

# THE MUSTARD SEED



Dear Salem UCC church community,

Words can't fully express my gratitude for the many cards with wonderful notes and gifts included with them that I received on the last Sunday before the sabbatical began. Once again, you've touched my heart and the hearts of Kelly and Matthew with your support, encouragement and generosity. Throughout my sabbatical, I will keep you all in my prayers and I ask that you do the same for me and my family. As someone said in their card, as I embark on this "blend of rest and discovery," you will be with me in spirit. I do not take this gift of time and the gifts you shared with me for granted. Thank you to the church Council, Garret Bear, Pat Young, Faith Bicksler and the whole church community who had a hand in coordinating the surprise you planned for me. I truly look forward to seeing you all the last week of October and pray for nothing but the greatest sense of God's peace and love to be with you all.

With deep thankfulness,  
Pastor Dwight



**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.



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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.



### SAVE THE DATE...for UCC HOMES DAY CONTRIBUTION DRIVE!

Since its founding in 1965, the six communities of UCC Homes have been providing a full continuum of residential living arrangements and care throughout South Central Pennsylvania. Among the most important sources of income for the UCC Homes to support unbudgeted resources (items and special programming that can enhance the lives of Residents) is the **Annual Contribution Drive**. On **September 11th**, Salem will have a Mission Moment that upholds the ministry of the UCC Homes followed by a collection on **September 18th**. If you have a desire to help others and the ability to make a financial gift that specifically benefits the residents of The Lebanon Valley Home and Kindred Place at Annville, we invite you to **make a check payable to UCC Homes** and please indicate in the memo line that your check is intended as **contribution designated Leb/Salem UCC**. Checks can be collected on UCC Homes Day on September 18th or directly mailed to UCC Homes, Attn: Victoria Velez, 30 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Thank you.



**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, Sept. 26** They will meet in person! "Around the World in 80 Days" by Jules Verne is the book for September. The book for October is "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver. If you have any questions, please contact Carin Kaag her e-mail is [cas207@yahoo.com](mailto:cas207@yahoo.com).

**The Caring Cupboard** would like to thank you for your recent gift of \$116. Your support enables them to

provide individuals and families in our area with the nutritious food they need to thrive and for that they are truly grateful.

**The Pennsylvania Council of Churches** thanks you for your contribution of \$90. Your council partners appreciate the support of ministry and understand it as a sign of commitment to the ecumenical vision we hold for the church in Pennsylvania.



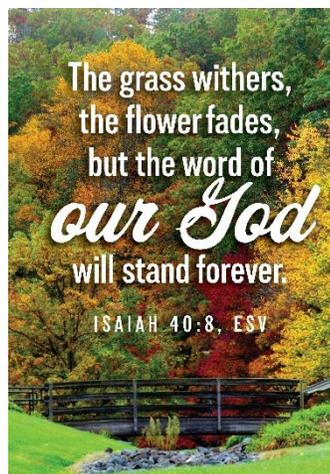
## Ever outward

Poet Rainer Maria Rilke said, “I live my life in widening circles that reach out across the world.” Indeed, we all do. As newborns, we focus only on ourselves. But as we grow, little by little we learn that the people and things around us are separate from us. Soon we can attend to others’ actions, needs and feelings. Like ripples from a stone dropped in water, our circles of care widen from family (biological or otherwise) to friends (playmates, classmates, colleagues), church family, community, country and finally even people across the globe.

The ministries of Jesus and his disciples also were widening circles: first “to the lost sheep of Israel” (Matthew 10:6; 15:24, NIV) but soon to “all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Early church leaders took the gospel message ever outward, as Jesus had directed them: first to Jerusalem, then Judea and Samaria, and finally even “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8, NIV).

As our faith matures, our impact spreads outward too. Some people move geographically farther from home, while others use prayer, communication and technology to widen their reach of spiritual, emotional and financial support. How exciting that God’s love encircles us all and that we can share it far and wide!

—Heidi Hyland Mann



**Salem UCC Council meeting  
May 9, 2022**

**Members present:** Louise Adams, Joan Alger, Garrett Bear, Shirley Beck, Beth Gingrich, Dwight Hein, Tara Jankouskas, Melissa Kreider, Tom Peiffer, Lisa Smith, Kristin Vines

**Members absent:** Carin Kaag, Talie Kaag, Pat Steely

The hybrid meeting began at 7:04 pm.

