation is received. Thank you!



### **Former Salem UCC Pastor Authors New Book!**

Rev. Rich Christensen, who was Salem UCC's pastor from 1983-1988, has recently released a new book called,

"Learning to See: A Memoir of Southern Africa". Rev. Christensen will be in worship at Salem UCC on Sunday, May 15 and giving the meditation for the service titled, "Learning Hospitality." He'll have copies of his book for sale after the service for \$28 each and can

be purchased with cash or check. We hope you'll be able to share in this special service to welcome Rev. Christensen back to Salem UCC!

Here is a description of the book, follow by a link to the publisher's website to purchase it. It may also be purchased elsewhere where books are sold.

*Teaching in the southern African nation of Botswana in the early 1980s, Richard Christensen faced a new world, one endlessly fascinating and challenging. Experiencing warm hospitality from many people, sharing both joyful celebrations and painful struggles with students, he and his family encountered a deeper sense of the true meaning of community. Travel in apartheid South Africa and war-weary Zimbabwe gave him a fuller understanding of the reality of oppression and how people of faith endured their plight and kept hope alive. In this experience, so surprising in many ways, he came to a deepened realization of the genuine freedom of the gospel and the hope it affords us. He saw that relationships are what save us, that the salvation of God in Christ is not merely personal and individual, but communal, and that we are thus more dependent upon one another than we realize. Learning to see the world with new eyes, he discovered not only a more expansive vision of the church and the world, but also a more honest and complete understanding of himself as a product of an affluent and segregated society.*

<https://wipfandstock.com/search-results/?contributor=richard-christensen>



**The Heritage Choral of Lancaster presents** “Look to the Day” Songs of Praise and Love on **Sunday, May 1 at 4 p.m.** at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 308 Petersburg Rd, Lititz, PA and **Sunday, May 15 at 4 p.m.** at New Danville Mennonite Church, 103 Marticville Rd., Lancaster, PA. A free will offering will be taken. For more information see Louise Adams who is a member of the chorus.

**The Lebanon County Choral Society presents** “Awakenings Songs of Rebirth & Renewal” on **Sunday, May 22, at 3:00 p.m.** at Friedens Lutheran Church, 301 W. Washington Ave, Myerstown. Tickets can be ordered online at: [www.LCCSmusic.org](http://www.LCCSmusic.org). Adults: \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Students: \$3. Group discounts are available. Please check their website one week prior to the concert for current COVID protocols. For further information see Jane Long who is a member of the chorus.



**BOOK  
CLUB**

**The Book Club** will meet, **Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m.** to discuss “is “Lucky Breaks” by Yevgenia Belorusets, described as **Powerful, off-beat stories about women living n the shadow of the now-frozen, now-thawing war in Ukraine** 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 for June is “84, Charing Cross)” by Helene Haniff.. If you have any questions, please contact Carin Kaag her e-mail is [cas207@yahoo.com](mailto:cas207@yahoo.com).

*Also if anyone has been missing watching church softball, Talie/HHS varsity is playing softball against Palmyra at Palmyra on Monday, May 9 at 4 p.m.*



**In the Mailbag**

The Caring Cupboard would like to thank you for your gift of \$120, which will allow them to continue to provide access to healthy food to those in need, so that no one in our community goes hungry.

The Lancaster Seminary would like to thanks you for your gift of \$70. The support you provide with your prayers and gifts opens the doors for their students’ education, opens their minds to learning, and opens their hears to serving.



### **God's hands**

Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine’s own mother had done.

In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother’s forehead. Afterward, the woman says, “I think I felt his touch upon my brow,” referring to God.

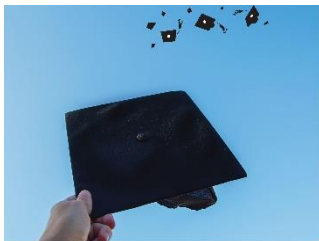
Anna says, “God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God’s hands,



and God is everywhere looking for hands to use.”

Sunday	May 1	Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School after Children’s Message
Monday	May 2	Membership Committee Hybrid Meeting 7 p.m.
Tuesday	May 3	Mission Committee Hybrid Meeting 7 p.m.
Wednesday	May 4	Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Saturday	May 7	UCC Homes Helping Hands Luncheon – Hershey 11 :30 a.m.
Sunday	May 8	Mother’s Day/Festival of the Christian Hom Worship 10:30 a.m. Choir Sings
Monday	May 9	Council Meeting Hybrid 7 p.m.
Wednesday	May 11	Chimes Rehearsal 7 p.m.
Saturday	May 14	Jean Shue Memorial Service 2p.m. in the Sanctuary
Sunday	May 15	Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev. Rich Christensen Preaching Chimes Play Sunday School after Children’s Message
Monday	May 16	Christian Education Committee 7 p.m.
Wednesday	May 18	Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Saturday	May 21	Mission Central Trip 9 a.m. – 12 noon
Sunday	May 22	Worship 10:30 a.m. Choir Sings
Sunday	May 29	Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School after Children’s Message

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



### **Mr. Rogers, to grads — and to us all**

Our world hangs like a magnificent jewel in the vastness of space. Every one of us is a part of that jewel, a facet of that jewel, and in the perspective of infinity, our differences are infinitesimal. We are intimately related. May we never even pretend that we are not. ... Deep down, we know that what matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What really matters is helping others win too, even if it means slowing down and changing our course now and then. ...

[Roman philosopher] Boethius wrote this sentence: “Oh happy race of mortals if your hearts are ruled, as is the universe, by love.” ... [There is a] deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive: love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed. So in all that you do, in all of your life, I wish you the strength and the grace to make those choices which will allow you — and your neighbor — to become the best of whoever you are.

—Fred McFeely Rogers, 2002



## WORSHIP SCRIPTURES

### **May 1**

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelations 4:11- -14

John 2:1-19

### **May 8**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelations 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

### **May 15**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelations 21:1-6

John 13:31-15

### **May 22**

#### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelations: 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

### **May 29**

#### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

### **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

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## The birth of Mother's Day

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States.



On May 9, 1914, by an act of congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. The custom continues to this day.

## 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.)

## We Remember



More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.