



SALEM NEWS

2312 Marietta Avenue Lancaster, PA 17603

March & April 2020

Pastoral Ponderings

“What to Give up for Lent”

“Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24 English Standard Version

We are in the Lenten season, and some of you might still be asking yourselves, “What should I give up during Lent?” In a recent article that I read about Lent gave the following suggestions on what to give up for Lent:

- Give up complaining – focus on gratitude;
- Give up pessimism – become an optimist;
- Give up harsh judgements – think kindly thoughts;
- Give up worry – trust Divine Providence;
- Give up discouragement – be full of hope;
- Give up bitterness – turn to forgiveness;
- Give up hatred – return good for evil;
- Give up anger – be more patient;
- Give up negativism – be positive;
- Give up pettiness – become mature;
- Give up gloom – enjoy the beauty that is all around you;
- Give up jealousy – pray for trust;
- Give up gossiping – control your tongue;
- Give up sin – turn to virtue;
- Give up giving up – hang in there!



As I read this, I believe that this is a good meditation for Lent. So many times we give up the “wrong” things. Giving up candy, etc. is good, but maybe we have to be more creative, and this Lenten edition gives us a lot of creative ideas. For example have you ever tried to give up negative thoughts and negative ways of thinking? To have negative thoughts and thinking is destructive in trying to develop a good healthy spiritual life and affect our relationships. Use this Lenten time to give up those things that by doing so will build deeper relationships within the kingdom of God – the world in which you live.

Salem United Church of Christ

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

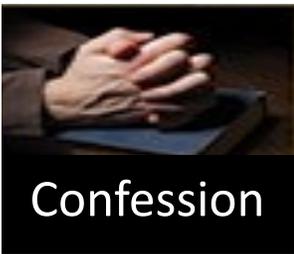
ENGAGING service, worship and justice

EVOLVING spiritually, socially and individually

Lenten Worship and Bible Study Opportunities



Many of those involved in the story of the Passion of Christ came to a crossroads and had to decide which way to go. Some chose well, some did not. The stories of each of these explore the experiences at various crossroads to help us know what to do and how to choose when faced with similar crossroads in our own lives. In the end, each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God's will for us.



Ash Wednesday Service February 26 7:00 PM

Join us for At the Crossroads, a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God's will in our many crossroads in life. In the Ash Wednesday service in this series the psalmist David reaches the crossroads of confession and confesses his sins to the Lord. We are called to confess our sins to the Son of David and find forgiveness in him. The service includes an Imposition of Ashes, readings from Scripture, a children's sermon, a sermon dialog with David and hymns that help us to see the direction we must take at the crossroads of confession.



March 1, 2020 First Sunday in Lent

9:30 Coffee

9:50 Welcome and Announcements 10:00 Worship

Join us for At the Crossroads, a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God's will in our many crossroads in life. In Week One in the series Judas Iscariot comes to the point where he must either listen to Jesus or listen to the devil and he chooses to betray Jesus. When we are tempted by Satan to betray our Lord, we gain strength from our Savior to say, "No" to the devil. The service includes readings from Scripture, a children's sermon, a sermon dialog with Judas and hymns that help us avoid the crossroads of betrayal.



Wednesday March 4 6:00 Soup and 7:00 Bible Study

March 8, 2020 Second SUNDAY in Lent

9:30 Coffee

9:50 Welcome and Announcements 10:00 Sunday Worship

Join us for At the Crossroads, a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God's will in our many crossroads in life. In Week Two in the series Pontius Pilate is called upon by the crowds to make a judgment call about Jesus, and his decision not to decide results in the death of Christ. We look to the cross of Christ as we make definitive judgment calls in our lives. The service includes readings from Scripture, a children's sermon, a sermon dialog with Pilate and hymns that help us come to the crossroads of judgment ready to be guided by divine wisdom.



Declaration

Wednesday March 11 6:00 Soup and 7:00 Bible Study

March 15, 2020 Third SUNDAY in Lent

9:30 Coffee

9:50 Welcome and Announcements 10:00 Sunday Worship

Join us for At the Crossroads, a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God’s will in our many crossroads in life. In Week Three in the series Jesus is taken into custody and he chooses to show compassion to a wounded participant in the arrest. We are called to show compassion, not anger, even to those in our midst whom we might consider our enemies. The service includes readings from Scripture, a children’s sermon, a sermon dialog with the servant Malchus who was healed and hymns that help us to come to the crossroads of compassion ready to love others as Christ loved us.



Compassion

Wednesday March 18 6:00 Soup and 7:00 Bible Study

March 22, 2020 Fourth SUNDAY in Lent

9:30 Coffee

9:50 Welcome and Announcements 10:00 Sunday Worship

Join us for At the Crossroads, a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God’s will in our many crossroads in life. In Week Four in the series Peter is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus and he decides to deny his Savior. When questioned about our Lord, we are called to boldly declare our faith in Christ. The service includes readings from Scripture, a children’s sermon, a sermon dialog with Peter and hymns that help us to come to the crossroads of declaration ready to announce our allegiance to the Lord.



