

THE MUSTARD SEED



NEIGHBORS IN NEED (NIN) is a UCC 5 for 5 special offering that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. **The 2022 theme for NIN is Behold!** Unfortunately, it is quite common for employers to steal wages from workers; that is, employers may fail to pay employees all that they earn. Up to two-thirds of workers in low-wage industries are victims of wage theft each week. Failure to pay for all hours worked or for overtime are just some examples of the ways employers may steal wages. Two-thirds of the NIN offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. NIN grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. With inflation currently impacting all households, **special consideration will be given this year to projects which focus on economic justice.** In addition, one-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). CAIM is an invaluable resource for individuals from dozens of tribes and nations who are members of UCC congregations across the U.S. More information and stories about the NIN offering can be found on the following link: <https://www.ucc.org/nin> The **NEIGHBORS IN NEED** offering will be received as part of World Communion Sunday on **Oct. 2, 2022**. Thank you for your consideration and support of NIN as we help to make the world a better place for all of God's people.

Volunteers are needed *on Sunday, October 23 to help prepare, serve, and clean up at the free meal for the public which is being served by the Lebanon Rescue Mission. The meals will continue to be served as "To-Go Meals" to the public. We will meet in the church parking lot at 2:00 P.M. to carpool as we are scheduled to volunteer from 2:30 P.M. to approximately 6:00 P.M. (If you can help for only part of the time, that is fine.) In addition, there are items that are needed to make the meal extra special. Please watch for more information about how to sign up to volunteer and/or to donate items for the meal. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Peiffer. (Special Notes: 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.)*



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day will be held at all *Boscov's locations* on **Wednesday, October 19 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.** Everyone who purchases a \$5 ticket from Shirley Beck receives a 25% discount shopping pass for purchases made only on Wednesday, October 19. In addition, you will be eligible for a \$100 Boscov's gift card (one per store). Shirley will have shopping passes for sale on Sundays, through October 16th or you may call her at. 717 574-8555. **100% of our ticket money will go to support the Women's Guild of Salem Church.**

HAPPY
Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mary Risser will be turning 90 on October 14th. It would be great if we could shower her with cards. Her address is: 550 East Main St., Annville, PA 17003 (Lebanon Valley Home)



Come celebrate David Kaag and Emma McNamara's LAST high school marching band football game on Friday, October 28th at Hersheypark Stadium for the Hershey vs. Palmyra game! Hershey will perform their show before the game at 6:30pm with special senior night festivities and Palmyra will play at half-time.



In the Mailbag!

CWS thanks you for your kind donation of Hygiene Kits to Church World Service. Your compassion has given individuals and families touched by disaster the tangible evidence that they matter; that someone cares; and they are not alone.

Lancaster Seminary would like to thank you for your gift of \$70 in support of the ministry of theological education at the Seminary.

United Church of Christ Homes thanks you for your gift of \$230 for their Benevolent Fund. Without congregations like ours, so many people would not be able to receive the assistance they need.

CWS would like to thank you for your generous donation to the Church World Service Blankets program that tells people in crisis "You're not alone. Someone Cares"



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.



Our Little Free Library which was opened in 2015 continues to be a very popular outreach in our community. Just a reminder that our Little Free Library is a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all. Your support of the Little Free Library has touched many people not only in our local communities but also travelers who have stopped by to "take a book...share a book." Currently, we are in need of **children's books (picture and chapter)**. Please place donations for our library in the collection bin in the west foyer. Thank you very much as we continue to promote literacy and the goal that **Reading Changes Lives**.



The Book Club is scheduled to meet Monday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. They will meet in person! They will discuss “Flight Behavior” by Barbara Kingsolver. If any of you are reading it as part of Rev. Bushnell’s class you are welcome to come. The book for November is “Finlay Donovan is Killing It” by Elle Cosimano. If you have any questions, please contact Carin Kaag. Her e-mail is cas207@yahoo.com.



The annual Salem hayride & campfire will be on Saturday, October 29th at 6pm at Risser-Marvel Farm Market. Salem is covering the cost for kids and youth. Adults are \$8/person (CASH please). Hot dogs, marshmallows, and cider are provided, but extras are always enjoyed. If you can help, check out the sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AA4AB2BA5F58-salem> RSVP by October 23rd to Pam McNamara: pammcnamara96@gmail.com or 717-838-0342 (C)



Phoenix Youth Center is hiring! We need at least two more people to join our team! We are seeking After-School Staff Assistants for Mondays through Fridays 2:15 - 5pm. Applicants do not need to be available all five days. Responsible HS Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to apply -- a small allowance is made so that you can arrive after the school day is over. Interested applicants please email cweibley@lclibs.org or call Palmyra Public Library at 717-838-1347.

Please share with friends and family!



Sunday School for Grades K-12th grade will be held on the following Sundays after the Children’s Time.

