



# SALEM NEWS

Issue for January & February 2019

Salem UCC of Rohrerstown  
An Open and Affirming Church  
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## Pastors' Ponderings

Billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates doesn't typically make New Year's resolutions. Still, he does enjoy taking stock of the past year, assessing what he's excited about and what he could have done better. It's a personal tradition that underscored for him the role of technology in improving our lives — and even led him to make a resolution of his own for 2019. "Although I have never been one for New Year's resolutions, I have always been committed to setting clear goals and making plans to achieve them," wrote Gates in a blog posted on Saturday.

As a church in the interim process, we continue to do just that, set clear goals and make plans to achieve them. Like Gates, we do this by taking stock of the past assessing what excites us and what we could do better. The people at Salem UCC continues to touch each other's lives and find great joy in doing that. Now it is time to venture out into the new year to discover who our neighbor is and see how we can touch their lives. We have beautiful people with wonderful gifts and a terrific church facility that offers many opportunities for touching lives. In the next few months, we will be hearing from our neighbors during worship: our gay neighbor, our black neighbor, our poor neighbor, our weak neighbor, our differently-abled neighbor, and more. As we meet them, let us show the welcome that the Christ Child would show. We not only open our doors, we also make room in our inn. The following verses in Romans 12:9-21 are the "Marks of Christ's Representatives in the World." They will help us as we move forward, continuing the work of Christ between us and others, and make "room in our inn".

### Marks of Christ's Representatives in the World Romans 12:9-21

*<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; <sup>17</sup> do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; <sup>20</sup> for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Roben

# 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. 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.

## Covenant Statement

Salem UCC (Rohrerstown) believes that all people are created in God's image and thus are loved and blessed equally by God. We are a warm, welcoming congregation of imperfect people who invite and welcome to participate fully in the life of this church persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, race, nationality and social status, faith background, marital standing and family structure as we seek to grow together in a safe and nurturing community where we live out the belief that God is still speaking. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

## Church Service

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

## Office Hours

The church office is open Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 1 PM. The office is closed on Friday. Pastor Roben's hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9 AM to 5 PM, and Thursday, noon to 8 PM. You are most likely to catch her in the office from 9 AM to 5 PM on Monday, 9 AM to noon on Tuesday & Wednesday, and noon to 4 PM on Thursday.

## Pastoral Emergencies

Please contact Pastor Roben at one of the following numbers: (717) 397-0141 [Church Office] or (717) 215-7817 [mobile] to arrange for pastoral care.

## Church Staff

The Reverend Roben Roof – Interim Pastor  
Kathy Hohenadel – Administrative Assistant  
Jim Zeigler – Director of Music & Choir Director  
Mike Shober – Organist  
Ron Matterness – Custodian

## 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 or the pastor using the information listed above.

## PRAYER FOR SALEM UCC

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face....I will heal their land." ~2 Chronicles 7:14*

