



# SALEM UCC NEWSLETTER

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*No Matter Where You are in Your Journey,  
You are Welcome Here!*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Jubilee

**Nov. 11** at 8:30 am

## WOMEN'S COFFEE

Mountain Top  
Lodge

**Nov. 11** at 9:00 am

***What God Really  
Thinks About  
Women***

**WEDNESDAY**

**Nov. 8**

**TUESDAY**

**Nov. 14**

From 1:00 to 2:30

## ADVENT STUDY

***SENT***

**Sunday Mornings**

11/12, 11/19, 12/3,  
12/10, 12/17  
11:30 am

**Thanksgiving**

**Dinner with**

**Turkish Friends**

November 10 @ 5 pm

**TOMEC**

**Community  
Thanksgiving  
Service**

**at Salem**

**November 21**

**Church Decorating  
November 30**

**Kris Kringle  
Breakfast  
December 3  
8:30 am**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Due to circumstances and time constraints, I am writing from the Pastor's Desk this month. Pastor Mike will be back in the December Issue. -Debbie*

The greatest commandments are to love God and neighbor and the residents of the mountain have shown their continuing obedience to these commands. You will find information and pictures from past vigils and festivals that Mike and I have attended, as well as notices about upcoming events. Although the sporadic events usually gain the most attention, you will also find notices about the ongoing work of agencies that touch the lives of people every day.

As Mike and I traveled to the different events in the area we enjoyed seeing some people from Salem also attending and spreading the love of our church community. The love of God and neighbor is definitely apparent at Salem and this month the spotlight will be on the Deacons.

There are many community events coming up over the next couple of months so be sure to keep an eye on the power point and the bulletin board. Some of these events are new to the area and some are long held traditions. *Happy Thanksgiving!*



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**Excerpt from Devotional:**  
**12-19-17 Luke 1: 46-49**  
*...Imagine a 13-15 year old girl being so in tuned with the Divine that she would give such a greeting to her older cousin. Mary had to travel quite a distance to get to Elizabeth's house, carrying a secret she knew could cause her death...death by stoning. The terrible fear that might have accompanied her on the caravan came to an abrupt halt when her cousin greeted her ...*

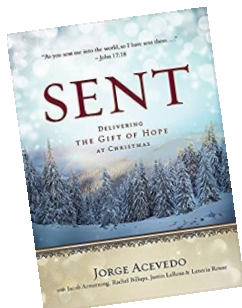
## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

### ADVENT STUDY WITH PASTOR MIKE

#### ***SENT***

#### ***Delivering The Gift of Hope at Christmas***

Pastor Jorge Acevedo and friends challenge our body, mind, and soul through story, art, and Bible study. Join the adventure of discovering how, when and where we are to be the hands, feet, head and heart of Jesus on earth.



**NEW DAY AND TIME  
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 11:30**

**November 12 and 19  
December 3, 10, 17**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH MISS LYNNE

#### *Children's Ministry*



**COME JOIN THE FUN AND  
MEET NEW FRIENDS!**

***GOD'S LOVE FOR US***

**Each week discover new ways  
God loves us.**

### DAILY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Available through email or if you don't have a printer and want a hard copy let Debbie Lonergan know.

*May This help you keep  
Christmas with you*



### **2017 SALEM UCC ADVENT DEVOTIONAL**



Written by Deborah A. Lonergan



# BEING THE HANDS & FEET OF JESUS

## TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL (TOMECE)

TOMECE operates the Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels; offers shelter, counseling, meal vouchers, as well as interfaith opportunities and publicity.

The Food Pantry no longer accepts clothing of any type. Please call Elaine Madere at 732-995-3370 if you have any furniture or household goods to donate.

For the last 10 months the Food Pantry has helped on average 265 families or 820 people per month. Food distribution is usually the second Monday and Tuesday of the month. In November they will distribute Thanksgiving Turkeys; in December Christmas hams will be handed out.

**HOLIDAY WISHLIST: CAKE MIXES, FROSTING, STUFFING, GRAVY AND CRANBERRY SAUCE**  
**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: BUY CLOTHING FOR FOOD PANTRY FAMILIES**

*We cannot do great things on earth, just small things with great love.*

**Mother Theresa**



## Salem UCC - Veterans Day Outreach Project

To honor the observance of Veterans Day (11/11/17) we are having an outreach project to help local homeless and reentering/rebuilding veterans.

We will make donations to the VALOR Clinic Foundation who operate Paul's House. Paul's House is a local shelter for homeless veterans located in the old Jonas Hotel on Route 534 in Kunkletown. VALOR also provides food, clothing & other services to non-resident homeless veterans in our area.