October 9th and 23rd
November 6th and 20th
December 4th and 18th

No lone-ranger Christians



World Communion Sunday, celebrated this year on October 2, reminds us there’s no such thing as solitary Christianity. “As Christians we’re called to belong, not just to believe,” writes Rick Warren. “We are not meant to live lone-ranger lives; instead, we are to belong to Christ’s family and be members of his body.”

After all, Christian fellowship can’t occur without fellow Christians. We can’t learn the intricacies of the Bible and theology without preachers and teachers. We don’t baptize ourselves. We don’t take Holy Communion alone; in fact, the sacrament’s very name refers to interaction with God and others.

The New Testament clearly states that one cannot be Christian all alone. We are members of Christ’s body (Ephesians 5:30). We belong to the family of believers (Galatians 6:10). We are “a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people” (1 Peter 2:9, NRSV). So don’t be a lone ranger or a stranger — to worship or to Holy Communion!



Sunday	Oct 2	World Communion Sunday Family Worship 10:30 a.m. with Communion – Choir Sings Neighbors in Need Offering
Wednesday	Oct. 5	Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 9	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School after Children’s Time
Sunday	Oct. 16	Family Worship 10:30 a.m.
Monday	Oct. 17	Missions Committee 7 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 19	Friends Helping Friends Day at Boscov’s Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 23	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. – Choir Sings Sunday School after Children’s Time Fellowship Time after Service for Rev. Bushnell Lebanon Rescue Mission Meal 2:30-6:15 p.m.
Monday	Oct. 24	Rev. Hein returns from Sabbatical Book Club 7 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 26	Chime Rehearsal 7 p.m.
Thursday	Oct. 27	UCC Homes Board Meeting 6 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 30	Reformation Sunday Family Worship 10:30 a.m.

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



Where are your wings?

Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard told this parable about a town filled with ducks. Does it remind you of anyone?

In a land inhabited only by ducks, all the residents waddled to church one fine Sunday, with ducklings following behind their parents. They entered the Duck Church doors, got situated in their proper pews, sang from the Duck Hymnal and then listened to Duck Minister preach from the Duck Bible (yes, even ducks have their own preferred version of Scripture).

“Ducks, God has given you wings!” the preacher shouted. “With wings you can fly like eagles! You can soar into the sky! No walls can confine you! No fences can hold you! God has given us wings, and we can know the utter euphoria of unfettered freedom! Do you believe you can fly?” In response, the duck congregation all shouted, “Amen!” Then they left their pews ... and all waddled back home.



- 2 Josephine Bucher
- 2 Jan Peiffer
- 3 Samantha Beahm
- 5 Donald M. Umberger
- 6 Emma McNamara
- 9 Audrey Woomer
- 10 Blair Kerr
- 10 Chad Shenk
- 11 Stephan Hitz
- 11 Kristin Vines
- 12 Brendan Monahan
- 14 Mary Risser
- 15 Elizabeth Gingrich
- 17 Zach Kindt
- 19 Aaron Steely
- 20 Tessa Flanagan
- 20 Kevin Monahan
- 21 Myka Lechleitner
- 22 Timothy Kreider
- 23 Thomas Peiffer
- 24 Dave Bushnell
- 26 Audrey Miller
- 27 Tiffany Broaddhus
- 27 Patricia Young
- 30 Jeffrey Albright
- 31 Sheila Gingrich

- 1 Robert Weidler
- 6 Paul Fogle
- 7 Natalie Kaag
- 10 Ashley Goodwin
- 10 Beth Jefferson
- 14 Rachel Alger
- 14 Abigail Alger
- 15 Carol Riggs
- 16 Matthew Hein
- 19 Robert Albright
- 21 Anna Kauffman
- 24 Susan Hite
- 27 Ashley Jefferson
- 29 William Kauffman



For love of animals

St. Francis of Assisi, known for his affection for animals, is honored on October 4. Some congregations observe this day by blessing pets, remembering that God pronounced animals — along with all creation — good. God saved not only Noah’s family but animals of all kinds from the Flood. And despite Jonah’s protests, God had compassion on Nineveh — “and [its] many animals” (Jonah 4:11). How intriguing that the prophet adds this point!

Care for all living creatures is clearly part of the divine character. Animals don’t do anything to earn God’s favor except be themselves. From this, we can learn that God pours out love unconditionally. As Psalm 36:6 (CEV) declares, “All people and animals are under your care.”