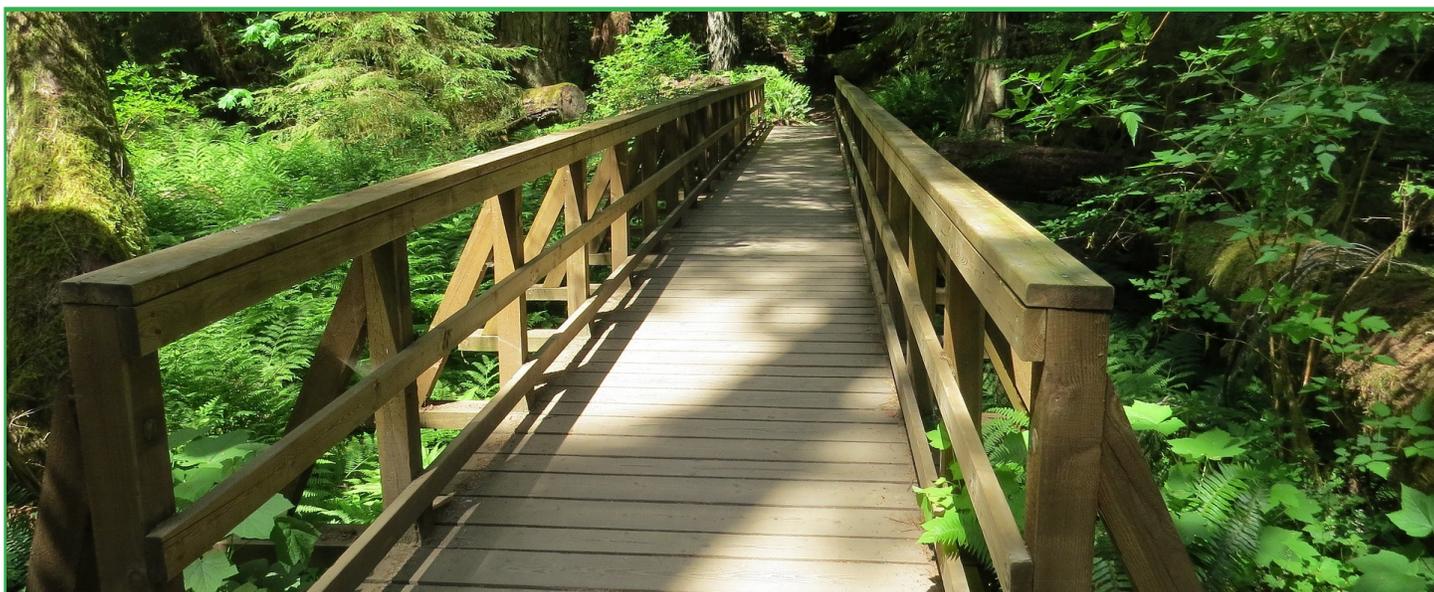
Dear God,

Thank you for your love and presence in my life. We lay our lives and the life of Salem UCC before you. We are in your hands. Help us to see this time as a time to grow. Help us to open our eyes and hearts to see and love in ways that are new. We know this will be a struggle at times. It will also be a time of reassurance. Help us to celebrate what is and let go of what was. Give us courage and humility as we search our own hearts. Help us to be kind and loving as we open ourselves to listen to others who may not think as we do. Give us the wisdom to know how to sort through it all.

We pray in the Spirit of Christ's love, for the sake of our spiritual well-being, and for the well-being of the church.

Amen

# PASTORAL NOTES



## Correction from Previous Newsletter

Included below are corrections to the article that appeared in the September/October newsletter.

Q: What are the duties of an Interim Minister?

A: An Interim Minister fulfills all the duties of a regular, fulltime minister: providing pastoral care, leading worship, officiating at special services (weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc.), visiting and counseling, attending to the administrative duties of the church, and helps the church to sure up loose ends: realistic vision and mission statements, strengthen policy and procedures, look at effective organizational structures, communications, and relationship building. She will also guide Salem through the next steps in calling a long term minister, our Settled Pastor.

Q: Wait; a Designated Pastor? What is that and how is it different from an Interim Minister?

A: A Designated Pastor fulfills all of the regular duties of a Settled Pastor. A Designated Pastor may become the Settled Pastor at the end of the term. The move to have a designation requires a specific focus. In Salem's case, the interim could continue as a designated with the focus of revitalization for an agreed amount of time. The term during which a Designated Pastor is engaged is determined by the Council. The search process would be put on hold.

Q: Are you saying that Reverend Roof will become our Settled Pastor?

A: Not automatically or assumed. A Designated Pastor could be hired as a Settled Pastor but would apply and follow the procedures as with any prospective settled pastor.

# WORSHIP AND UPDATE

## Sermon Topics

**January 6 – Epiphany; Let the Light Shine: Embrace Diversity**

**January 13 – Let the Light Shine: Care for the Poor**

**January 20 – Let the Light Shine: Reject Racism**

**January 27 – Let the Light Shine: Fight for the Powerless**

**February 3 – Let the Light Shine: Show Hospitality**

**February 10 – Let the Light Shine: Love God and Enjoy Life**

**February 17 – Let the Light Shine: Visit the Imprisoned**

The service will include Cathy Kenlin from Prison Ministry speakers

**February 24 – Let the Light Shine: Protect the Environment**

**March 3 – Let the Light Shine: Share Earthly and Spiritual Resources**

Mr. and Mrs. Matten from Conference Disaster Relief will join us during this worship focused on OCWM and Conference Disaster Relief

**March 10 – Our Lenten Journey**

We welcome Rec. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith (Conference President) speaking on "Building Connections" as we begin our Lenten sermon series on "Our Lenten Journey."

