



# SALEM NEWS

Issue for May & June 2018

Salem UCC of Rohrerstown

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## Pastors' Ponderings Goodbye... and Hello

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank all of you for the many ways you allowed me to be your pastor. As the years go by I will look back fondly on our time together; I trust the same will be true for you.

In eleven years I've watched children grow up. I've baptized, performed marriages, performed too many funerals. I've visited hospitals and shut-ins. Together, we realized a few dreams, lived through a few trials, and persevered.

While I am leaving you, there is one who remains constant: Jesus Christ. Jesus has been here from the beginning, and will be with you for the rest of time. If, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you allow Jesus to guide you, Salem UCC will always have a mission. It may not look like the church we have today. There may be difficult decisions which need to be made. But a passion for Jesus Christ will see you through all your future trials. This passion guided the earlier congregations of Salem, a passion which allowed them to navigate their own trials. They managed and flourished; so can we.

I hope you have a wonderful future. I hope that under new pastoral leadership you find a way to connect with the neighborhood and invite more people to join you Sunday morning. Finally, I share with you this blessing, called "The Mizpah Blessing": *"The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other."*

With Much Affection,

Pastor Verne

Well folks, the time has arrived when you(we) must all say goodbye to your(our) pastor *Laverne DiNino*. In doing so I have been asked by the council to serve as your **"Bridge Pastor"**. What is a **Bridge Pastor** you may be asking? So, I looked up what others say about this term.

*Where a church has no pastor for any number of reasons, we consider prayerfully the church's request to supply a **Bridge Pastor** to give daily hands-on direction to the effectiveness and/or reconciliation and healing processes.*

**Duties of a Bridge Pastor may include:**

- Preaching weekly in the church and/or during specially scheduled sessions with a message of encouragement, forgiveness and hope.
- Joining the church staff temporarily to provide daily/weekly direction, leadership training, help with organizational skills and tips on effectively working with volunteers.
- Advising the elders, deacons or whoever is working to replace the lead pastor with an Interim Pastor.
- Providing Pastoral Care for church members such as hospital visits, emergency counseling.
- Conducting weddings, funerals, baptisms and other pastoral duties as needed.

Being a member at Salem UCC and then being asked to step in as a Bridge Pastor is a challenge. Why, because I'm called to serve in a different role as your pastor, to provide guidance and direction along with that possibility of discipline and order as we as a congregation move forward.

I'm also called to help guide you in your faith journeys which are always different but wonderful life adventures. So, we are to begin our faith journey together.

After the first week or two my hope is to settle in with regular times of being in the office if you desire to meet, talk or have a cup of coffee. I'm looking forward to being with you in a different role during the next 2-3 months as your pastor.

Blessings to all of you.

Pastor Haan

# CHURCH INFORMATION

## **Mission Statement**

As Salem United Church of Christ of Rohrerstown, we celebrate our unique gifts as a part of the Body of Jesus Christ and: We strive to model the ways of Christ through our worship and prayer life, our practice of discipleship, and our life of fellowship.

We commit our energies to live as servants and extend Christian hospitality and mission to our local and world community. Building upon the historical and contemporary, we come together to shape the lives of faith for tomorrow.

## **Church Service**

Worship is at 10:00 am with Nursery Care and Children's Sunday School. Adult Sunday School is held in the Library from 9:00 - 9:45 am. Coffee hour precedes worship from 9:30 - 10 am.

## **Office Hours**

The church office is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. The office is closed on Friday.

## **Church Staff**

Rev. Haan Phelps – Bridge Pastor

Kathy Hohenadel – Administrative Assistant

Jim Zeigler – Director of Music & Choir Director

Mike Shober – Organist

Ron Materness – Custodian

## **Pastoral Emergencies**

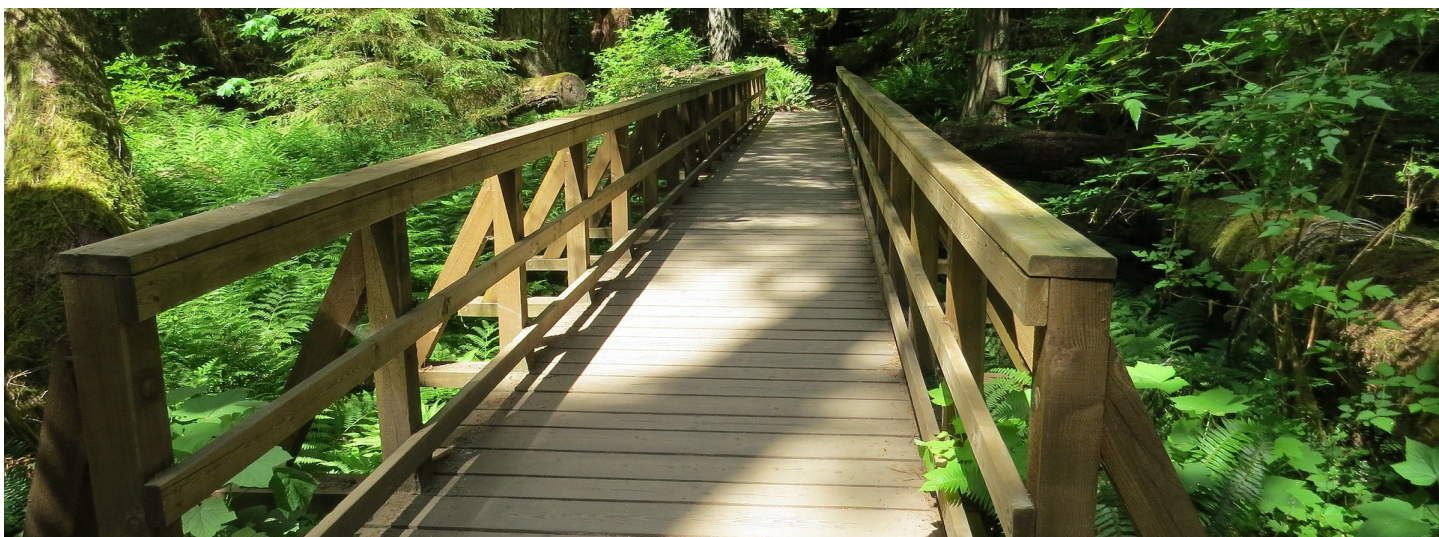
Please contact Pastor Haan Phelps at one of the following numbers:  
(717) 397-0141 [Church Office] or (717) 572-4376 [mobile].

