



SALEM NEWS

2312 Marietta Avenue Lancaster, PA 17603

July & August

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

“Choices in the Midst of Life”

Luke 9: 51-62

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus^[c] said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”



So often what life amounts to are the choices that we make; but there will always be something that seeks to distract us from those choices! This scripture passage is all about choices and distractions. We have the choice to follow Jesus. Following Jesus includes and encompasses “all the contexts and circumstances of our lives... it is the convergence of time, people, purpose and place.” Or, to put it far more simply, in and through all the routines and rhythms of our lives, yours and mine, we have decided to follow Jesus...

We've heard Jesus calling, we've built that relationship with God in Christ and we do have some sense of God's Spirit moving in our lives; this is why we gather ourselves together as the church – even on hot and muggy summer mornings – because while we don't fully understand it and we don't always know where it's going to lead us, Christ has called us and we do want to be disciples!

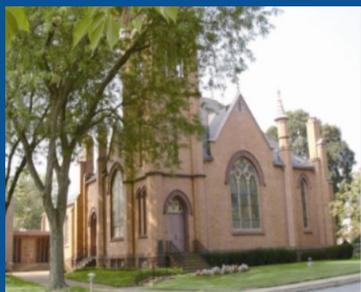
But even given all that, there's so much in life that seeks to distract us; so much that would take our hand off the plow given the chance: "real life" distractions, things like job concerns, matters of financial security and the time and space that's needed to take care of ourselves and people we love, to say nothing of a culture that actively tries to pull us in every direction. Followers of Christ, is for planting and it's for harvest, and in-between that, it's for plowing and the Spirit is there to walk with you in the fields to prioritize and balance it all.



Friends, I hope and pray that as disciples of our Lord Jesus, we might truly, in the words of the song, "plant our rows straight and long, seasoned with a prayer and song" so that there will be a harvest truly fit for the kingdom. As our garden grows, may our thanks be to God!

PASTORAL CARE & EMERGENCIES

If you or a member you care about is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in need of pastoral care, please notify the office. The Rev. Roben Roof will be happy to respond to a need if she knows about it! Contact Pastor Roben directly on her cell at (717) 215-7817 if the need arises.



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ALL ABOUT US



Open and Affirming 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 on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

Mission Statement

At 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 tomorrow.

Core Values

We believe in the Triune God. We believe that each person is unique and valuable. We believe that each person is on a spiritual journey. We believe that the persistent search for God produces an authentic relationship with God. We believe that all the baptized belong body and soul to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe that all people of faith are invited to join Christ at Christ's table for the sacrament of Communion. We believe the UCC is called to be a united and uniting church. We believe that God calls us to be servants in the service of others and to be good stewards of the earth's resources. We believe that the UCC is called to be a prophetic church. We believe in the power of peace. We are a people of possibility. God is still speaking...

OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours

The church office is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. The office is closed on Friday.

Church Staff

Rev. Roben Roof, Interim Pastor
Kelli Baughman, Administrative Assistant
Jim Zeigler, Dir. of Music & Choir Dir.
Mike Shober, Organist
Ron Materness – Custodian



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Coffee hour precedes
worship from 9:30 - 10 am.



in the grace and knowledge of our Lord

2 Peter 3:18, NKJV

GROWING In FAITH

- Worship is at 10:00 am
- Nursery Care and Children's Sunday School during worship
- Adult Sunday School is held in the Library from 9:00 - 9:45 am.
- May and June devotionals are available on the table at the church.



kids worship

Children's Worship will continue during the Summer. Children may pick up activity bags on the rack to the left each week as they enter the Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP

July 7 "Surprising Prophets" **(Communion Sunday)**

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+10%3A1-11%2C+16-20&version=RSV>

The Rev. Haan Phelps Preaching while Pastor Roben is on vacation

July 21 "Pride Sunday"

Luke 10:38-42

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+10%3A38-42&version=RSV>

Stories of pain and healing

Bethany Sweger, our guest speaker sharing her story

July 28 "What Termites Can Teach Us"

Colossians 2:6-15, 16-19

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+2%3A6-15%2C+16-19&version=RSV>

A church that is focused and self-organized will do great things.