## Open and Affirming Update

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of October at the annual Congregational Meeting, 87% of those who were present, voted for Salem to become Open and Affirming, adopting the following covenant:

*Salem UCC (Rohrerstown) believes that all people are created in God's image and thus are loved and blessed equally by God.*

*We are a warm, welcoming congregation of imperfect people who invite and welcome to participate fully in the life of this church persons of every*

*gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression,*

*ability, race, nationality and social status,*

*faith background, marital standing and family structure*

*as we seek to grow together in a safe and nurturing community where we live out the belief that God is still speaking.*

*We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "no matter who you are or where you are in life's journey, you are welcome here!"*

We will celebrate during Epiphany and will continue to work for social justice within our community. The Task Force worked diligently for almost 2 years and we wish to thank the congregation in their participation, answering our many surveys, attending Bible study and our movie day.

# CHURCH PROGRAMS

## MESSY CHURCH RETURNS!!

SOMETIMES "BEING THE CHURCH"  
MEANS GETTING MESSY!!

Messy Church will continue in 2019. Join the fun as we explore "The Fruits of the Spirit." Children ages 4 to 8 and their parents are invited to begin the evening in Fellowship Hall with a family-friendly meal before engaging in Bible stories and crafts related to our theme. Each month we will focus on a different Fruit of the Spirit.

The "Fruits of the Spirit" highlighted at each of the 2018-2019 season sessions are listed below.

October 12.....	Kindness
November 9 .....	Goodness
December 14.....	Joy & Peace
January.....	NO SESSIONS
February 8 .....	Love & Gentleness
March 8 .....	Faithfulness
April 12.....	Self-Control & Patience

Messy Church is a way for children and parents to learn about Christ together, to join with other families in hospitality, and to invite friends to experience something new and different. All hands on deck for this intergenerational church experience!



### JUST THE FACTS

WHEN: The **second Friday**  
in October, November,  
December, February,  
March, and April

TIME: 6:00 to 7:30 PM

WHERE: Gather in Fellowship  
Hall

WHO: Ages 4 to 8 and  
their parents, hands  
messy or clean

## THIS JUST IN... YOUTH GROUP FORMS!!

The second Friday evening of October through April is not just for the very young. While children ages 4 to 8 and their parents attend Messy Church, youth **ages 9 to 13** are invited to attend the newly formed **Youth Group** led by Pastor Roben. Join everyone for the meal in Fellowship Hall then head to the Parlor for activities specifically designed for your age group. Bring friends along to spread the fun!



- **NEEDED:** Pastor Roben is seeking an Assistant Leader for the Youth Group.
- Candidates need a heart for working with youth and an enthusiasm for growing the church through expanded opportunities for youth.

# CHURCH PROGRAMS, CONTINUED

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

The American Red Cross sends their thanks (see the note included below) for the Salem's work in coordinating a blood drive on Thursday, December 20. A total of 34 donors gave 31 units. Mark your calendars for **December 19, 2019**, when the next drive will be held from 1:00 to 6:00 Pm in Fellowship Hall.



Dear Laura,

Thank you for your support to the American Red Cross in 2018.

Thank you for being a lifesaving partner. Many lives have been positively impacted as a result of your blood drives.

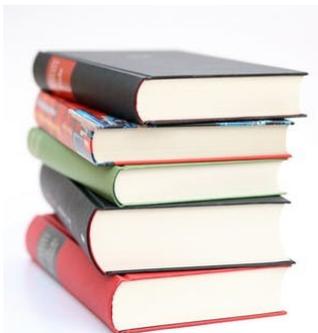
Wishing you a happy holiday season and a joyous New Year!

Sincerely,  
Corie Ruggiero

## ***Staff Opening***

Council announces the open position of Administrative Assistant. On December 22, Kathy Hohenadel submitted her resignation from the position effective January 11, 2019. The position has been posted and efforts are underway to secure a new staff member. In the interim, all phone calls will be forwarded to Pastor Roben's cell phone.