WORSHIP SCRIPTURES

October 2

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6, Lamentations 3:19-26
Psalm 137
1 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jerimiah 29:1,4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jerimiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

October 30

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

November 6

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 13

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 20

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 21:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

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Church council meeting

July 11, 2022

Present: Dwight Hein, Garrett Bear, Joan Alger, Tom Peiffer, Lisa Smith, Pat Steely, Louise Adams, Beth, Dave Bushnell, Shirley Beck, Carin Kaag, Talie Kaag, Tara Jankouskas, Kristin Vines, Melissa Kreider

Garrett Bear called the hybrid meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Opening Devotions – Garrett Bear

Introductions and discussion with guest Rev. Dr. Dave Bushnell, Sabbatical Interim

Secretary's Report – Review and Approval by Unanimous Consent

May 9, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes - amend not zoom but Hybrid meeting and also COBYS not coby's

Treasurer's Report – Review and Approval by Unanimous Consent of the Treasurer's Report through June 30, 2022

Pastor's Report – including sabbatical plan

See attached

Old Business:

Salem Safety during the Pandemic – No action needed

-- CDC continues to rate Lebanon County as a green and "Low Risk" area. However, surrounding counties have moved to the yellow or "Moderate Risk" level, which means those who are immune-compromised should take greater precautions.

- If Lebanon goes red, Dwight would suggest we return to wearing masks at Salem

New Business:

Palmyra Area Kiwanis Club – request to meet regularly at Salem UCC on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in the choir room. Pastor Dwight & Paul Fogle are members of this organization.

-- a certificate of insurance has already been submitted and put on file

-- no action needed, if there is consensus.

Resurfacing and Repainting of Auxiliary Parking Lot and Hinkle Rd. Crosswalk – Tom Peiffer

Three proposals/quotes for the sealing, crack filling and finishing of auxiliary parking lot. Has not been fixed since was built in 1998. Also includes the crosswalk repainting on Hinkle Rd.

Building and Grounds recommend that we hire Mr. John Townsley to do the job. Tom will coordinate with Community Aide to take care of moving the box during the time the lot will be fixed. Tom recommends using the capital projects fund for payment. Tom Peiffer makes motion that we use Mr. John Townsley to do the job, Louise seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Liaison Reports – See written Committee Liaison reports submitted ahead of time

Building, Grounds, Cemetery: Garrett Bear, Tom Peiffer

Ron Cline repaired the drain to street. Tom and Sandy Goss repainted the railing to the front entrance and also painted the front door as well as the framing, and replaced the sign directing to office. Some carpentry was also completed on doors, as was weather stripping around the doors.

Christian Education: Lisa Smith – next meeting: July 26 at 7 p.m.

Fellowship: Joan Alger - Come on out for the picnic!

Finance and Stewardship: Tom Peiffer, Beth Gingrich

Membership: Tara Jankouskas – next meeting: July 18 at 7 p.m.

Missions: Carin Kaag, Pat Steely, Kristin Vines – next meeting: Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. –

Pat added that we have date set for UCC Homes day, September 18; also \$310 has been raised towards our goal for blankets

Moyer Fund: Garrett Bear, Shirley Beck – next meeting is Sept. 24 at 9 a.m.

PACC & Interfaith Manor: Tom Peiffer (PACC), Carin Kaag (IM) next meeting: July 19 at 7p.

Counseling center - two counselors in person and one online; long waiting list. IFM – construction continues. Filling finished apartments with people who have been on the wait list for several years.

Pastoral Relations: Louise Adams - not met

Women's Fellowship: Shirley Beck - not met

Worship & Music: Joan Alger, Melissa Kreider – next meeting: Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. - Darrell will continue to plan and lead rehearsals but Cindy will help direct on days that we sing

Youth Fellowship: Talie Kaag - Youth had a mini-golf outing, created the Health Kits, and had a one day Vacation Bible School event.

Open Comment

Meeting Adjournment – by Unanimous Consent

Closing: Mizpah Benediction ~ “May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other.”

Next Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2022 – Hybrid Meeting



Be-attitudes

Be understanding of your enemies.
Be loyal to your friends.
Be strong enough to face the world each day.
Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.
Be generous to those who need your help.
Be frugal with what you need for yourself.
Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.
Be open enough to believe in

Be open enough to believe in miracles
Be willing to share your joys
Be eager to share the sorrows of others.
Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.
Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.
Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.
Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.
Be loving to those who love you.
Be loving to those who don't love you; they may change.
Be yourself, above all.

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.

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 (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 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.)



What God is like

Before her death in 2019, Rachel Held Evans started writing a book with her young children in mind. The goal was to help them explore images for God, who is love. *What Is God Like?* (co-authored by Matthew Turner) acknowledges, "That's a very big question, one that people from places all around the world have wondered about since the beginning of time." The book highlights such biblical images for God as an eagle, a shepherd, a fort, wind, an artist, a "strong and safe" mother, and a "gentle and safe" father.

Just as Evans remained open to questions as a means to grow in faith, her book concludes: "Keep searching. Keep wondering. ... But whenever you aren't sure what God is like, think about what makes you feel safe ... brave ... loved. That's what God is like." What images for God come to your mind? Indeed, what is God like — for you?