

THE MUSTARD SEED



Sunday School dates for May 5 & 19. 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.



The Women of Salem are planning to see **The Wizard of Oz** at the Hershey Area Playhouse. Tickets are \$25 and reservations and money are to be given to Shirley Beck by May 19th. **The show is June 9th at 2:00.** Please contact Faith Bicksler at fbicksler@gmail.com or call 717-497-2227 with any questions.



The Missions Committee and Creation Care Team are partnering for an Earth and community care volunteer event. You're invited to volunteer at The Wittel Farm in Elizabethtown, PA on Saturday June 1st from 9a-12p. The food grown at The Wittel Farm is donated to people experiencing food insecurity in Lancaster County. Families with children are welcome to volunteer and work together that day. Those

who wish to carpool that day should meet at the church parking lot at 8:30am. Our tasks will not be determined until we arrive but they will likely include weeding, harvesting, and general gardening. People should wear clothes appropriate for yard work. A sign-up sheet and waiver forms are on the bell tower bulletin board. For those who may not be able to volunteer on this date, you can sign up to volunteer at The Wittel Farm for all Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the farming season (March-October). You can sign up on the website: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/the-wittel-farm/the-wittel-farm-growing-project/>. Please sign up by Sunday May 26th. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Vines (717-253-8625, vineskristin1011@gmail.com).

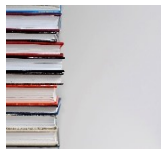


Dear members and friends of Salem UCC,

Our family wanted to thank you deeply for the wonderful "last Sunday" that we shared together with you. Everything from the meaningful worship service filled with wonderful music, to the delicious and fun potluck luncheon with so many pies(!!!), to the very meaningful note cards and gifts, to the basically life-time supply of cranberry sauce "shaped like a can" (lol!), it all made the day so special. We have so many wonderful memories of our years at Salem and you helped make our last day a wonderful memory, too.

Please read again my letter from back in January for all that Salem has meant to us, because even since tendering my resignation, your care and warmth has not changed. But on Sunday a new theme developed among the hugs and well wishes we shared that day. That theme was, "this is not good-bye." So, we look forward to the next time and place our paths cross. With that thought in my, our family shares the prayer of that wonderful hymn with you all one more time, "May God be with you 'til we meet again."

In Peace,
Pastor Dwight, Kelly & Matthew



The Book Club TUESDAY, May 28, at 7 p.m. the library to discuss “The “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” by James McBride . The book for June is “The Great Divide” by Cristina Henriquea. 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 gifts of \$411.02 & \$125. 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 Lancaster Seminary thanks you for your gift of \$60 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..



t’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 Free Library. If you are interested in helping, the next workday is **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!



The Heritage Choral will present their Spring Concert “For the Beauty of the Earth” on **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.

The Lebanon County Choral Society presents their Adult & Youth Choruses in “Coronation ” featuring Mozart’s *Kronungsmesse* and other music of royal lineage. The concert is **May 19** at 3 p.m. at Friedens Lutheran Church, Myerstown. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, Students \$3. Details and tickets at ww.lccsmusic.org. Jane Long is a member of the group, please see her with any questions.

25th year of Londonderry Village Estate/Barn Sale

Thursday, Friday, May 30, 31, 9AM-5PM
Saturday, June 1, 9AM-1PM

Furniture, Christmas, jewelry, kitchenware, china/glass, linens, household décor, crafts and sewing items, toys, puzzles, lamps, pictures, frames, collectibles, antiques, baskets, artificial flowers, medical items, health and beauty, electronics, books, hand tools, power tools, cleaning, automotive, garden tools, flowerpots, live plants, and much more!



Food Court all day, every day!

Donuts, Coffee/Tea, Hot dogs, sausages, barbecue, subs, chips, sodas, baked goods

Plus:

Thursday, 10AM-2PM, Milkshakes



Friday, 10AM-4PM
Fertile Valley
Ice Cream



Parking is available at Grace Point Church on Leon Ave. Shuttle buses are available from Grace Point Church, the Snell Community Center, and the Wheaton entrance.

All purchases must be made by cash or check payable to LV-ILC.

An ATM is available at Snell Community Center.



The proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Fund which helps cover the cost of care for residents in nursing care who can no longer afford to pay all of their own expenses. Benevolent care each year is approximately \$2 million.



Wednesday	May 1	Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Sunday	May 5	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Creation Care Sunday
Monday	May 6	Music & Worship Committee 10 a.m. Library
Wednesday	May 8	Women’s Guild 10 a.m. downstairs kitchen
Thursday	May 9	Manstreamers 4-H Basement area
Saturday	May 11	Pollinator Garden Planting—Little Free Library Area 9 –11 a.m.
Sunday	May 12	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Mother’s Day & Dedication of Layettes Sunday School after the Morning Prayer
Monday	May 13	Council 7 p.m. Hybrid
Wednesday	May 15	Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Sunday	May 19	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday With Communion Sunday School after the Morning Prayer Transition Team All Congregation Potluck after Worship
Sunday	May 26	Family Worship 10:30 a.m.

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



WORSHIP SCRIPTURES

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

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

March 3:2035

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

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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

Answer: D & F (See Genesis 2:10-14.)

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!



Mother — and more

Though I've primarily known God as Father — along with metaphors such as rock, eagle, shepherd, potter — I also learned of Scripture passages portraying God as mother. For example (all NIV):

- “For a long time I have kept silent. ... But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant” (Isaiah 42:14).
 - “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you” (Isaiah 66:13).
 - “Like a bear robbed of her cubs, I will attack them” (Hosea 13:8).
- In others, God is pictured doing traditional “women’s work”: making clothes (Genesis 3:21), sweeping (Isaiah 14:23), preparing and hosting a meal (Proverbs 9:1-6), baking bread (Luke 13:21). One of my favorite images of God is tucked in Hosea. While many modern dads nurture their toddlers this way, the tender words surely call to mind a mama’s care: “It was I who taught [Israel] to walk. ... To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them” (Hosea 11:3-4). Most importantly, God — however known — is loving and good.

—Heidi Hyland Mann