## **Book Club Update**



The last session for 2018 was held on Thursday, November 15. The Book Club will resume on Thursday, January 10, 2019, weather permitting. The Book Club meets on Thursday evenings at 7 PM in the church parlor.

*Read...Discuss...Laugh...Repeat*

# COUNCIL MINUTES

Salem UCC of Rohrerstown  
Minutes of Church Council Meeting on October 8, 2018

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

**Members Present:** Tim Breneisen, Bryan Chehi, Jon Doman. Joyce Ludwig, Kathy Martin, Bill Schantzenbach and Cindi Martzall-Smith.

**Others Present:**

**Members Absent:** Pastor Roben, Cathy Eckman and Kelly Kline.

**Devotions:** Were given by Jon Doman.

**Corrections to September minutes:**

Checking Account - \$28,454.00 is actually \$22,361.00 due to the August end checks not clearing until September – see below.

Mold removal has been completed and has been paid out of the Restoration Account.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the September 10, 2018 Council meeting were approved as distributed/corrected on motion of Tim Breneisen, seconded by Joyce Ludwig. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Treasurer, Bill Schantzenbach, reported 9/30/18 balances of:

Checking Account - \$23,803.00 there are checks issued at the end of September which are reflected in the statement but did not clear the bank until October, those checks total \$10,200.00. Our balance in the bank is actually \$13,000.00.

Savings Account - \$18,163

Restoration Account - \$6,560.00

Salem Servers – No balances reported

Bazaar – No balances reported

**Monies received:**

AA - \$200.00

No Name Group - \$220.00

Hempfield Women's Club – \$300.00

Garden Club - \$390.00

On motion by Jon Doman, seconded by Tim Breneisen, the reports were approved subject to audit.

**Finance:** No Budget to present at this time.

**Pastor's Report:** Submitted.

**GIFT (Growing in Faith Together):** Messy Church will take place Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

# COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of Church Council Meeting on October 8, 2018, *continued*

**Property/Facility Use:** Submitted.

**Mission & Outreach:** Meeting, Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7 pm.

**Salem Servers/Fellowship Committee:** Tim Breneisen said that the committee was looking at having a yard sale in the spring,

**Worship and Music:** No Report.

**Congregational Care:** No Report.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

2019 Nominee for Council to be presented to at Congregational Meeting is Liz DiMarzio.  
Church Council received a letter of resignation from Kelly Kline.

Both were accepted on a motion by Jon Doman, seconded by Joyce Ludwig.

Jon Doman moved and Bill Schantzenbach seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned was adjourned at 8:32 pm on a motion from Jon Doman and seconded Bill Schantzenbach.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia A Smith, Secretary

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President, Jay Stover.

**Members Present:** Tim Breneisen, Bryan Chehi, Cathy Eckman, Joyce Ludwig, Kathy Martin, Cindi Martzall-Smith and Jay Stover

**Others Present:** Pastor Roben Roof.

**Members Absent:** Bill Schantzenbach.

**Devotions:** Were given by Pastor Roben Roof.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the October 8, 2018 Council meeting were approved as distributed/corrected on motion of Cathy Eckman, seconded by Joyce Ludwig. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**Finance:** Working on Stewardship during the Advent period. Also, working on distributing the offering envelopes to members before Thanksgiving.

**Pastor's Report:** Submitted.

**GIFT (Growing in Faith Together):** No report.

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

**Property/Facility Use:** Submitted.

**Mission & Outreach:** On December 13, 2018, gifts will be delivered to the Elizabethtown nursing home. Souper Sunday luncheon will be held after church on January 27, 2019. The committee supplies the soup and the congregation is asked to bring sandwiches to share and a dessert. Mission would like to exceed last year's total of soup collected, which was 1,484 cans of soup.  
On a motion by Joyce Ludwig, seconded by Cathy Eckman the Christmas Eve offering will be given to the Reitz Fuel Fund.  
Mission will serve Zion dinner on September 19, 2019.