## **Please tell us...**

If you or a member you care about is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in need of pastoral care, please notify the office. The Rev. Phelps will be happy to respond to a need if he knows about it! Please see above for information on how to contact Pastor Haan if the need arises.

## **Tape Ministry**

Sunday Worship services are recorded. Tapes are available through the Church Office. Do you know someone looking for a church home? This is a wonderful way to share Salem Church with them.



## Where Do We Go Next?

Now that Pastor Verne has officially retired from Salem UCC, you may have questions about where we go next. Like a bridge that leads to new destination, the next few months will take us in a new direction. Here are some important points presented in a question and answer format.

Q: I became close friends with Pastor Verne when she was here. Am I allowed to keep in touch with her?

A: ***Sadly, no. We know that it may be tempting to contact Pastor Verne, but it will be too difficult to separate personal contact from church business. Even on a social basis, contact is discouraged.***

Q: May we contact Pastor Verne to officiate at a wedding, funeral, or baptism?

A: ***That one is a resounding "No!" Pastor Verne would only be involved if she is invited by the current pastor. This generally occurs only when the pastoral duty involved concludes a service already in progress before retirement. An example would be assisting at a wedding if the pre-marital counseling happened at the end of her tenure with Salem UCC.***

Q: Who will provide pastoral services now?

A: ***Rev. Haan Phelps has been engaged by Council to serve as the bridge pastor.***

Q: What are the next steps in filling the pulpit?

A: ***Rev. Phelps will be with us on a short term basis. During that time, Penn Central Conference will compile a list of potential interim pastors. That selection will be the responsibility of Council. Once an interim pastor is in place, Council will appoint a Profile Committee. This group will create a profile of the church facility and the church family, effectively creating the marketing documents that will catch the eye of prospective ministers. As this committee nears the end of its task, Council will appoint a Search Committee.***

You may have other questions about what the pastoral vacancy means to Salem UCC and how the position will be filled. Please be assured that Rev. Phelps, Jay, and the Council are committed to open communication and to continuing all current activities and initiatives within our cohesive Salem Faith Community during this transition of leadership. Please do not hesitate to voice your questions, concerns and/or suggestions to Rev. Phelps or Jay Stover, Council president.



# WORSHIP IN APRIL & MAY

*"Sunday worship, every Sunday, is a celebration of God's story."*

## Easter Season Worship Theme: "A Place to Call Home"

*"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." ~John 14:2*

The scriptures of the Easter Season speak time and again of the family of God, of loving one another as brothers and sisters, children of God. On Easter, a messenger tells the disciples to meet the risen Jesus back at Galilee, the place they began together and the place where they lived and worked together during his ministry. So during these weeks through May 20, Pentecost Sunday, we will consider what it means to have "a place to call home" in our spiritual lives.

### April 8, 2018 - All Are Welcome

*"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" ~ Psalm 133*

Even when we yearn for community, it can be difficult. Sometimes even (and especially) the church gets caught up in fear and starts to lock the doors. But Jesus won't have it. He shows up in the midst of the disciples who've locked themselves in a room, and points them and us toward true community where none is better than another, and none are excluded from the presence and love of the risen Christ.

### April 15, 2018 - You're Family

*"While they were talking... Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you'... And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet." ~ Luke 24: 36b, 40*

To feel "at home" is to know a place and a family where it is safe to be vulnerable. In another of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to the disciples, he shows them the wounds on his hands and feet. This Sunday we look at what it means to create safe space for bringing all of who we are – wounds and all. For as we are loved by our Creator and Parent, so should we love each other as children of God—sisters and brothers—offering healing community where we may journey together as family toward wholeness.

### April 22, 2018 - A Place at the Table

*"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want... Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff -- they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."*

*~ Psalm 23:1, 4-5*

Today we focus on "preparing a table" as part of our call as community. Jesus crossed many divides ("in the presence of my enemies") by bringing folks to common tables. This love that crosses divides is what is meant by "radical hospitality." How will we create true "home" in the ways that we help one another, regardless of perceived divisions?

## **April 29, 2018 - Always Room for One More**

*"As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'... He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him."*

~ Acts 8: 36-38

The story of Philip and the eunuch (in some ways, an "outsider") expresses the inclusive love of God for all. All are invited to come home to God because love is simply part of our nature, and love is of God.

## **May 6, 2018 - Residing in Love**

*"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." ~ John 15: 9-10*

When we make our home within Christian community, we invest in belonging – being in a particular place with a particular people – having a spiritual home. This does not require us to all have the same perspectives. It only asks of us to be present to each other with love.

## **May 13 - Always Blessing, Always Blessed**

*"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers."*

~ Ephesians 1:15-16

Ascension Sunday calls to mind the moment at which Jesus ascends into heaven after having been with the disciples for a while after his resurrection. Another parting—yet this time the scene is not an agonizing death on a cross, rather it is filled with wonder. Each time we gather to worship and bless God, "remembering all in our prayers," we too are continually at home in the promise of Jesus Christ's presence among us.

