

THE MUSTARD SEED



Sacred Memory...

Jesus said, “do this in remembrance of me.” Every time we gather for communion and break bread and share the cup, we prompt our sacred memory of Jesus and his life and ministry. In our celebration, we remember the things that Jesus taught us about practicing love and grace in the world. In this sacrament our sacred memory recalls the things that Jesus taught us and showed us about God and God’s kingdom. We remember that Christ’s body was broken, and Christ’s blood was shed for us. We remember that Christ will come again. We remember all of this and more.

We are called not only to remember Jesus and his lessons, but we are also prompted to remember the body of Christ, the Church both locally and globally. On the first Sunday of October this year, we will once again celebrate World Communion Sunday. This year I pray we will take time to ignite our memories. Take time to remember Jesus, but also take time to remember the body of Christ. Here at Salem, take time to remember your fellow parishioners. Remember and pray for them and their families. Globally, remember the Christians who celebrate and pray in multiple languages. Remember those Christians for whom it is more difficult to live their faith. Remember those who meet in secret in houses and basements because their faith is illegal in their country and yet they still proclaim Jesus.

Finally, recall and remember those who have occupied this table with us in the past. Remember those loved ones and friends who have joined the church triumphant and yet still celebrate with us.

Remember and give thanks for all of this and so much more, my fellow Christians.

Peace,

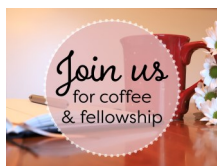
Pastor Matt



The Christian Education Committee continues to try to meet the needs of all age groups. In the fall, we will have Sunday School for Adults (every Sunday at 9:15), special activities for the youth, and Sunday School for the Pre-K through elementary children (below noted Sundays during the worship hour). We are going to try to institute a new dimension to the children's Sunday School time. We are going to be asking for help from the youth to assist the teacher during this time. So there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for both teachers and youth assistants. We will only need one youth for each week. The following are the Sundays that we have chosen for Children's Sunday School:

October 13 October 27
November 10 November 24

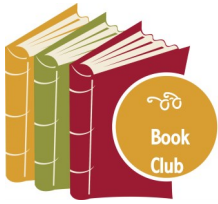
Pam McNamara is going to be doing various activities with the youth and families, and there will be more information regarding this as it becomes available.



Start your day off right with our Sunday Sip & Chat to be held before church every Sunday beginning at 10:00 am in the narthex! Please join us for a time of fellowship, a warm drink and a light snack! Hope to see you there! Interested in hosting? Please visit the sign-up posted on the bell tower bulletin board! Please see any previous host with any questions .



Salem's annual hayride and campfire at Risser-Marvel will be Saturday, October 19th at 5:30pm. Hot dogs, marshmallows, and apple cider are provided. Feel free to bring additional snacks. The cost is \$8/person and *ages 3 and under are free.* Payment is due by October 13th to Pam McNamara. Please note that is a change this year. All are welcome! Contact Pam with RSVP, payment, and questions: pammcnamara96@gmail.com or 717-304-7394.



The Book Club will meet **Monday, October 28 at 7 p.m.** to discuss “James” by Percival Everett. The November book is “Under Lock and Skeleton Key” by Gigi Pandian and will meet on Monday, November 25.. Any questions, please contact Carin Kaag. Her e-mail is cas207@yahoo.com.



In the Mailbag!

United Church of Christ Homes would like to thank you for your September 5 gift of \$310 which was placed in their Benevolent Fund.



Friends Helping Friends Day Shopping Passes are available for a \$5 donation to the Women’s Guild. The pass is for 25% off regular and sale priced items (with exclusions listed on the pass) on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at any Boscov’s Department Store. See Shirley Beck before or after worship to get your pass or you may contact her at becksl35@gmail.com. The \$5 donation all goes to the Women’s Guild and their Christmas Stocking program for local nursing homes.



The **Women’s Fellowship** is planning a trip to Hershey Area Playhouse to see “**Blithe Spirit** on **November 17th at 2:00 p.m.** We have reserved 12 tickets. The cost will be \$26.00 if we have 12 or more signed up to come and \$28.00 if less than 12 people sign up. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Bell Tower. **Payment is due by October 27th.** We will carpool from the church parking lot. Any questions see Shirley Beck or call 717-574-8555.