Obedience

Wednesday March 25 6:00 Soup and 7:00 Bible Study

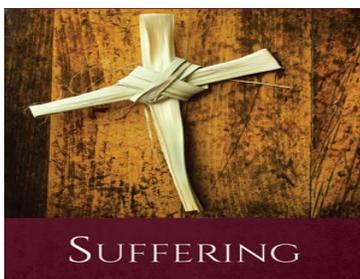
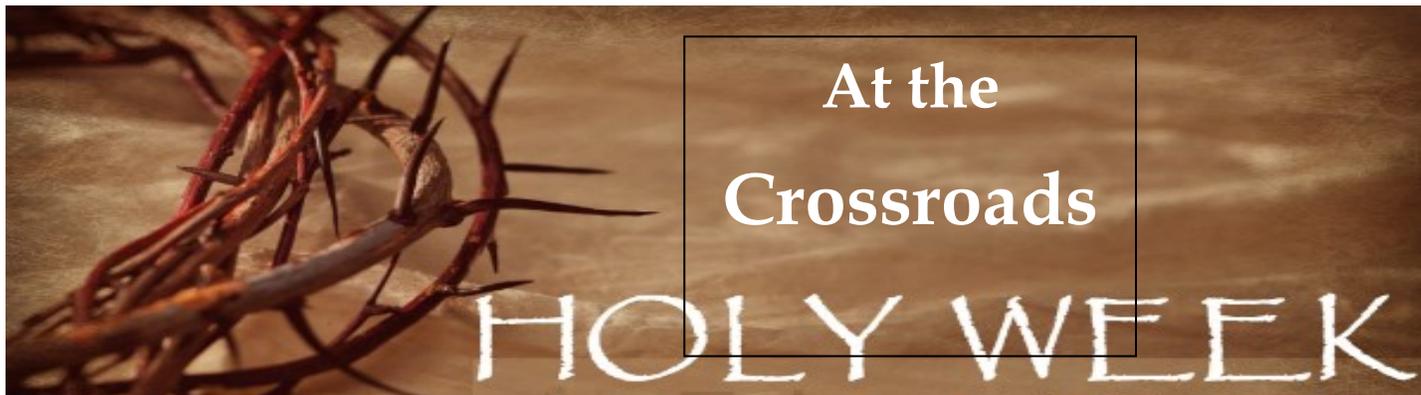
March 29, 2020 Fifth SUNDAY in lent

9:30 Coffee

9:50 Welcome and Announcements 10:00 Sunday Worship

Join us for At the Crossroads, a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God’s will in our many crossroads in life. In Week Five in the series Jesus nears the time when he must die for our sins and he asks his Father if the cup might pass from him. But when the time comes, he obeys his Father’s will. When we are called upon to follow God’s will, we must obey. The service includes readings from Scripture, a children’s sermon, a sermon dialog with John and hymns that help us to come to the crossroads of obedience ready to follow God’s plan for us wholeheartedly.





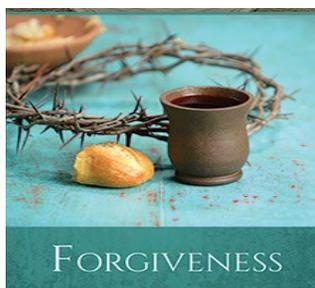
SUFFERING

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

8:30 Breakfast

10:00 Worship



FORGIVENESS

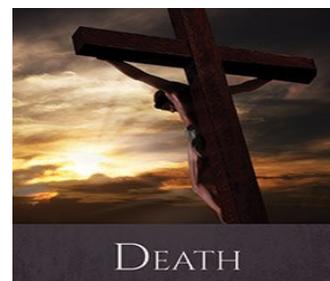
April 9, 2020

6:00 PM Maundy Thursday

Remembering

the Last Supper

Re-enactment of the



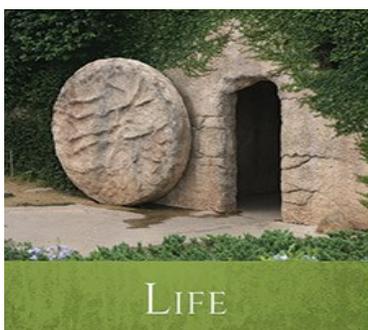
DEATH

April 10, 2020

7:00 PM

Good Friday

Service



LIFE

April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday

7:30 AM Sunrise Service at Cemetery

8:00 – 9:45 Coffee

10:00 Sunday Worship



Pastor Roben's last Sunday

April 19, 2020 "Hello and Goodbye"



"Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ."

Philippians 1:3-6

"You are God's field; God's building."

Through the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, we are planting seeds of new life. Together, we are investing in communities world-wide: providing education to girls and boys, empowering communities through vocational training, supporting microcredit lending and seeing people through to self-sufficiency, empowering families with skills to support themselves and their neighbors, and participating in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all. These are just a few ways the OGHS offering touches God's children, in addition to disaster relief and refugee initiatives.

Through your generosity, the world is a better place. But more is needed. Today, you have an opportunity to plant seeds into the lives of others. Be a co-worker with God. Building, planting, watering...and trusting that God gives growth to all good gifts shared in faith. Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for your generosity.