## **May 20, 2018 - What's Mine is Yours**

*"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them." ~ Acts 2:1-2*

Pentecost comes with the rush of the spirit in wind and fire. As Jesus foretold, the Spirit is shared by all gathered together in spite of their differences of language and culture. The Spirit makes its home in and through all people.

***Please get into the "Spirit" by  
wearing red on Pentecost  
Sunday, May 20.***



## May 27, 2018 - Mysterious Encounter

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'" ~ Isaiah 6:8*

On Trinity Sunday we remember with solemnity and praise the foundation in which we live and worship throughout the year. Trinity Sunday is the Sunday after Pentecost. We are invited to encounter God as Three in One. The use of the Triune formula connects the church today with the historic church, born in the struggle of Christians throughout generations to express their beliefs about God in God's Very Being. The language ties together the churches of this generation in our ecumenical life, especially in the Sacrament of Baptism. The traditional language for the Trinity is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For many, however, the traditional language is a hindrance to the intimacy of their relationship with God. They note in particular that the tradition incorporates only male language for God, and seek to incorporate other images which point to broader understandings of the substance and characteristics of the Holy Mystery which is our Triune God. "Giver, Gift, and Holy Spirit"; "Maker, Lover, Keeper"; "Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God, Mother of All"; are some other Trinitarian images drawn from prayerful, scriptural reflection.

Our Scriptures today remind us to remain confident in God's love and to be confident that, for those who seek to live by the truth, we are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ. Certainly, as with the church of all ages, we express our faith in the Divine, recognizing its Mystery with the awareness that words are not sufficient.

*We're Moving!!*



*Don't panic...we aren't moving far.*

*Join us in Fellowship Hall  
for summer worship  
services beginning  
Sunday, May 27, 2018.*

# CHURCH PROGRAMS

## ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE!

Our Chicken BBQ is right around the corner! **We would like THANK YOU for the generous contributions of over \$2,700 in monetary and supply donations!** These contributions cover nearly 100% of all of the expenses of the event and will significantly impact the financial success of the event! **Through Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be selling tickets and collecting donations of individual applesauce cups** (not

brand or flavor specific). Applesauce donations can be placed in the Chicken BBQ Donation box in the hallway. See Laurie Sinopoli to buy your Dinner tickets for \$10 (includes a half-chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll/butter, dessert, and a drink) or Half-Chicken only ticket for \$6. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>!



### Chicken Barbecue

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 am until sold out

**At Salem UCC of Rohrerstown**

2312 Marietta Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17603

**Full Dinners: \$10.00**

Includes a half chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll/butter, dessert & drink

**Half Chicken only: \$6.00**

*For more information  
Call (717) 397-0141*

*Profits will be used for various church and benevolence projects.*

## BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your participation in previous blood drives. Your donations helped to fill a critical need. The date for the Spring blood drive at Salem UCC has been announced. Donations will be drawn on **Saturday, May 19, 2018**, in Fellowship Hall, **from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Please contact Laura Chehi to sign up to donate or to assist as may be needed.



**AMERICAN  
RED CROSS  
BLOOD DRIVE**



## VBS 2018

Join the fun at this year's Vacation Bible School when we embark on a "Rainforest Adventure." VBS is scheduled to run Sunday, June 24, to Thursday, June 28, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Rader Park behind Church of the Apostles. Anyone wishing to help as a group leader or to assist at a station (story, craft, food, games, and music) should contact Jay Stover in person or by calling 717-285-2914. Watch the Sunday bulletin in upcoming weeks for more information.



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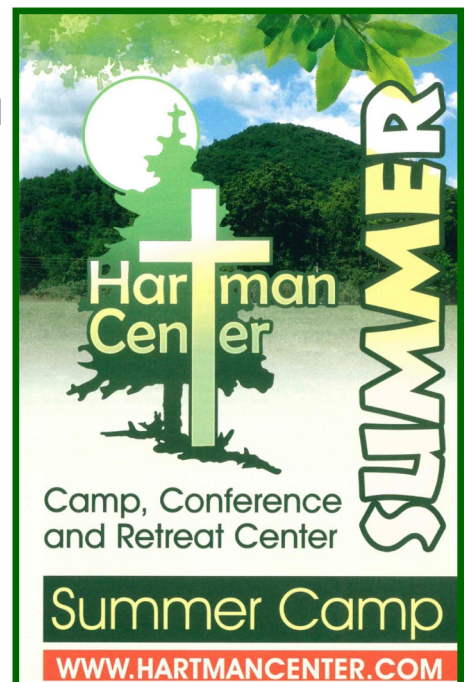
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## Hartman Center Summer Camping Program

Hartman Center is the Outdoor Ministries facility owned by the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ since 1964. Nestled into the northern edge of the Kishacoquillas Valley near the Seven Valleys region of Central Pennsylvania, the center includes 192 acres of woods, waterways, trails, and meadows with easy access to nearby stream, state parks, and forests.

A wide range of themed weeks have been scheduled with programming for *ALL* ages. Two popular camps, Water World and Extreme Camp, are back and have been expanded to appeal to additional age groups. Look for a camping week that will revolve around the arts. Camp is not just for youth; family and grandparent camps and an intergenerational camp may be found on the roster. Also look for the Body, Mind, and Spirit camp for men and women who want to get away and get in touch with God.

Brochures and application forms are available through the church office. Additional information and online registration may be found at [www.hartmancenter.com](http://www.hartmancenter.com).