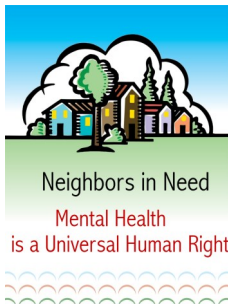


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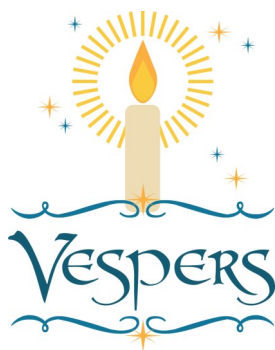
Christmas Caroling to shut-ins- Sunday, 12/8 & Monday 12/9- 2 pm



Birthday & Thinking of You cards and a Shut-In Address List is available in the Narthex. Feel free to take & send a birthday card with your personal note. The Membership Committee will continue to coordinate sending birthday and Christmas cards signed by church attendees, as well. Thank you for supporting our shut-in community!



Sunday, October 6th we will be collecting the 2024 Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering. This year’s Neighbors In Need theme “Mental Health Justice for All: Mental Health is a Universal Human Right” highlights our God given right to mental health. Everyone is created in God’s image, and everybody should receive quality mental health care.



The Moravian University (which is now part of Lancaster Theological Seminary), has extended an invitation to attend Christmas Vespers this year. Christmas Vespers is a wonderful opportunity for the campus community to share in the beautiful candlelight ceremony distinctive of the Moravian tradition over six evenings in December. Music by students combines with the beauty of the Liturgy for the service for the Moravian Community. The Dates and times are: **Friday, December 6, Friday, December 13, Saturday December 7, Saturday, December 14 all start at 8 p.m. Sunday, December 8 & Sunday, December 15 at 5 p.m.**

CONGREGATION'S BUDGET UPDATE:



	General Fund
January to August 2024	Yr. to Date
Actual Receipts	\$116,792
Actual Expenditures	\$111,187
Pro Rata Budgeted Expenditures	\$148,336

The General Fund provides the basic support of our ministry, benevolences, program, staff and building. Receipts are the best year to date since 2021. We have expenses for major repairs to the building and grounds. Spending is Within the prorated budget. We have a surplus of \$5,600 for the year to date. Expense relief has been realized since we have not paid compensation for a full-time minister since April. With the compensation that is expected to be paid for Pastor Matt, we have forecasted an \$11,000 deficit for the year. The original 2024 budget foresaw a \$20,000 deficit. Thank you for your prayerful stewardship.



Parable of the pufflings

As summer ends on a remote island off Iceland, parent puffins — black and white seabirds with rainbow beaks — stop bringing fish to their chicks. These “pufflings,” whose first few weeks were lived in burrows in cliffs, now must launch into a wind current to glide out over the sea and find their own food. Some babies, however, mistake a lit-up house or gas station for moonlight on the water and, as locals say, “fall out of the sky.” Because pufflings can’t yet take off from land and fly, if left alone they starve.

So for generations, during “puffling season” people on this island have stayed up late to rescue baby birds. On his *Animal* podcast, reporter Sam Anderson tells how, with an islander’s help, he picks up a puffling one night, placing it in a box for morning release over the ocean. As the frightened, confused bird squeals and scratches to get free, Anderson supposes it thinks this is the worst night of its life. In fact, it is the best: It’s being saved.

We humans often get confused, pulled in wrong directions. We’re misled and land in trouble from which we cannot save ourselves. Scared and confused, we believe we’re irredeemably trapped in the worst of circumstances. We can’t perceive that, even now, we are being protected and rescued, that God is working to give back to us the fullness of life we cannot attain for ourselves.