The meeting was opened with devotions led by Garrett Bear.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's report (Council Minutes) from March 14, 2022 was read and accepted by unanimous consent.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report through April 30, 2022 was read and accepted by unanimous consent.

**Pastor's Report:** See attached.

\*Pastor Care Concerns – A memorial service for June Grimes was held in the church sanctuary on Saturday, December 18. The private internment for family only was held Monday, December 20 at the National Cemetery at Fort Indiantown Gap. Advent/Christmas home communions were done as much as possible, with a couple that need to be rescheduled because of illnesses. Mary Risser was overjoyed at the Women's Guild/Church Women United Christmas stocking of health/hygiene items she received.

\*Recent Worship Services – The Fourth Sunday in Advent service became a music and poetry service. It was received very warmly. Christmas Eve service was the lowest in person attendance in years because of concerns about the Covid surge. Dec 26 service was recorded ahead of time and uploaded to Facebook for access by 10:15 a.m. Because of staff and choir issues related to Covid, the January 2 and 9 services were held online. Thank you to Melissa Kreider who partnered with me for the Advent wreath candle lighting liturgies.

\*Upcoming Notable Worship Dates – Ash Wednesday, March 2; First Sunday in Lent, March 6; UCC Women's Sunday could be March 6 or 13; One Great Hour of Sharing, March 27.

\*Wider Church Activities –

-- I have begun my term as PACC president on January 1. First general meeting will be Tues. January 18 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

-- PCC Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, January 16 from 9 a.m. to Noon

-- UCC Homes Board of Directors will meet on Thurs. January 27 at 6 p.m.

**Old business:**

- Salem Safety during the pandemic
  - Discussion was had based on the current CDC guideline risk category for Lebanon remaining low, to reinstate allowing fellowship and food without restriction. The majority present felt that we should return to having fellowship opportunities as a positive and welcome change for the congregation. Since this restriction was never incorporated into a motion, no motion was needed for this update.

**New business:**

- Nothing presented

**Committee Reports with Liaison – See separate document for Committee Reports**

**Building & Grounds:** Bear – Met March 21. Discussed getting estimates for a possible HVAC upgrade to add air scrubbers to our AC ventilation units, first estimate received at \$700-800 per unit. Drain issues are being evaluated by Ron with the help of contractor, Bob Koch. Estimates are being gathered for seal coating/crack filling/line striping of the auxiliary parking lot and the cross walk on Hinkle Rd. Cemetery

driveway stone is needed. Parking lot right of way for the Gemistry property was taken care of for potential new owners.

**Christian Education:** *Smith*- No activity, will meet on Monday May 16.

**Fellowship:** *Alger* - See report.

**Finance and Stewardship:** *Peiffer, Gingrich* – The 2023 offering envelopes are being ordered with a new design that includes a mailing address for easier return.

**Membership:** *Jankouskas* – See report. Also noted that we are seeing visitors attending, some regularly that Dwight is following up with.

**Mission:** *C. Kaag, Steely, Vines* – Lebanon Rescue Mission meal was held. Mission Central trip is coming up on May 21. Health kit collection is underway. An outing to Wittle Farm is being planned for July. Working on the CWS blanket drive initiative with a new process utilizing an online web page.

**John H. and Mary E. Moyer Fund:** *Bear, Beck* - Met April 30. The 5 Acts of Kindness had 11 participants with \$550 in donations made to 8 charities. A \$100 donation will be made to the Palmyra Great Give event. As part of the MLK book donation impacting three local school districts, 50 books were purchased. Funds up to \$250 were approved for the purchase of a new projector screen for the church. Next meeting September 24.

**PACC/Interfaith Manor:** *Peiffer/C. Kaag* – Discussed the Open sanctuary program; low Phoenix Center attendance and tutoring options; additional staffing for COBYS Counseling Center.

**Pastoral Relations:** *Adams* – No activity

**Women’s Fellowship:** *Beck* – No activity but with positive discussions surrounding fellowship a meeting will be scheduled.

**Worship and Music:** *Alger, Kreider* – See report.

**Youth Fellowship:** *T. Kaag* – Youth helped with the Easter egg hunt and Holy Humor Sunday. Worked on Batik paintings for Earth Day. A mini-golf outing is being planned for May 22.

