



# SALEM NEWS

2312 Marietta Avenue Lancaster, PA 17603

November & December

## **PASTORAL PONDERINGS**

### **“GRATITUDE PRODUCES GENEROSITY “**

*“For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, <sup>4</sup> begging us earnestly for the privilege <sup>[b]</sup> of sharing in this ministry to the saints— <sup>5</sup> and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ...”*

*2 Corinthians  
8: 3-5*

December is the season when almost everyone is “makin’ a list and checkin’ it twice.” We have gifts to give, and we look for just the right ones that fit. I’m starting this month of list-making with a gratitude list. And up close to the top are you, my companions in Christ at Salem. Your mission and outreach continue to boggle my mind. The leadership of the Church Council, Property Committee, Eileen with the Bazaar and all of those helping, Karan’s quilt gift, Alex and Liz with the worship slides and live streaming, Mike, Jim, the choir, and soloists with music, Cathy with Congregational Care, our resident pulpit suppliers and pastoral care providers -Jeff, Haan, and Dana, Darla and Jim with the altar guild and ushers, Mark with finance and Salem Servers and all those on those teams, Paula’s leadership and the mem-

bers of Making Connections, Bill as treasurer, the Search Committee, Dave and Jay every Sunday morning faithfully serving us coffee, Laurie, Amy, and Bekah with children’s ministries, Cher with memorials, the children who are so precious, Harvey as our “Neighborhood Ambassador”, and all of those nameless working behind the scenes generously give. Whenever a member or non-member is in need, you are there. I am so grateful for your witness to God’s love through the ministries of Salem. Thank you one and all.

A gratitude list connects us with our good feelings. Especially the feeling of wanting to give back, to pay it forward, to make a difference for someone going through a hard time. Gratitude is the foundation of generosity. Gratitude is how we connect spiritually with God’s generosity. In this place of inclusive welcome, we have the opportunity to be intentional about giving back and making a difference in the world. And by doing that, saying, “this is what God’s love looks like.”

**When we are  
generous with others,  
it points them to  
God.**

# 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".

## 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...**

## Mission Statement

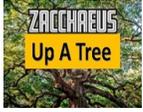
**As Followers of Christ, we are:**

**EMBRACING** each other, neighbors and world  
Community

**ENGAGING** service, worship and justice

**EVOLVING** spiritually, socially and individually

# WORSHIP



**November 3, 2019** Communion Sunday, All Saints Sunday, and Congregational Meeting

**Zacchaeus Up A Tree** Luke 19:1-10

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+19%3A1-10&version=NRSV>

A first-person report from Zacchaeus, IRS agent, helps us understand how a visit with Jesus changed his life.



**November 10, 2019**

**Healing Service**

Isaiah 53:4-6 Psalm 147:3

[https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+53%3A4-](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+53%3A4-6&version=NIV)

[6&version=NIV](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+53%3A4-6&version=NIV)

Christ offers healing to all. "With His stripes we are healed." This Sunday, come expecting to be healed spiritually, physically, or emotionally. The power of Christ's presence is astounding and real. There is healing for relationships with God and one another.

**ALSO HONORING VETERANS**



**November 17, 2019** Harvest Sunday  
**Accept or Decline?** 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Thessalonians+3%3A6-13&version=NRSV>

When we install new software on our smartphones or laptops, we need to accept or decline the terms and conditions. But to read all of these conditions would take hours! Who reads this stuff? The epistle text reminds us that when we sign up to follow Jesus, there are terms and conditions to accept or decline.



**November 24, 2019**  
**HARVEST SUNDAY: Bring non perishable food and place on platform for celebration of God's Bounty and to be give**

**to the needful.**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+23%3A33-43&version=NRSV>

**Kings Never Die** Luke 23:33-43

What if" history has always had a certain attraction to many people. What if certain kings had not died when they did? What if Jesus had not died, but lived to be a senior citizen?

## Advent and Christmas

# GOD with Us

**\*Devotionals are provided with this theme that includes a Christmas Day activity. Call the church or pick one up during worship throughout November. \*The theme will also be followed in Children's worship**

**December 1:** Communion Sunday

God with Us Brings Hope (Stable with Shepherd)  
Luke 2:8-20

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A8-20&version=NRSV>

**December 8:** God with Us Brings Love

(Stable with Shepherd and this week Angel added)  
Luke 1:30-36,

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A30-36&version=NRSV>

**Luke 2:8-14**

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A8-14&version=NRSV>

**December 15:** God with Us Brings Joy

(Stable with Shepherd, Angel, and this week Wisemen added) Matthew 2:1-10

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+2%3A1-10&version=NRSV>

**December 22:** God with Us Brings Peace

(Stable with Shepherd, Angel, Wisemen, and this week Mary and Joseph added) Luke 1:26-38

<https://mobile.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1%3A26-38&version=NRSV>



**December 29 Lesson & Carols**

Come sing your favorite Christmas Carols. Sunday Worship at 10:00AM



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

# GOD with Us

**Advent and Christmas ushers in the new year with excitement and anticipation. Come join us for the season. There are many opportunities to worship and fellowship with the Salem Church Family**

## ALL ARE WELCOME

**THIS SATURDAY**



there. I have heard that Santa will be checking to make sure you all have been good. Bring your singing voices as Santa likes to sing! It's a great night of fun and fellowship. So we hope to see you all there!!!