**Salem Servers/Fellowship Committee:** Bazaar was held and food served by Salem Servers. Sunday, December 2, 2018, is the Christmas Dinner.

**Congregational Care:** Messy Church was held and made Thanksgiving bags for the shut-ins, but instead of snacks they did hand lotion, hand sanitizer, Kleenex and a few snacks. December 2 – 13, there will be a collection of snacks for bags to be made.

## Old Business:

ONA update: A meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

## New Business:

New Council Members:

Eileen Shipe, Mark Wanner, and Liz DiMarzio.

Susan Gerhart and Alex DiMarzio have volunteered to serve but need to be voted in. There will be a Congregational vote before the Benediction on Sunday, December 2, 2018 for these two members to become Council members.

We have received Jon Doman's resignation from Council and Finance. On a motion from Tim Breneisen, and second by Joyce Ludwig, Council will accept his resignation.

Transitional update:

### Profile:

Eileen Shipe  
Darla Rockwell  
Janet Doetterer  
Jeff Hamilton  
Rebekah Willis  
Brad Minnig  
Mark Wanner

### Search:

Jim Rockwell  
Harvey Fenstemacher  
Susan Gerhart  
Sandy Chillas  
Mark Shipe  
Beth Serfass  
Alex DiMarzio  
Amanda Swanger

Liz DiMarzio will serve on both  
David Kuhn will serve on both

Pastor Parish was tabled at this time.

Council members are asked to step up when they see a visitor and make them feel welcome.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:20 pm with a motion from Cathy Eckman, second by Joyce Ludwig.

December 2, 2018 Elements: Bryan Chehi

December 10, 2018 Devotions: Pastor Roben Roof

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia A Smith, Secretary

# JANUARY 2019 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 6:00 Property (L) 7:00 Choir (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 Choir (S)	10 7:00 Book Club (P) 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	11	12 8:30 Serve breakfast at First Reformed UCC
13 10:00 Worship (S) 4:30 Praise Center Worship (S)	14 7:00 Council (L) 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	15 9:30 AM Writers' Group (P)	16 7:00 Choir (S)	17 7:00 Book Club (P) 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	18	19
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27 10:00 Worship (S) Congregational Meeting after worship (S) Soup Lunch after meeting (FH) 4:30 Praise Center Worship (S)	28 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	29	30 7:00 Choir (S)	31 7:00 Book Club (P) 7:00 Praise Center (SN)	30	

# FEBRUARY 2019 CALENDAR

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# DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please update your copy of the 2018 church directory to reflect the following changes.

**Gerhart, Susan** .....Susan will be serving as President of Council in 20189. Please add her cell number to your directory for convenience in contacting her. Her mobile number is 717-940-4719.

**Whiting, Charlotte** .....Charlotte passed away on November 27, 2018. Our deepest condolences are with the family, but we rejoice that she is now with her Lord. Please remove her listing from your directory.

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.

# *The* *Directory*

## 2019 CHURCH DIRECTORY

The 2019 edition of the church directory will be produced in February. ***There is still time to update your information!*** Please review your information that is printed in the 2018 directory, and submit corrections to the church office. ***If you have an email address that has not been shared with the church office, please consider sharing it so that we may help to contain postage costs.***

# BIRTHDAYS

## January Birthdays

1/05.....Sarah Haefner  
 1/09 .....Amy Gerhart  
 1/09 .....Bradley Paup  
 1/12 .....David Kuhn  
 1/14 .....Dana Geist  
 1/14 .....Bryan Paup  
 1/17 .....Kristina Doman  
 1/17 .....Kristina Miller  
 1/24 .....Brenden Sinopoli  
 1/25.....Jan Gerhart  
 1/25.....Ryan Sinopoli  
 1/27.....Susan Gerhart  
 1/30.....Amanda Swanger  
 1/31 .....Brian Kuhn

## February Birthdays

2/01.....Laurie Sinopoli  
 2/02.....Erin Reitz  
 2/04.....Sandra Shertzer  
 2/04.....Troy Walters  
 2/05.....Richard Kuhn  
 2/05 .....James Sinopoli  
 2/10.....Nancy Kraybill  
 2/14.....Dorothy Brubaker  
 2/18.....Darla Rockwell  
 2/19.....Jason Stetler  
 2/20.....Tyler Paup  
 2/21.....Shaina Melnick  
 2/28 .....Stephen Melnick



## REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

### **Dorothy Brubaker**

Woodcrest Villa B322  
 2001 Harrisburg Pike  
 Lancaster PA 17601

(717) 735-2553  
 Birthday: February 14

### **Robert Hinkle**

Skilled Nursing  
 Homestead Village  
 1800 Marietta Avenue  
 Lancaster PA 17603

Birthday: August 27

### **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

### **Doris Starr**

1520 Harrisburg Pike  
 Lancaster PA 17601

(717) 735-2508  
 Birthday: April 10

**CAN YOU FIND TIME TO  
 CALL, VISIT, OR SEND A  
 CARD? YOUR  
 PARTICIPATION IN THIS  
 CONGREGATIONAL  
 OUTREACH WOULD BE  
 GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

# MISSION & OUTREACH

## JANUARY IS "SOUPER MONTH"

The Mission & Outreach Committee will once again be sponsoring "Souper Sundays" in January. We will be collecting cans of soup to be donated to the food bank. There will be a designated area to drop off your soup. Last year we collected **1484 cans of soup**, and it would be wonderful if we could match or surpass that number. To finish out the project we will be holding a "Soup & Sandwich Lunch" on January 27, 2019, immediately after the Congregational Meeting. Soup will



be provided. Each family is requested to bring sandwiches and a dessert to share. If you have any questions see a member of the Mission Outreach Committee. *Let's try to top last year's soup drive of 1484 cans!*

## LOVE INC OFFERING

Throughout the month of February - the month of "Love" - we will be collecting money in heart shaped banks for "Love INC". The "INC" stands for "in the name of Christ." Love INC is located on Wheatland Avenue in Lancaster and is a resource that we often refer persons to for multiple kinds of assistance. Love INC helps persons with transportation needs, minor home repairs, home assistance, meals, and many other necessities. If you are willing to assist in any of these ways, please call Love INC at (717) 735-7540. Partnering with Love INC allows us to help other community members. Please pick up a red bank at church and save your extra change throughout the month of February. Offerings will be gathered in on **February 24.**



## 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 **\$800** in vouchers has been distributed to needy families.)

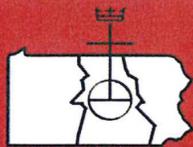
### FEEDING THE HUNGRY

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>

# THANKS RECEIVED...THANKS RECEIVED

Salem UCC Congregation and the Mission & Outreach Committee continue to touch the lives of many individuals and various organizations. The thank you notes received since the last newsletter begin below and continue on pages 21 through 23.



## PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*In Christ's Love, We are... Connected – Engaged - Transformed*

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

November 13, 2018

Dear Friends at Salem,

As we approach Thanksgiving, I wanted to thank you for your gifts to Penn Central Conference and for your ongoing support to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). We are grateful for the support from our congregations and members. Your gifts have allowed us to bring events and trainings to the Conference and support to churches and clergy experiencing transitions.

At the 2017 Annual Meeting, you heard about the new 2017-2020 Strategic (Missional) Plan. We are making good progress toward the four (4) goals outlined in the plan:

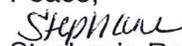
- Revitalization
- Leadership Development
- Fund and Donor Development
- Addressing Community/Justice Issues

A major aspect of the Strategic (Missional) Plan focuses on equipping our congregations for healthy ministry. To accomplish this, we have introduced several *new* workshops with practical and relevant tools, for clergy and laity. These and other planned programs avail churches of resources to help them navigate the ever-changing landscape of ministry, across various contexts. Your OCWM gifts ensure sustainability of these and other Conference initiatives.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

May our continued ministry together nurture covenantal relationships that connect, engage and transform us into *congregations that passionately declare and demonstrate the courageous love of Christ!*

Peace,

  
Stephanie Rader-Titzel  
Director of Communications and Generosity



# THANKS RECEIVED... THANKS RECEIVED



## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST HOMES

30 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011  
(717) 303-1502 • (717) 303-1607 FAX  
[www.ucc-homes.org](http://www.ucc-homes.org)

November 19, 2018

Salem UCC-Rohrerstown  
2312 Marietta Ave.  
Lancaster, PA 17603

Dear Member of Salem UCC:

Penn Central Conference has recently notified us of your 11/07/2018 gift of \$25.00 from the people of Salem UCC-Rohrerstown which was placed into our Benevolent Fund. Without congregations like yours, so many people would not be able to receive the assistance they need.