Hang on, beloved one. Though you can’t sense it at this moment, you are held in God’s care, soon to be lifted on the wind of the Holy Spirit, who will carry you into better days.—Heidi Hyland Mann



Trinity United Church of Christ,
40 W. Pine Street, Palmyra
is looking for

**CRAFT VENDORS
FOR OUR
ANNUAL
HOLIDAY BAZAAR
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024**



Contact Penny Daugherty via
phone or text (570) 579-6687
daugherty.penny@yahoo.com



Annual
Holiday Bazaar
Friday, November 1, 2024
9am-7pm

- Food
- Crafts
- Bake Sale
- Granny's Attic

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(717) 838-3412

Londonderry Village's Fall and Christmas Bazaar

October 26, 2024 8am to 1pm in the DiMatteo Worship Center



LV Boutique will be open 9 to 4

- Featuring:**
- Sandy's Antiques
 - Olive Art Press
 - Wood Shop Creations
 - P & H Treasure Bay
 - Raffle Baskets
 - Rebecca's Crochet & Knit Items
 - Textiles by LV Women
 - Boutique Items
 - Sandy's Felt Crafts
 - Christmas CD's
 - Christmas Books
 - White Elephant Table
 - Baked Goods Table
 - Arlene's Jewelry & Fashions
 - Just a Little Bling
 - Peggy & Wanda's Crafts
 - Hitz Ceramics