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www.onegreathourofsharing.org | www.ucc.org/oghs

Photos by Craig Thompson



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering March 22



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



The Mission Outreach Committee will once again be sponsoring a Palm Sunday Breakfast on April 5th at 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. The drinks will be provided.



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.



MARCH & APRIL THEME:
"Put on the Armor of God"

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
MESSY CHURCH**

(ages 4 to 8 and parents)

for a fun time with stories, songs,
food, and crafts!!

WHEN

Friday, March 13 and April 3, 2020
from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Please RSVP by March 11th for
March Program & April 1st for
April Program**

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

ALSO: Youth Group Same Time
(Ages 9-14)

Bring a friend!

MARCH THEME:

"Superheroes of the Bible"
The Boy with Loaves and Fish

APRIL THEME:

"Superheroes of the Bible"
Jesus

Come to Children's Worship



G R O W

in the grace and knowledge of our Lord

2 Peter 3:18, NKJV



Social Action & Social Justice Committee

Social Justice and Social Action Team continue to meet the second Tuesday of every month. We have worked closely with the Pastor in bringing issues to the attention of the congregation through announcements in the bulletin as well as on Facebook.

Sunday, February 9th we included a prayer for peace and an insert in the bulletin with a message from the UCC general office in Cleveland.

In February 5 of us participated in the Penn Central Conference ONA Winter meeting held at Colonial Park UCC in Harrisburg.

In March some of us will be taking part in the Interfaith Pilgrimage in Lancaster.

Our next meetings are scheduled for March 10th and April 14th at 7 pm.

Please speak with Janet Dotterer or Pastor Roben if you have any questions.



Making Connections Team

Our next meetings are scheduled **March 1 & April 5 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.

Pastor Parish Spiritual Relations Committee

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

Scriptural Model:

¹⁵ "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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.



March Birthdays

3/01 Craig Swanger
3/03 Dana Schlegel
3/03 August Stetler
3/04 Alexander Gabryluk
3/06 Donna Ellenberg
3/06 Elizabeth Lineberry
3/10 Charleigh Chehi
3/15 Frank Doman
3/21 Kenneth Hess
3/21 Meredith Zimmerman
3/22 Victoria Johns
3/25 William Starr
3/28 Arlene Holbein
3/29 Colin Kline

April Birthdays

4/01 Dorothy Koerkle
4/07 Brandon Swanger
4/09 Gordon Sauder
4/10 Doris Starr
4/11 Kurt Chillas II
4/19 Jaime Grow
4/19 Joyce Ludwig
4/22 Shirley Charles
4/23 Cathy Eckman
4/25 Jessica Johns
4/25 Jacqueline Kuhn
4/26 Terry Fenstermacher
4/27 Sarah Kuhn-Hilbert
4/29 Roxanne Lehr
4/29 Amy Manganella

March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10:00 WORSHIP (S) COMMUNION MAKING CONNECTIONS	2	3	4 6:00 SOUP 6:30 BIBLE STUDY (FH) 7:15CHOIR (S) 7:15PROPERTY	5	6 Pastor Off	7 Pastor Off
8 10:00 WORSHIP (S)	9 5:30 FINANCE 6:30 COUNCIL	10 7:00 SJSA	11 6:00 SOUP 6:30 BIBLE STUDY (FH) 7:15CHOIR (S)	12 Pastor Off	13 MESSY CHURCH 6:00PM-7:30PM	14 Pastor Off
15 10:00 WORSHIP (S)	16	17	18 6:00 SOUP 6:30 BIBLE STUDY (FH) 7:15CHOIR (S)	19	20 Pastor Off	21 Pastor Off
22 10:00 WORSHIP (S)	23	24	25 6:00 SOUP 6:30 BIBLE STUDY (FH) 7:15CHOIR (S)	26	27 Pastor Off	28 Pastor Off
29 10:00 WORSHIP (S)	30	31				

April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:00 PROPERTY	2 Pastor Off	3 MESSY CHURCH 6:00PM-7:30PM	4 Pastor Off
5 PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST PARADE MAKING CONNECTIONS	6	7	8 7:00 CHOIR (S)	9 6:00 MAUNDY THURSDAY PROGRAM	10 7:00 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	11 10:00 EASTER EGG HUNT
12 EASTER 10:00 WORSHIP (S)	13 5:30 FINANCE 6:30 COUNCIL	14 7:00 SJSA	15 7:00 CHOIR (S)	16	17 Pastor Off	18 Pastor Off
19 10:00 WORSHIP (S)	20	21	22 7:00 CHOIR (S)	23	24 Pastor Off	25 Pastor Off
26 10:00 WORSHIP	27	28	29 11 7:00 CHOIR (S)	30	1	2

Please send cards and
let them know we
miss them.



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Birthday: August 27

Arlene Holbein
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Birthday: July 19

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Birthday: June 22

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Birthday: April 10

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Lancaster, PA 17601
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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 Shober, Organist
Ron Matterness – Custodian



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