For Veterans Day VALOR has asked us for donations of the following:

**New men's socks (to fit sizes 8 – 12)**

**HYGIENE ITEMS:**

**Toothpaste, Toothbrushes & Floss,  
Disposable Razors  
Shampoo**

**Hand Sanitizers (smaller size bottles-not sample sizes)**

Please bring your donations to the church between now and Sunday 11/5/17. See **Bill**

**Zimmerman, Bill Dyer or Bill Andrews** with questions



## **DEACONS DUTIES**

1. Caring for the needy in our congregation through:
  - Visitations
  - Phone calls
  - Providing meals
  - Providing Transportation
  - Providing counseling as needed
2. Praying for those in need
3. Attending TOMEK meetings once a month and participating in their programs as called.
4. Keep the congregation informed about those in need and seeking their help when needed.
5. Visiting or taking communion to those hospitalized or homebound at the pastor's request.
6. Collect food and monetary donations for the Food Pantry quarterly.

### **METHOD**

1. Engage in caring conversation that indicates genuine interest in the other person, offering hope and support. Sharing the love and mercy God gives to all of us.
2. Pray with or for the person visited. Read a devotion or scripture specific to their need to give them comfort.
3. Be of service by asking people what we can do to be a blessing to them. Ask if they want to see a pastor or have a church bulletin sent to them or have communion brought to them.
4. Share a human touch, a hug or hand shake, unless the person is uncomfortable with touching.

### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Bill Jamison (Chairman)

Grace Conger (Secretary and Meals & Transportation for Shut-Ins)

Bill Andrews

Thelma Baechtold

Pat Sleightholm

June Steinberg

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Pastor:** Michael Lonergan

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**Pastor's Home Office:**

- 570-355-5397



*Lord help us to  
be your  
beacon by  
living in  
gratitude each  
day.*



### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Church Office Phone:**

570-643-1411

**Church e-mail:**

[salemucc1411@hotmail.com](mailto:salemucc1411@hotmail.com)

**Church Website:**

[www.salemunitedchurchofchrist.org](http://www.salemunitedchurchofchrist.org)

## CONSISTORY



Dave Sleightholm  
President



Don Howarth

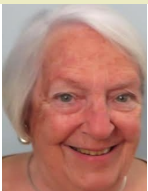


Bob Baechtold



Bill Andrews

**THANK THESE MEMBERS FOR THEIR TIME  
&  
SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH OUR CONSISTORY**



Carol Kehler



Donna Knecht



Fran Jamison



John Lyman



Lois Hill



## MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

Tribute table for 2 women and their babies who were victims of Domestic Violence

Vigil for Vegas

Stop the Hate Vigil

Champ

Feeding time at the Fall Festival

Donna and Olivia at Fall Fest

Salem Gang in Action

Jill  
Joined  
us in  
time for  
the Fall  
Fest

Thanks  
for all the  
hard work  
and  
dedication



## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

# EVERY ONE IS WELCOME

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Meet the Men of Salem at the Jubilee every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 8:30. Enjoy great conversation over a hearty breakfast.



### WOMEN OF SALEM

Come to Mountain Top Lodge and treat yourself to great food and even better conversation. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 9:00.

### THURSDAY IS PIZZA NIGHT!

Let Dominic's do the cooking on Thursday night! Join fellow church members in an extremely relaxed atmosphere and get to know each other better.

Dominic's is located at 584 PA-940, Pocono Lake, PA 18347



### **WHAT IS YOUR IDEA FOR A GET TOGETHER?**

Talk it up, don't be shy anyone can start a new tradition!  
Let me know and I will post it in the Newsletter.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### EARLY THANKSGIVING DINNER



Our family and friends are invited to be the guests of the local Turkish Community for a Thanksgiving Dinner.

Turkey, and vegetarian dishes will be served. All Kosher.

**NOVEMBER 10 at 5 pm**

The Golden Retreat Center  
7554 Eaton Road  
Saylorsburg, PA 18353

*Be Our Guest*

**PHONE: 580-399-1560**

**RSVP: Harun Gultekin**

**Email: [harungultekin@yahoo.com](mailto:harungultekin@yahoo.com)**



### TOMEC COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**NOVEMBER 21st**

At

**SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
POCONO PINES**

**Time to be Announced**



### **“HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS” HOLIDAY CHORAL CONCERT Sponsored by HATT**

**DECEMBER 9th**

At

**Pocono Lake Methodist Church**

### **GETTING A SENSE OF THE JEWISH YEAR:**

**The Tastes, Sounds, Scents and Special Touches of Jewish Holidays and Customs**

Welcome to a walk through the Jewish Calendar with its rich traditions and special foods\*! You will be introduced to a month-by-month tour of our holidays and be invited to taste the foods that “go with” each celebration. In addition, you will be introduced to some essential Jewish symbols and their use. During and after the tour you will be able to ask questions either of Rabbi Peg or any of the B’nai Harim members.