**DECEMBER 8th at 5 PM**

### CHRISTMAS COVERED DISH



You better watch out Santa Claus is checking his list and is coming to Salem!! It's that time of year for the annual Christmas Covered Dish supper in the fellowship hall on Sunday, December 8th at 5pm. Please bring a hot and cold dish to share and the Fellowship Committee will supply the rest. The sign up list will be in the Narthex. Please remember to sign up so we have an idea of how many will be

**DECEMBER 15th at 6 PM**



### SOUP SUPPER AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING

**DECEMBER 20th**

**LIVE NATIVITY**

**6:45 PM - 7:30 PM**

**There will be a live donkey  
and two goats for petting.**

# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

## MONTH OF NOVEMBER

### ANGEL TREE

This year Salem is collecting gifts for inmate's children. You will find the gift request tags on the tree in the foyer. The children and their caregivers are invited. SO FAR, WE HAVE 19 WHO ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND our Church Christmas party where the gifts will be personally given. Who are our neighbors? Here they are. Pick up your angel gift now and touch a whole family.

## MONTH OF DECEMBER

### CHRISTMAS BAGS

From Sunday, December 7th through the 21st, we will be collecting small items/treats for Christmas bags for our 9 homebound members. In the past we have collected individual packs of cookies, crackers, regular and sugar-free candy, applesauce, and fruit cups, as well as small packs of Kleenex, hand lotion, etc. The bags are always appreciated! Thanks for your continued faithful support.



# MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

## 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.



**NOVEMBER THEME**  
**“Thankfulness”**  
**DECEMBER THEME:**  
**“God is with Us”**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO**



**MESSY CHURCH**  
 (ages 4 to 8 and parents)  
 for a fun time with stories, songs,  
 food, and crafts!!

“Superheroes of the Bible”

Noah, God’s Superhero

**WHEN**

Friday, November 8, 2019  
 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Please RSVP by November 6th**

Call 717-397-0141 or email  
 salemroh@hotmail.com

**ALSO: Youth Group**  
**Restarting Same Time**

Ages 9-14  
 Bring a friend!



**Making**  
**Connections**  
**Team**

There will be a meeting **November 10, 2019 after worship**. This group looks to develop a marketing strategy for our church to become more involved with the community, our homebound members and how to get people involved in the life of Salem. The use of technology is already being explored. Paula Buohl is the chairperson.



in the grace and knowledge of our Lord

2 Peter 3:18, NKJV

**There will be Sunday School throughout Advent. 11:00 After Worship**

- December 1** Poverty and ministering to the Poor
- December 8** Health Care in Today’s Society
- December 15** Immigration and Asylums Seekers
- December 22** Embracing Diversity—What Makes it Difficult



# JUST PEACE

## Social Action & Social Justice Committee

Social Justice and Social Action Team met in October and discussed ways to move forward within the community. Thanks to Eileen and Mark Shipe, we are now flying our ONA flag in the front of the church so that all that pass by know that we are a welcoming and safe place to worship.

Eileen Shipe, Mark Wanner and Janet Dotterer attended a workshop entitled Explore Christian Responses to Immigration at the Parish Resource Center and learned what other churches in the Lancaster and York County area are doing to help recent immigrants to the community. We will further explore this outreach to learn what more can be done.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**



# SEEK PEACE



**DATE:** November 24<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 2:00PM

**COST:** Movie and popcorn free

**MOVIE:** The Polar Express

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

## Pastor Parish Spiritual Relations Committee

**Members:** Chair; Jim Rockwell, Robin Cain, Sandy Chillas, Susan Gerhart, Pastor

### Scriptural Model:

<sup>15</sup> "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; **Matthew 18:15-17 RSV**

Goal of Committee: To help facilitate healthy communication and conflict resolution throughout the church recognizing that we are all flawed individuals who are always facing opportunities to grow in our relationships.

**Relationships can be a choice to avoid, to attack, or to seek PEACE.**

# Salem's Reflective journey

What have we as a church discovered and claimed for ourselves during this past year in the interim process in order to know what kind of pastor we need?

**WHO ARE WE?** Salem has identified it's strengths, weakness, and those things dear to them – especially it's traditions while at the same time looking at the changing needs of the community and who it now is.

## WHO IS THY NEIGHBOR?

The Transitional Team and/or Council has explored through the MissionInsite Demographical study, conversations, and surveys, Salem's committed to identify the needs of the church and community so that Salem can be relevant to current needs.