# BIRTHDAYS

## May Birthdays

5/03.....Isaac Buohl  
 5/03.....Alyssa Gerhart  
 5/03.....Aria Squires  
 5/04.....Jack Sherts  
 5/06.....James Rockwell  
 5/09.....Marilyn Davidson  
 5/09.....Jennifer Heaps  
 5/10.....Emma Willis  
 5/14.....Gary Stauffer  
 5/18.....Jennifer Gabryluk  
 5/19.....Kylie Swanger  
 5/19.....Timothy Walters  
 5/22.....Shelby Haverstick  
 5/23.....Jennifer Goldbach  
 5/24.....Kurt Chillas  
 5/24.....Cooper Paup  
 5/25.....Jon Ken Doman  
 5/25.....Kaden Stetler  
 5/27.....Betty Reidenbaugh  
 5/29.....Joseph Gabryluk III  
 5/29.....Karl Schoener Sr  
 5/30.....Adam Martzall  
 5/31.....Charlotte Whiting

## June Birthdays

6/03.....Paula Buohl  
 6/04.....Christine Gerhart  
 6/04.....Kerry Kline  
 6/05.....Stephanie Chillas  
 6/06.....Alexandra Carpenter  
 6/12.....Harvey Fenstermacher  
 6/12.....Rachel Melnick  
 6/16.....Cory Heaps  
 6/16.....Ashlee Martzall  
 6/17.....Logan Adams  
 6/17.....Jordan Wanner  
 6/19.....Susan Carpenter  
 6/19.....Elizabeth DiMarzio  
 6/21.....Linda Hess  
 6/21.....Cheryl Hinkle  
 6/21.....William Schantzenbach  
 6/22.....Martha Sheetz  
 6/26.....Kayleigh Lineberry  
 6/27.....Kelly Kline  
 6/28.....Timothy Breneisen  
 6/30.....Nathaniel Adams  
 6/30.....Janet Dotterer  
 6/30.....Elizabeth Johns



## REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

### **Dorothy Brubaker**

Woodcrest Villa B322  
 2001 Harrisburg Pike  
 Lancaster PA 17601

(717) 735-2553  
 Birthday: February 14

### **Verna Kauffman**

99 Bethany Road, PC 117  
 Ephrata PA 17522

(717) 738-7417  
 Birthday: July 19

### **Harriet Naugle**

Oakleaf Manor North, Room C19  
 2901 Harrisburg Pike  
 Landisville PA 17538

(717) 898-2126  
 Birthday: September 18

### **Arlene Robertson**

Health Care Center  
 Freemason Drive #2548  
 Elizabethtown PA 17022

(717) 287-2412  
 Birthday: December 1

### **Doris Starr**

1520 Harrisburg Pike  
 Lancaster PA 17601

(717) 735-2508  
 Birthday: April 10

A CALL, A CARD, OR EVEN  
 A VISIT WOULD SURELY  
 BRIGHTEN THEIR DAYS.  
 CAN YOU FIND TIME FOR  
 THIS CONGREGATIONAL  
 CARE OUTREACH?

# 2018 DIRECTORY CHANGES

Here are a few additional changes to the 2018 church directory. Please correct your copy as listed below.

**Phelps, Haan** ..... Please change Haan's email address to the following:  
haan.phelps@gmail.com

**Phelps, Sue** ..... Please change Sue's email address to the following:  
sphelps436@gmail.com

Don't have a copy of the 2018 directory? Pick one up in the church narthex or contact the church office. And please remember, if your contact information changes in any way (address, phone number, email, etc.) please notify the office.

## NEW MEMBERS!!



On March 18, 2018, the Salem UCC church family welcomed Rev. Jeffrey Hamilton and Robin Cain to our family of faith. Jeff is an ordained UCC pastor and avid dulcimer player! He is owner and director of Lancaster Pastoral Counseling and Education. His wife, Robin Cain, is a counselor at Bethany Counseling services. They joined Salem by letter of transfer from Grace UCC (Eden).

*Robin and Jeff with their daughter, Erin.*

The Palm Sunday (March 25, 2018) worship service included the confirmation of Tyler Paup. Tyler is the son of Bryan and Melissa Paup. He is a 7th grade student at Centerville Middle School who describes himself as a "kind and generous person who loves to play sports." Tyler, a lifelong member of Salem UCC, likes all of the nice people who go to this church. He feels that confirmation is important to him and his family as he grows in faith. Jay Stover served as Tyler's mentor.



*Melissa Paup (rear) with sons Cooper, Tyler, and Bradley.*



Do you know someone who could use a prayer shawl? This vital ministry can continue with your help. A supply of prayer shawls may be found in the minister's office, in the middle lower cabinet folded behind closed doors. Please feel free to claim one to share with someone you know - including yourself if you need one - or to add more to the stock if this is a craft you enjoy.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Run to Remember is seeking volunteers to assist during the inaugural year for this event. This 5k run and festival aims to raise money to benefit Columbia Life Network programs for children in Lancaster County especially Columbia, Donegal and *Hempfield School Districts* who are grieving the loss of a loved one, especially a parent.

The Run and festival is scheduled for *Saturday, September 29*, beginning at **9:30 AM**. This will be an opportunity to collaborate with other community agencies, so that services and programs can be made available to children and their families. These programs will help them develop coping strategies, build self-confidence, and realize that they are not alone in this journey. Programs and community actions may include the donation of related books to local schools and libraries, summer camps, support groups that aid in making grief counseling more available to families in need, and other special activities. Long-term goals include creating a scholarship for graduating seniors.