*[Open comments] – no notes taken during this time*

Motion to adjourn made by unanimous consent.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

**Next Meeting: Monday July 11, 2022 at 7 pm, hybrid meeting.**



Sunday	Sept. 4	Family Worship 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 6	Missions Committee 7 p.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 7	Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Sunday	Sept. 11	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Choir Sings Sunday School after Children’s Time
Monday	Sept. 12	Council Meeting 7 p.m. Hybrid
Wednesday	Sept. 14	Chime Rehearsal 7 p.m.
Thursday	Sept. 15	Palmyra Great Give All Day Online
Sunday	Sept. 18	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Choir Sings
Wednesday	Sept. 21	Membership Committee 7 p.m. on Zoom Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.
Saturday	Sept. 24	Moyer Fund 9 a.m.
Sunday	Sept. 25	Family Worship 10:30 a.m. Chimes Play
Monday	Sept. 26	Book Club 7 p.m.



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



### **Ways to walk**

If you think walking is boring or repetitive, read *52 Ways to Walk*. Author Annabel Streets shares dozens of variations on this healthy pastime. From walking in the cold or at altitude to walking along a river or barefoot (or even backward!), each technique offers different benefits and new perspectives. Other ideas include a sensory walk, a silent walk, a foraging walk and singing while strolling. As Christians know, walking can be a great time to connect with God in prayer too.

Scripture speaks often about our spiritual walk: We are to walk “faithfully” with God (Genesis 5:24, NIV), walk “in all his ways” (Joshua 22:5, NRSV), walk “humbly” with God (Micah 6:8), walk “while you have the light” (John 12:35), walk while praising God (Acts 3:8), walk “by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7), walk “by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:16) and walk “in the same way” as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6, NRSV).

As we walk — even through dark valleys — we’re never alone. God promises, “I will walk among you and be your God” (Leviticus 26:12, NIV).—Stephanie Martin

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| 2  | David Kaag          | 1  | Zachary Ott        |
| 2  | Fran Shepler        | 2  | Josephine Bucher   |
| 7  | Pat Steely          | 2  | Jan Peiffer        |
| 8  | Bill Long           | 3  | Samantha Beahm     |
| 9  | Madelyn Miller      | 5  | Donald M. Umberger |
| 15 | Aaron Albright      | 6  | Emma McNamara      |
| 15 | Shirley Burkholder  | 9  | Audrey Woomer      |
| 16 | Jennifer Bear       | 10 | Blair Kerr         |
| 16 | Andrea Cooper       | 10 | Chad Shenk         |
| 19 | Stephanie Borremans | 11 | Stephen Hitz       |
| 19 | Lisa Burnett        | 11 | Kristin Vines      |
| 19 | Judy Miller         | 12 | Brendan Monahan    |
| 23 | Blaine Kerr         | 14 | Mary Risser        |
| 24 | Corey Bear          | 15 | Elizabeth Gingrich |
| 24 | John Burnett        | 17 | Zach Kindt         |
| 27 | Gloria Garrett      | 19 | Aaron Steely       |
| 30 | Brandon Risser      | 20 | Tessa Flanagan     |
|    |                     | 20 | Kevin Monahan      |
|    |                     | 21 | Myka Lechleitner   |
|    |                     | 22 | Timothy Kreider    |
|    |                     | 23 | Thomas Peiffer     |

WITH ALL WISDOM AND  
UNDERSTANDING,  
HE MADE KNOWN TO US  
**THE MYSTERY**  
**OF HIS WILL**

A living EPHESIANS 1:8-9, NIV



24	Dave Bushnell
26	Audrey Miller
27	Tiffany Broaddus
27	Patricia Young
30	Jeffrey Albright
31	Sheila Gingrich

In *Walking on Water*, Madeleine L'Engle quotes Emmanuel Suhard, a French cardinal in the Catholic Church during the 1940s: "To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist."

What would it look like in your life to be "a living mystery" — to live in a way that wouldn't make sense if not for God's existence? What risks might you take for the sake of wholeness and justice in the world? To what lengths might you go to serve a neighbor? What fears might no longer fill your heart and rule your mind? Will you see Jesus in people who are poor, be surprised to find him revealed amid suffering? What "fruits" might you allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate in you — generosity, patience, self-control? What grace will you show to others because you have experienced God's love so powerfully? All of which makes sense only because God exists!



## WORSHIP SCRIPTURES

### August 7

#### Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1,10-20

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Luke 12:32-40

### August 14

#### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80: 1-2,8-19

Hebrews 11:20-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

### August 21

#### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

### August 28

#### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Jerimiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

Luke 14:1,7-14

### September 4

#### Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14:25-33

### September 11

#### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-13

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

### September 18

#### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalm 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

### September 25

#### Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

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## 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 (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.)



### It Only Takes A Spark

Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

-William Arthur Ward