UCC Homes' greatest area of need continues to be the securing of sufficient funding to meet the growing financial need of residents who are unable to pay for the cost of their care and who do not have access to governmental assistance programs. We are able to meet this need because of your commitment to our ministry to the elderly.

Please convey our thanks to the members of your congregation and consistory. Helping people, reaching out a helping hand to someone who needs our concern is what UCC Homes is all about. Because of your continued support in this effort, it is what you are about also.

Sincerely,

Victoria M. Velez  
Director of Public Relations  
and Fund Development

To receive a current annual report or to make inquiry into UCC Homes, its facilities, or the Auxiliary, please contact the President/CEO in care of UCC Homes; 30 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Street; Camp Hill, PA 17011; (717) 303-1502.

*The official registration and financial information of United Church of Christ Homes, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Charitable Organizations, by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1- 800-732-0999.*

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November 20, 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,

*Carolynne*

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

*Thanks to all of you  
for your faithful  
support!*

Received: 11/20/2018      \$125.00      \*Annual Fund

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December 11, 2018

Salem UCC Rohrerstown  
Shirley Charles  
2213 Wood Street  
Lancaster PA 17603

Dear "Angel Tree" Program Participants:

Thank you so much for your participation in The Salvation Army Lancaster Corps "Angel Tree" Program 2018!

I am so grateful for the many individuals and organizations that supported this program and because of your support there were many children who had presents to open on Christmas morning! Thank you for being an "angel" and making it possible for many families in Lancaster County this Christmas Season.

We at The Salvation Army look forward to a continued relationship with you!

May God bless you throughout the New Year!

Sincerely,

Dean Satterlee, Major  
Lancaster Corps Commanding Officer

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## MOM'S HOUSE OF LANCASTER



December 27, 2018

Salem United Church of Christ of Rohrerstown  
2312 Marietta Ave  
Lancaster, PA 17603-2224

Dear Salem United Church of Christ of Rohrerstown,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$50.00 to Mom's House. You are giving the priceless **gift of hope** to the families we serve. With the hustle and bustle of life and especially during the holiday season, we can miss moments of hope, At Mom's House we are blessed to see what hope can do daily **BECAUSE OF YOU!**



Moments like little ones taking their first steps, speaking their first words or a parent passing an exam or getting a job, only happen because of your support. We would not be able to provide and further develop our invaluable services to help single parents and their young children receive the support they need to work towards a brighter future, without you.

So I thank you once again on behalf of all the children, parents and staff at Mom's House of Lancaster. Have a safe, warm and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warmly,

Sara Johns  
Executive Director

*Thank you so much!  
Happy New Years!*

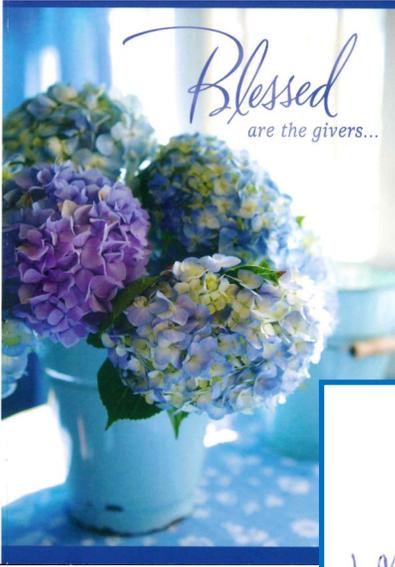
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Thank you  
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volunteers to support the  
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And grateful  
are the receivers.

Thank you  
so much.

## With Thanks...

The Mission Committee would like to thank you all for your generosity this past year. We appreciate your help for all of our collections. Again, sincere thanks!