Cookies by the pound



Christmas Shop



Apple Dumplings

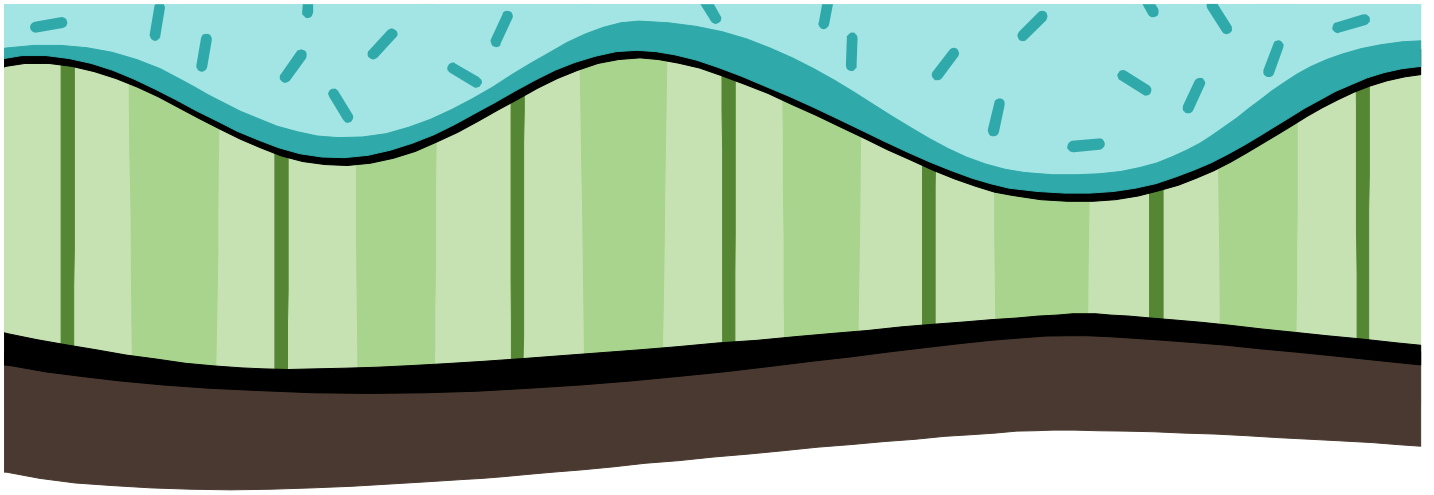


Food Stand

Hot Dogs, BBQ, Soup

Nuts

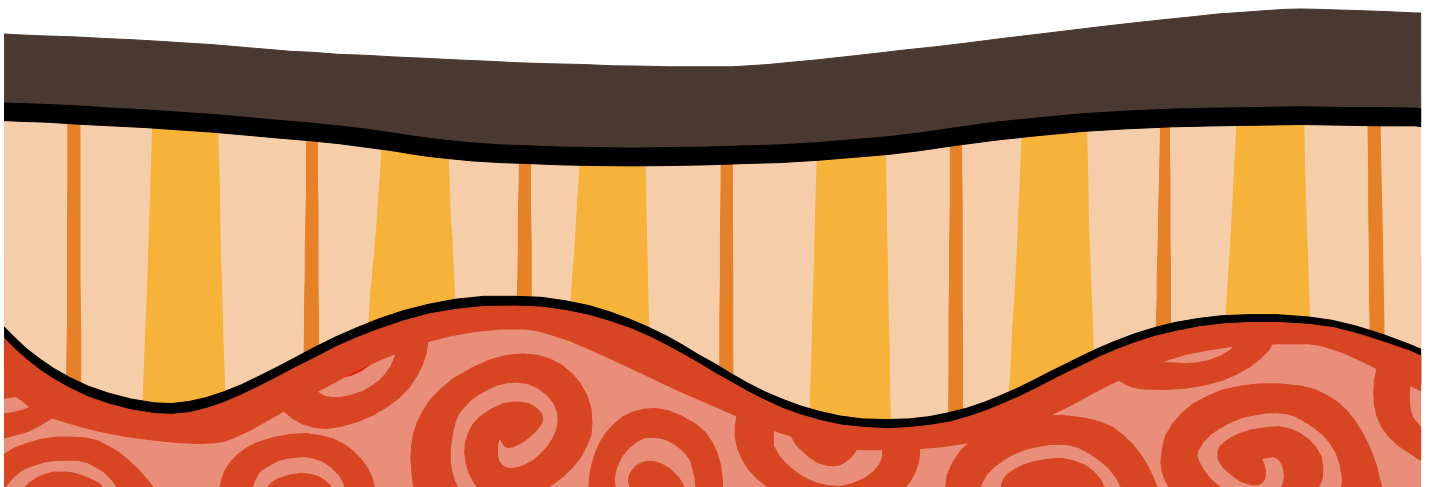




Restore, Revive, Renew

How can we create energy and opportunities
in our local churches?

Be part of the discussion at our
Lebanon Association Fall Annual Meeting
Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ
1588 Mt. Zion Road, Lebanon
Please join us!





Wednesday	Oct. 2	Profile Community 5:30 p.m. Library Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 6	World Communion Sunday Family Worship with Communion 10:30 a.m. Choir Sings
Wednesday	Oct. 9	Chime Rehearsal 7 p.m.
Sunday	Oct. 13	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Chimes Play Sunday School after Assurance of Pardon
Monday	Oct. 14	Transition Team 7 p.m. Choir Room/Hybrid
Wednesday	Oct.16	Choir Rehearsal 7:15
Sunday	Oct. 20	Family Worship 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 22	Creation Care Meeting 7 p.m. Choir Room/Hybrid
Sunday	Oct. 27	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School after Assurance of Pardon
Tuesday	Oct. 29	PACC Annual Dinner 6 p.m. Palm Lutheran
Wednesday	Oct. 30	Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

All Worship Services will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

Common ground



“Christianity was never intended to be a solo walk with God,” says pastor Jeremy Basset. “A conversion to Christianity is also incorporation in the body of Christ, the church.”

That’s a fitting reminder as we observe World Communion Sunday in October. Christians don’t take Holy Communion alone; the very name of this sacrament refers to unity with God and others. We don’t baptize ourselves. We don’t learn Scripture or Christian theology and history alone. We can’t have Christian fellowship by ourselves.



WORSHIP SCRIPTURES

October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 13, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 11: 1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 20, 2024

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

Psalm 104:1-9,24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10: 35-45

October 27, 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Job 41:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

November 3, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

November 10, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1-5,4:13-17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Psalm 16

Hebrews 5:10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 24, 2024

Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 93

Revelations 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37



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October BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Zachary Ott
- 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 Stephen 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 Broaddus
- 27 Patricia Young
- 30 Jeffrey Albright
- 31 Sheila Gingrich

NOVEMBER Birthdays

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



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!



Humble Beginnings

True Christian religion does not begin at the highest as all other religions do, but at the lowest. Therefore whenever you are concerned to think and act about your salvation, you must put away all speculations about the Majesty, all thoughts of works, traditions and philosophy — indeed, of the Law of God itself.

And you must run directly to the manger and the mother's womb, embrace this Infant and Virgin's Child in your arms, and look at Him — born, being nursed, growing up, going about in human society, teaching, dying, rising again, ascending above all the heavens, and having authority over all things.

—Martin Luther, *Commentary on Galatians*