Volunteers are needed to help with games throughout the day. This is the perfect opportunity for the youth community to provide service to others. Volunteer slots maybe filled by children 8 and up if accompanied by an adult, or 12 and over without an adult. Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b4daea828a46-runtoremember1>

Have questions? Please contact Theresa Kaufhold, race director, at 717-684-8094 or [thegoodlife22@comcast.net](mailto:thegoodlife22@comcast.net).

***Interested in running in place of volunteering? Registration forms are on the church bulletin board.***



## MEDA's World Night Market is back!

MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) is pleased to partner with the City of Lancaster in hosting **World Night Market on Friday, May 18, from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.** (rain or shine) in Binns Park in Lancaster City! This family-friendly event is free to the public and will feature 6 countries, over 16 local food vendors, a multi-cultural fashion show, a variety of activities for children, and a full music line-up. For more information, visit [meda.org/wnm](http://meda.org/wnm).



# MAY 2018 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00 Property (L) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	3 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	4	5
6 10:00 Worship (S) Sacrament of Holy Communion 4:30 Praise Center Worship (S)	7 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	8	9 7:00 Peace Vigil (L) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	10 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	11	12
13 10:00 Worship (S) 4:30 Praise Center Worship (S)	14 6:00 Finance (L) 7:00 Council (L) 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	15 9:30 AM Writers' Group (P)	16 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	17 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	18	19 8:00 Blood Drive (FH)
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# JUNE 2018 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 Worship (FH) Sacrament of Holy Communion 4:30 Praise Center Worship (S)	4 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	5	6 6:00 Property (L)	7 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	8	9 8:00 or 8:30 Peace Vigil - help serve breakfast at First Reformed UCC
10 10:00 Worship (FH) 4:30 Praise Center Worship (S)	11 7:00 Council (L) 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	12	13	14 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	15	16
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# *Peace Vigil News*



## **May 9 Peace Vigil**

The Wednesday, May 9 Peace Vigil will feature readings from "From Syria, with Love," a book of writings by Syrians, including children. Janet Dotterer will share these at 7:00 PM in the Library.

## **June 9 Peace Vigil**

On Saturday, June 9, we'll assist with serving breakfast at First Reformed UCC located at 40 East Orange Street in downtown Lancaster. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the hallway closer to the June date, and Jay Stover will be glad to answer any questions. Salem has assisted Grace UCC in serving these breakfasts for a number of years. The hour is early; please be there by 8:00 or 8:30 AM. It's also possible that there will be an evening vigil, but that will be announced in a Sunday worship bulletin announcement.

## **Awesome Photos - Works of Art Needed!**

The Peace Vigil group hopes to use the newly repurposed side nave of the sanctuary as a gallery to display photos and other art work on the theme "THREE GREAT LOVES: LOVE OF NEIGHBOR, LOVE OF CHILDREN, LOVE OF CREATION." The 2017 UCC General Synod chose this theme for the 2017-2019 interval between its bi-annual national gatherings. Perhaps you enjoy LNP's "Awesome Photos" and have thought, "I have some as good as that!" Please share them with us for a display in September. Advance planning is needed for this display, and your assistance is vital. Share your works of art, or consider offering your skills designing and curating such an event. CHILD AND YOUTH ARTISTS are especially invited to share their work: any drawing, painting, or sculpture you've done that shows NEIGHBORS (in the broad sense as Jesus defined "neighbor"), CHILDREN, or CREATION will be welcome. The artwork will be returned to the artists soon after the exhibit. Charlotte Whiting is the one to contact to offer your work. The display will be the focus of the September 9 Peace Vigil. We hope to deepen, widen, and heighten our personal commitment to peacemaking. If you have questions or recommendations please contact Charlotte Whiting.



## **Spring Clean-Up**

The Property Committee and Salem's scout groups have announced two additional dates when they will collaborate to clean the grounds of Salem. All are invited to add their muscle to the work detail. Join them on **May 12** and/or **June 23**.



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

## Salem UCC of Rohrerstown

Minutes of Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2018

Congregational Meeting was called to order at 10:51 with a prayer offered by President of Council, Jay Stover. A head count was taken by President of Council, Jay Stover and there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the October 29, 2017, Annual Congregational Meeting were approved on a motion from David Kuhn and, seconded by Sandy Chillas.

The annual reports from the committees were approved on a motion from Jim Rockwell and seconded by Susan Gerhart.

Jay Stover took a moment to personally thank the out going council members, Susan Gerhart, Mark Shipe and Mark Wanner for all their hard work while serving on council.

There was a presentation by Bill Schantzenbach, Treasurer on the finances of Salem with a power point presentation. Although it was rainy, cloudy, dreary and foggy outside there was sunshine inside Salem according to the finance reports which Bill shared with the congregation. The treasurer's report was approved by a motion from David Kuhn, seconded by Mark Wanner.

Pastor Verne lent a few words on her retirement from Salem.

### New Business:

Janet Doetterer gave a summation of how the committee is moving forward with Open and Affirming. We are in our second year and working on moving forward.

Brightstart will be selling their business and Salem is looking into the possibility of owning the daycare.

The Hispanic Church is meeting at Salem, Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays and everything seems to be going well with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 with a motion by Sandy Chillas and seconded by Jon Doman. Prayer was offered by Pastor Verne.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia A Smith  
Secretary

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Salem UCC of Rohrerstown

Minutes of Church Council Meeting on February 12, 2018

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President, Jay Stover.

**Members Present:** Tim Breneisen, Bryan Chehi, Jon Doman, Cathy Eckman, Kelly Kline, Joyce Ludwig, Kathy Martin, Cindi Smith, and Jay Stover.

**Others Present:** Pastor Verne DiNino, Susan Gerhart, Tyler Paup, and Bill Schantzenbach, Treasurer.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Devotions:** Were given by Kathy Martin.