August 4 Sustainable Fashion **(Communion Sunday)**

Colossians 3:1-11

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+3%3A1-11&version=RSV>

Love is not a fashion accessory.

August 11 Faith and the Status Quo

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+11%3A1-3%2C+8-16&version=RSV>

Heroes of the faith abandoned status quo rules.

August 18 Run and Become

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+11%3A29-12%3A2&version=RSV>

Christian life is a race — long and rigorous. So,

what is the challenge? Why is it so difficult? And how can we run better?

August 25 Trip Advice

Hebrews 12:18-29

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+12%3A18-29&version=RSV>

Our journey to another land requires a knowledge of the culture.

Transitional Team Update:

The church profile is being submitted to Council for review. The Transitional Team will then make final revisions. The final profile will be sent within the first two weeks of August to the Penn Central Conference so that the official Pastor search will begin.



Hello everyone, it's that time of year to start our planning for the Christmas Bazaar. Yes, we are having it again and I have agreed to head it up, however, I **NEED HELP!!!!**

This benefits everyone at Salem so please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 2nd 8:00 to 1:30pm. I need someone to take over advertising and put out signs and to oversee the property committee for setup. I will have the layout ready. We will need volunteers to greet people, help with kitchen, and for clean-up. And of course, we need your support to come out and shop and to have lunch.

The Silent Auction needs items so please contact Marty Sheetz. Please help us out as the money we make goes for projects here at Salem as well as our neighborhood. So if you can help please call Eileen Shipe at 717-898-8439 or cell 717-575-9966. Thank you!



Salem UCC of Rohrerstown to Host Band Concert and Ice Cream Social

Salem United Church of Christ, 2312 Marietta Avenue in Rohrerstown, announces the date for the 2019 Band Concert and Ice Cream Social. The public is invited to bring their lawn chairs to an open-air concert performed by the Rohrerstown Band on Saturday, August 3, beginning at 6:30 PM. This annual tradition, a free public event with a free-will offering, will be held in the church's courtyard along Marietta Avenue, weather permitting. In case of rain, the band concert will be held in Salem UCC's Fellowship Hall.

The musical selections prepared by the Rohrerstown Band will include something for every age. Enjoy highlights from "Beauty and the Beast," a piece that describes sailing and pirating on the Chesapeake Bay Adventure, another piece that has all the Looney Tunes Cartoons, the hymn "Morning Has Broken", a number of patriotic pieces and the "Armed Forces Salute". The first musical set will run from 6:30 PM to approximately 7:05 PM before a scheduled break between sets. During the intermission, the public is invited to head into Salem's Fellowship Hall for an ice cream social courtesy of the church. Enjoy some ice cream and socialize with others in attendance before heading back to the courtyard for the second musical set.

All are welcome to attend!

Thank you to the many volunteers that helped make Vacation Bible School a success!



Salem's Annual Church Picnic

On Sunday, August 25, 2019 following the church service, the Fellowship Committee will host our annual church picnic in the Fellowship Hall starting approximately 15 minutes

after the end of the 10:00 worship service which will be held under the tent in the courtyard.

The Fellowship Committee will provide chicken BBQ, hot dogs, corn on the cob, beverages and place settings. Each family is asked to bring one (1) covered dish to share. Please sign up on the sheet provided at the back of the Fellowship Hall. You won't want to miss this opportunity for fellowship and great food.



July Birthdays

7/04 Peggy Ann Graves
 7/05 Sandra Chillas
 7/06 Virginia Deaner
 7/07 Dave Serfass
 7/07 Eileen Shipe
 7/13 Linda Reitz
 7/13 Jessica Shifflett
 7/17 Vera Johnson
 7/17 Justin Simmons
 7/18 Emersyn Chehi
 7/19 Verna Kauffman
 7/20 Eileen Zeigler
 7/22 Cheryl Breneisen
 7/23 Laura Chehi
 7/25 Melissa Paup
 7/26 Dylan Manganella
 7/31 Alex DiMarzio

August Birthdays

8/02 David Sahn
 8/03 Lauren McNeely
 8/03 Mary Lou Sahn
 8/07 Gail Bubernack
 8/07 Ryan Manganella
 8/07 Kendra Zimmerman
 8/09 Shelby Sweigert
 8/12 Edward Crafton
 8/12 Carolyn Walters
 8/15 Mary Stauffer
 8/17 Daniel Brandt
 8/23 Cassandra Squires
 8/23 Susan Wolf
 8/25 Wesley Martzall
 8/26 Mary Lou Stauffer
 8/26 Colette Stetler
 8/27 Robert Hinkle
 8/29 Miles Sweigert
 8/31 Michael Kline

Please send cards and let them know we miss them.