## WHO ARE WE BECOMING?

The answer to this is ongoing. However, Salem desires to be a growing church that explores new opportunities for effective ministry while embracing the traditions that are still dear to them today. The Making Connections and Social Justice and Social Action committees and Council have committed to reaching ALL people and to educate themselves to their needs , exploring strategies for accomplishing this through education and ministry programs, continuing nurture and care of members, and grounding itself in prayer. Technology and better marketing of the strengths that Salem already has is vital along with programs that reflect the new demographics of people who live around the church.

**Pray now that God would provide a pastor that reflects our year long journey of self reflection and discovery as to who we are, who is our neighbor, and who are we becoming.**



### November Birthdays

11/01 ..... Leora Hess  
 11/01 ..... Jane Sherts  
 11/05 ..... Keith Reitz  
 11/07 ..... Mark Wanner  
 11/08 ..... Andrea Uhle  
 11/08 ..... Westley Walters  
 11/09 ..... Nathaniel Swanger  
 11/12 ..... Jeanine Lineberry  
 11/14 ..... Abigail Kiuhn  
 11/14 ..... Beth Serfass  
 11/15 ..... Marion Stehman  
 11/16 ..... Chloe Miller  
 11/18 ..... Logan Martzall  
 11/19 ..... Sue Phelps

11/20 ..... Bryan Chehi  
 11/24 ..... Troy Geist  
 11/29 ..... Rebekah Willis11/  
 25 ..... Colin Heaps  
 11/28 ..... Mark Shipe  
 11/29 ..... Bailey Sweigert  
 11/29 ..... Rebekah Willis

### December Birthdays

12/01 ..... Jay Stover  
 12/05 ..... Dennis Miller  
 12/10 ..... Jonathan Gerhart  
 12/19 ..... Lance Eckman  
 12/21 ..... Bonnie Walters  
 12/22 ..... Jack Bubernack  
 12/26 ..... Marcia Doman  
 12/26 ..... Lois J. Jones  
 12/28 ..... Cynthia Smith  
 12/29 ..... Suzanne Geist  
 12/29 ..... Timothy Manganella  
 12/31 ..... Glenn Dotterer

					Pastor Off	8:00AM-1:30PM
3 10:00 WORSHIP (S) COMMUNION ANNUAL CONG MEETING	4 6:30 SEARCH	5	6 6:00 PROPERTY 7:00 CHOIR (S)	7 Pastor Off	8 MESSY CHURCH 6:00PM-7:30PM	9 Pastor Off
10 10:00 HEALING WORSHIP (S) MAKING CONNECTIONS	11 5:30 FINANCE 6:30 COUNCIL	12	13 7:00 CHOIR (S)	14	15 Pastor Off	16 Pastor Off
17 10:00 WORSHIP (S)	18	19 7:00 SJSA	20 7:00 CHOIR (S)	21	22 Pastor Off	23 Pastor Off
24 10:00 WORSHIP (S) CHRISTMAS DECORATING 2:00 FAMILY MOVIE (FH)	25	26 7:00 PM THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT APOSTLES	27	28 THANKSGIVING	29 Pastor Off	30 Pastor Off

# December 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10:00 WORSHIP (S) COMMUNION MAK- ING CONNECTIONS	2	3	4 6:00 PROPERTY 7:00 CHOIR (S)	5	6 Pastor Off	7 Pastor Off
8 10:00 WORSHIP (S) 5:00 CHRISTMAS COVERED DISH	9 5:30 FINANCE 6:30 COUNCIL	10 7:00 SJSA	11 7:00 CHOIR (S)	12 Pastor Off	13 MESSY CHURCH 6:00PM-7:30PM	14 Pastor Off
15 10:00 WORSHIP (S) 6:00 SOUP SUP- PER & CAROLING	16	17	18 7:00 CHOIR (S)	19 Pastor Off	20 LIVE NATIVITY 6:45PM-7:30PM	21 Pastor Off
22 10:00 WORSHIP (S)	23	24 7:00 & 11:00 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES (Recital 15 minutes prior to services)	25 CHRISTMAS	26 Pastor Off	27 Pastor Off	28 Pastor Off
29 10:00 WORSHIP (S)	30	31	1	2	3	4

Please send cards and  
let them know we  
miss them.



**Robert Hinkle**  
Skilled Nursing Unit  
Homestead Village  
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**Arlene Holbein**  
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Birthday: March 28  
**Lois Jones**  
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Birthday: December 26

**Verna Kauffman**  
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Birthday: July 19

**Nancy Kraybill**  
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**Betty Reidenbach**  
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Birthday: June 22

**Doris Starr**  
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Birthday: April 10  
**Marion Stehman**  
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2001 Harrisburg Pike  
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November 15

# 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 Shoer, Organist**  
**Ron Matterness – Custodian**



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