Betsy Bruaw, Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Discernment from the Penn Central Conference was present and gave a presentation on how we as a church will move forward in the Call and

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Search process.

President, Jay Stover and Jon Doman began conversation on the topic of Bridge Pastor and their discussion with Haan Phelps to fill that position.

Haan was approached and would be interested in the full-time position from April 16, 2018 through July 10, 2018. In this position, Haan would be considered full-time, with a salary of \$1,000.00 per week, along with 54.5 cents per mile for travel as in visiting members etc. He would be reimbursed for such things as Conference meetings or anything approved by Council including meals and other expenses that might incur. Haan also asked if Salem would take care of a Social Security offset of \$76.00 per week. He will also be taking vacation May 28 through May 31, 2018, along with July 11 through 23, 2018. If we have not found an Interim Pastor by July 11, 2018, Haan agrees to work with Salem on a month to month basis.

It was motioned by Jon Doman and seconded by Tim Breneisen, that we hire Haan Phelps as Bridge Pastor, with a start date of April 16 through July 10, 2018, a salary of \$1,000.00, deducting the state and local tax, reimbursing 54.5 cents per mile for any travel that is done for the church, along with any conferences and expenses (with receipts), which have been pre-approved by Council. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the January 8, 2018 Council meeting were approved as distributed/corrected on motion of Bryan Chehi, seconded by Jon Doman. Motion carried.

### Reports:

#### Treasurer's Report:

General Treasurer, Bill [Schantzenbach](#), reported 01/31/18 balances of  
Checking \$ 19,740.00 and Savings \$ 18,137.00 for a total of \$ 37,877.00 in the General Fund.  
Principal on loan total: \$ 10,893.00  
Repairs & Restoration Fund: \$ 8,994.00 which reflects the \$ 5,00.00 to pay down on principal.  
Salem Servers Checking \$ 3,633.00

Additional Items brought to the Council by the Treasurer:

Monies paid out:       \$ 532.00 snow related expenses  
                              \$ 2,000.00 Seminary for student pastor

Monies received:       \$301.00 Reimbursement from Workman's Compensation Insurance  
                              \$ 75.00 AA  
                              \$ 1,270.00 Reitz Oil Emergency Fund

On motion by Joyce Ludwig, seconded by Jon Doman, the reports were approved subject to audit.

**Finance:** Envelopes have been distributed and any that were remaining were given to members of Finance to be delivered, along with the Giving Statements per Jon Doman.

**Pastor's Report:** Submitted. Dorothy Koerkle and Jane Leary have asked to be dropped from the membership as they have joined at the Lutheran Home. Robyn Cain and Jeff Hamilton have asked to become members of Salem as of Sunday, March 18, 2018.

Soup dates are as follows:   Wednesday, February 21: Council: Chicken Noodle is in refrigerator, looking for a volunteer for another soup.

                                      Wednesday, February 28: Donna Ellenberg and Sue Gerhart

                                      Wednesday, March 7: Mark Shipe and Tim Breniesen

                                      Wednesday, March 14: Kelly Kline

Confirmation class is taking place with Tyler Paup to be confirmed on Palm Sunday, Jay Stover is his mentor, meeting on a weekly basis.

Jess is doing very well, her preaching is excellent, she has a great presence and is doing very well, has real depth, a very good sense of how to approach scripture and life. She will continue to learn, is

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exceptional.

Pastor Verne performed a marriage ceremony on behalf of the Hispanic Church.

Conference is offering Boundary Training for leadership teams and pastors who work with them, Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Trinity UCC in East Petersburg from 10am-3pm at the cost of \$15 per person including lunch, \$12 if more than 3 people attending and pastor would attend free. Anyone interested should let Pastor Verne know by Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> so that she could send in.

**GIFT (Growing in Faith Together):** Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, GIFT and Fellowship will be having the Pancake Breakfast after church.

**Property/Facility Use:** Jim Decker has resigned. The job description has been updated and we are now in the process of looking for a Sexton for a 24-hour week position. The position will be advertised on Indeed.com and Craigslist. Looking for volunteers to help out for the time being. Tim Breneisen made a motion to approve the new job description, advertise for a new custodian at \$10.50 - \$10.75 per hour with flexible hours and a 60-day evaluation. Motion was seconded by Bill Schantzenbach.

**Mission & Outreach:** Breakfast for Palm Sunday with members bringing breakfast food to share. Thanks Bill DiNino for 1,440 cans of soup.

**Salem Servers/Fellowship Committee:** Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship and Music:** None.

**Congregational Care:** April 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> will be collecting goodies to make Spring Bags for shut-ins.

### **Old Business:**

Brightstart update: Bill Schantzenbach and Jon Doman would like to get together with David and Kathy Kuhn for more information on their cash flow, number of students they actually have enrolled, tuition for each student. Jon asked that if anyone has any questions that they would like to ask of David and Kathy Kuhn, that they forward them in an email to Jon. There are a lot of things that need to be discussed and Jon talked with Bill DeMora, who is unable to help us but gave Jon two names of persons who might be able to help. They are Scott McNair and Terry Shepps. Jon plans to reach out to Scott McNair first and have him help look over the financial aspect of the business.

Open and Affirming update: We are considering how we would formulate a covenant statement.

### **New Business:**

New copies of the updated Bylaws and Policies were handed out to Council members. The page concerning the Custodian's Job Description will be handed out at the March meeting.

Joyce Ludwig moved and Jon Doman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:06 pm with a closing prayer by Pastor Verne and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia A Smith, Secretary



# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Salem UCC of Rohrerstown Minutes of Church Council Meeting on March 12, 2018

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President, Jay Stover.