Dorothy Brubaker
 Mennonite Home
 1520 Harrisburg Pike
 Lancaster PA 17601
 (717) 490-8474
 Birthday: February 14

Robert Hinkle
 Skilled Nursing Unit
 Homestead Village
 1800 Marietta Ave

(717)-397-4831
 Birthday: August 27

Arlene Holbein
 900 Rivergate Court
 Millersville, PA 17551
 (717)-872-0560
 Birthday: March 28

Lois Jones
 970 Corvair Road
 Lancaster, PA 17601
 (717) 898-8120
 Birthday: December 26

Verna Kauffman
 99 Bethany Road, PC
 117
 Ephrata PA 17522
 (717) 738-7417
 Birthday: July 19

Nancy Kraybill
 300 Saint Mark
 Ave APT 1112
 Lititz, PA 17543
 (717) 626-2766
 Birthday: February 10

Harriet Naugle
 Oakleaf Manor North,
 Room C19
 2901 Harrisburg Pike
 Landisville PA 17538
 (717) 898-2126
 Birthday: September 18

Betty Reidenbach
 17 Park Circle Drive
 Lancaster, PA 17603
 (717)394-3462
 Birthday: May 27

Marty Sheetz
 1817 Westcott Drive
 Lancaster, PA 17603
 717-394-6051
 Birthday: June 22

Doris Starr
 1520 Harrisburg Pike
 Lancaster PA 17601
 (717) 735-2508
 Birthday: April 10

Marion Stehman
 Woodcrest Villa ML 105
 2001 Harrisburg Pike
 Lancaster, PA 17601
 (717)390-4167
 November 15

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Pastor Vacation	5 Pastor Vacation	6 Pastor Vacation
7 10:00 WORSHIP (FH) COMMUNION Pastor Vacation	8 5:30 FINANCE 6:30 COUNCIL	9	10	11	12 Pastor Off	13 Pastor Off
14 10:00 WORSHIP (FH) Special Cong Meeting	15	16	17 6:00 PROPERTY MEETING	18	19 Pastor Off	20 Pastor Off
21 10:00 WORSHIP (FH)	22	23	24	25	26 Pastor Off	27 Pastor Off
28 10:00 WORSHIP (FH)	29	30	31			

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18 10:00 WORSHIP (FH)	19	20	21	22	23 Pastor Off	24 Pastor Off
25 10:00 WORSHIP (FH) Church Picnic	26	27	28	29	30 Pastor Vacation	31 Pastor Vacation

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

MONTH OF JULY

The Mission & Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies and clothing for the Lancaster and Hempfield School Districts Homeless Student Project the month of July. Book bags, notebooks, pencils, tablets, crayons are the suggested school items. Donations of new socks and underwear for boys and girls of school age are also needed. Monetary donations will be accepted for the purchase of school uniforms that are the established dress code for city elementary students. Many students were assisted this school year through the generous donations of the surrounding communities. July 28th will be the last Sunday for collection. Please see our display in Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your continued support.

MONTH OF AUGUST

The Committee will be collecting monetary donations for the Shelter for Abused Women throughout the month of Aug. The Shelter assists women who have left their homes suddenly due to spousal abuse and also helps them to set up house-keeping in a new environment. The money that we collect will be used by the shelter to purchase necessary items such as: sweat shirts and pants, baby monitors, alarm clocks, diapers, gift cards etc. **Please pick up one of the colorful containers at the Mission and Outreach display beginning on Aug.5.** Save your coins (and paper money too if you like!) throughout the month of Aug. The children will help to gather all of our containers during worship on Aug 26. Once again, we thank you in advance for the wonderful way in which you respond and support all of our mission efforts throughout the year!



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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 Roben can then distribute to those persons who have a need.

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.