**Members Present:** Bryan Chehi, Jon Doman, Joyce Ludwig, Kelly Kline, Kathy Martin, Haan Phelps, Cindi Martzall-Smith and Jay Stover.

**Others Present:** Pastor Verne DiNino, and Bill Schantzenbach.

**Members Absent:** Tim Breneisen, Cathy Eckman.

**Devotions:** Were given by Kelly Kline.

**Congregational Minutes:** Power Point from Congregational meeting should be attached to the minutes per Bill Schantzenbach.

Minutes for the January 28, 2018 Congregational meeting were approved as distributed/corrected on motion of Jon Doman, seconded by Joyce Ludwig. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** February 12, 2018 monies received should have read as:

\$ 1,270.00 Reitz Oil Emergency Fund – Christmas Eve Offering.

Minutes for the February 12, 2018 Council meeting were approved as distributed/corrected on motion of Bill Schantzenbach, seconded by Kelly Kline. Motion carried.

### Reports:

#### Treasurer's Report:

General Treasurer, Bill Schantzenbach, reported 02/28/18 balances of  
Checking Account - \$15,468.88  
Savings Account - \$18,138.19 for a total of \$33,607.07 in the General Fund  
Restoration Account - \$9,166.09  
Salem Servers - \$3,630.00  
Principal - \$10,509.00

On Tuesday, March 13, 2018, Jay Stover's signature was added to the bank account, giving him authority to sign checks.

Monies paid out:  
Snow Removal: \$208.00

On motion by Kathy Martin, seconded by Kelly Kline, the reports were approved subject to audit.

**Finance:** Pastor Verne and her family will continue to occupy the parsonage until the end of August. The rent will be \$1,300.00 per month, plus utilities and the church paying sewer, trash and lawn care.

On a motion by Jon Doman, seconded by Joyce Ludwig rental of parsonage to Pastor Verne and family was approved.

Jess Hanley covered for Pastor Verne on Sunday, February 25, 2018 and did a great job.

Bill Schantzenbach, Jay Stover, Susan Gerhart and Jon Doman were going to meet with David and Kathy Kuhn, Thursday, March 15, 2018 regarding the future of Brightstart Academy. Jon Doman spoke with Diane Kuhn (no relation to David or Kathy) from Innovative Connections, a name given to them by Charlotte of St. John's UCC. She gave suggestions and works with many faith-based daycares in the Lancaster area. It is a group that we can look to for information, to help us understand whether this is beneficial to our church or not before bringing it up to the congregation.

A copy of the Bridge Pastor agreement was handed out to Council members, along with a few changes.

## Minutes of Church Council Meeting on March 12, 2018, *continued*

**Pastor's Report:** Reported submitted. Pastor Verne continues planning for Holy Week. Has visited nursing homes and shut-ins.

**GIFT (Growing in Faith Together):** Preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 2 PM. June 24 thru June 28, 2018 will be Vacation Bible School, The Rainforest Adventure.

**Property/Facility Use:** Report submitted.

**Mission & Outreach:** Next meeting is Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

Zion Dinner is Thursday, April 19, 2018.

Mission & Outreach will be hosting Palm Sunday Breakfast, members are to bring a breakfast item to share with each other.

**Salem Servers/Fellowship Committee:** No Report.

**Worship and Music:** No Report.

**Congregational Care:** No Report.

### **Old Business:**

Questionnaires' for Betsy Bruaw should be given to Jay Stover, when completed.

Jon Doman spoke with Scott McNair about looking at Brightstart's books for which he declined.

### **New Business:**

Update on ONA: They will be meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Updated job description for custodian were handed out to replace old description in Policy and Procedure Manual.

Joyce Ludwig moved and Kelly Kline seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia A Smith, Secretary



## Salem Welcomes New Custodian

Ron Matterness has been hired as our new custodian. Ron lived in the Rohrerstown area in Shaaron Park for about 7 years and now lives in Mountville. He retired after 25 years of service with the City of Lancaster Fire Bureau and following that career has had 13 years in various custodial positions, mostly with churches. Ron worked part-time at Grandview United Methodist Church and for 7 years full-time at Manor BIC managing their entire facility. His experience will help Salem maintain and clean our church buildings and grounds. We look forward to Ron sharing his expertise. If you see Ron, please welcome him to the Salem family.

## MISSION & OUTREACH

### CWS TOOLS AND BLANKET PROGRAM

During the Month of May, the Mission & Outreach Committee will be asking for the congregation's monetary help for the CWS Tools and Blanket Program. For sixty years, Church World Services has helped to support people in need in some 80 countries and also in our country. Blankets and kits have helped hurricane and tornado victims that occurred recently in the United States, and also other disasters and wars around the world. The Tools Program helps in many different ways for needy people to become self-sufficient. Please see the display in the narthex. Donations will be accepted through May 27. Your continued help is greatly appreciated.



### TABOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Mission & Outreach Committee will be helping Tabor Community Services in the month of June. Donations of the following goods may be made to support this organization.

- Cleaning Supplies  
(mops, brooms, paper products, cleansers, buckets, laundry baskets, etc.)
- Infant Needs  
(diapers, baby wipes, creams, etc.)

Monetary gifts are also needed. Please see the display that will be posted in Fellowship Hall during the month of June. Please note that June 24 will be the last collection date for this project.

Thank you for your never-ending support.



## ONGOING MISSIONS PROJECTS

### COMMUNITY AID PARTNERSHIP

Be sure to place your gently used clothes and shoes in the Community Aid storage bin in Salem's parking lot. As our bin gets full, we will receive vouchers for clothing and shoes that Pastor Verne can then distribute to those persons who have a need. (So far over **\$725** in vouchers has been distributed to needy families.)

### FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Salem United Church of Christ heeds Jesus' message to feed those who are hungry. There is a grocery cart near the church office where food items can be deposited so that we may collect food throughout the year. We proudly support:

- Hempfield Area Food Pantry  
<https://pa211.communityos.org/zf/profile/service/id/875949>
- Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Hub  
<http://www.lccouncilofchurches.org/donate/food-bank>

Salem UCC is also a proud supporter of the **PowerPacks Project**. We are one of the pick-up sites for Hempfield School District's initiative. Pick-up occurs in Salem UCC Fellowship Hall between 3:15 PM and 4:00 PM on Thursdays during the school year.

Salem UCC Congregation and the Mission & Outreach Committee continue to touch the lives of many individuals and various organizations. The thank you note received since the last newsletter is included on the next page.



# THANKS RECEIVED...THANKS RECEIVED



'Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are bound to wake somebody up'- *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.*

March 12, 2018

Dear Salem United Ch of Christ,

Thank you for your donation to Church World Service (CWS)-Lancaster! Your generous gift of \$ 245.00 works to ensure that refugees are offered hope and home when they first arrive to Lancaster, and are continued support and care for years after. Thank you for your support and commitment to our mission.

Over the past several months refugee arrivals to the United States have continued to be very slow. Overseas processing has slowed dramatically due to medical checks, assurances and security checks expiring; delays in security clearances; and fewer interviews being conducted by the US Department of State. Refugees are simply not being processed in numbers that would allow us to reach the 45,000-national capacity ceiling. Instead, the number of arrivals to the US is likely to be between 15,000- 25,000 refugees for FY2018.

Words cannot express the sorrow and deep frustration that resettlement agencies across the nation are feeling right now-- including us here in Lancaster. For thirty years, Lancaster has welcomed refugees, and your acceptance of the newcomer has strengthened with each passing year.

*We know* the opportunity and hope that we can offer as a community to refugees fleeing persecution. *We know* how incredible our community is. And *we know* that as a united front, we have a burning flame to share this welcome with others- especially those who are fleeing the most horrific of stories. Thank you for your continued and inspiring commitment to the world's most vulnerable of people!

Your support through dollars works to ensure that CWS is able to continue the good fight, advocating for our neighbors and standing on the right side of things as we provide the best care for refugees living in Lancaster. Thankfully, through our 11 other support service programs, CWS will be here providing care for up to 5 years from a refugee's date of arrival. Thank you for your monetary support as we walk through these times in solidarity with our neighbors.

Change happens when we keep up the fight, even when we are tired. We cannot stop now. As quoted by the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 'If you can't fly, run. If you can't run, walk. If you can't walk, crawl. But whatever you do, you must keep moving forward.'

Thank you for moving forward with us.

*Thank you for your Gift!*  
*- Christine Baur*

Truly grateful,

*Sheila Mastropietro*

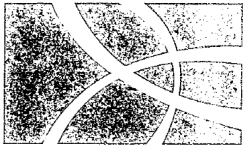
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April 12, 2018

Salem UCC of Rohrerstown  
2312 Marietta Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17603

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your gift in support of the ministry of theological education at Lancaster Seminary.

Your gift provides support for Lancaster Seminary's mission "to educate and nurture leaders to join God's redemptive and liberating work so that all creation may flourish." We seek to bring a gifted and dedicated faculty, committed and called students, and supporting churches, organizations, and friends into a vibrant community of faith.

The support you provide with your prayers and your gifts opens the doors for our students' education, opens their minds to learning, and opens their hearts to serving.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Call  
Executive Director of Development and Communications

*You are all  
a blessing  
to us!*  
*Thank  
you!*

Received: 04/12/2018      \$125.00      \*Annual Fund

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Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ

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April 10, 2018

Salem United Church of Christ of Rohrerstown  
2312 Marietta Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17603

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are so very thankful for your recent generous gift to support the ministries of Love In the Name of Christ. In 2017, churches throughout Lancaster County met over 5,000 needs of their neighbors with love and compassion, and reflected the light of Christ to everyone they served, and in January alone we received over 1000 calls. Without your prayers and financial support, we would be unable to connect the growing number of folks in need in our community with the Body of Christ.

We appreciate your partnership in this ministry more than you can imagine. The hundreds of congregational volunteers who serve, and the thousands of folks whose lives are touched, attest to the vital work that is being accomplished by the Church in the name of Christ. If you know of anyone who may be interested in learning more about how to serve or support Love INC, please let me know.

Thank you again for all you do to serve your neighbors through Love In the Name of Christ. You are making a difference, one life at a time, and we are privileged that we are able to serve you, and others, because of your gifts of love.

May God's blessings be with you.

Yours in Christ,

Kim Y. Wittel  
Executive Director

*Donation Amount*                      \$ 215.00

*Date of Donation*                      April 10, 2018

The official registration and financial information of Westlanco Love INC may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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# Tabor Community Services

## Golden Jubilee 50th Anniversary Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, May 17, 2018

**Celebrating 50 Years of service to  
Lancaster County**



Tabor Community Services  
strengthens the Lancaster  
County Community by  
empowering individuals to meet  
and overcome their housing and  
financial challenges.

**6:00 pm** - Reception

**6:30 pm** - Dinner & Program

**Shady Maple Banquets & Conference Center**  
**129 Toddy Dr, East Earl, PA 17519**

Event is free, but reservations are required.  
To reserve your seat or to receive sponsorship  
information, go to [www.tabornet.org](http://www.tabornet.org), call  
717.358.9377 or email [NLammey@tabornet.org](mailto:NLammey@tabornet.org).

**Reservation Deadline: May 3**