**Sunday, December 3rd OR December 10th at 2 pm\***

**RSVP [rabbipeg@verizon.net](mailto:rabbipeg@verizon.net) so that we have enough food for all to taste.**



## UPCOMING SALEM EVENTS

### TOMEC COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE NOVEMBER 21st



Time to be Announced

**LIGHT SNACKS AND BEVERAGES WILL  
BE NEEDED FOR AFTER THE SERVICE**

### CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS AT SALEM



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27: GEORGE PUTTING UP  
TREE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30: TREE DECORATING

-Church decorating if greens are available

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7: BACK UP DECORATING DATE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3: KRIS KRINGLE BREAKFAST

-Hackenburgs and Erlstens will be cooking

-Donations needed from Congregation



Lisa will take the youth shopping

-Carol will find needy family



## ENRICH OUR LIVES BY HELPING OTHERS

### SUPPORT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

#### WOMEN'S RESOURCES OF MONROE COUNTY, INC

Their mission is to provide a safe and caring environment that encourages healing and empowerment for anyone whose life has been impacted by domestic and sexual violence. We strive to engage our community through awareness, advocacy and prevention.

#### SERVICES OFFERED

- Hospital Accompaniment
- **24 Hour Crisis Hotline-(570) 421-4200**
- Shelter
- Counseling
- Support Groups
- Education Programs & Events
- Legal Advocacy

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Speak out against abuse
- Call the police
- **Volunteer**
- Tell Someone about our services
- Donate money, items or share your skills

Web Address: [www.wrmonroe.org](http://www.wrmonroe.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/womensresourcesofmonroecounty/](https://www.facebook.com/womensresourcesofmonroecounty/)

#### LOCATIONS

- Brodheadsville      Delaware Water Gap
- Tobyhanna      Business Phone: (570) 424-2093



Echo is a high end thrift boutique store in Stroudsburg. All proceeds benefit Women's Resources of Monroe County.

Echo is located on Ann Street, across from the Ribbon Factory.

## EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS AT HOME AND AWAY

This information is based on an article in the October 2017 issue of the AARP Bulletin.



### 1-Basic Electronics

- Phone chargers
- Portable Battery Pack
- LED flashlight
- Small hand cranked/battery operated Am/Fm radio
- Extra batteries

### 2-Personal Needs

- Travel size toiletry items
- Back up eye glasses
- First aid kit
- Baby wipes
- Multipurpose tool with knife and can opener

### 3-Clothing

- A few days worth of layered clothing
- Lightweight rain gear and waterproof boots

### 4-Medication

- At least 3 days worth of each of your prescription meds
- Portable oxygen tank
- Make sure you have charger/extra batteries for hearing aids

### 5-Cash

- Enough for a few days
- Small bills and a roll of quarters for vending machines

### 6-Food/Drink

- Bottled water
- Granola/energy bars

### 7- Photocopies of paperwork in a zip-top waterproof bag

### 8-The Perfect Bag

-“*REMEMBER YOU MAY LITERALLY BE RUNNING WITH IT*”

- Small/Portable
- Backpack/lightweight suitcase with wheels



Birth Certificate	Driver's License	Social Security & Medicare cards
Power of Attorney/Will	Marriage, Adoption, Naturalization Papers	Insurance, Medical, Immunization records
Proof of Address	Credit Info	ATM Cards



# SALEM ARCHIVES

**By: Susan Kratzinger**

*Thank you, Susan for volunteering to keep us in touch with our history!*

There are many old ledgers at Salem UCC. I am going to read through them and post articles in our monthly newsletter so we can all learn about the way life used to be in our community over a hundred years ago. The first ledger I am going to report on starts out as a record of The Houser Mills Literary Association, Houser Mills\*, PA. Is anyone familiar with that name for a nearby area to Pocono Pines? On July 21, 1896 “about twenty of the young people of Houser Mills met at the German Reform Church (now Salem UCC) for the purpose of organizing a Literary Society.” They met weekly, opening and closing each meeting with a hymn. They often had a collection, usually collecting a few pennies. Meetings were called to order by a President, and minutes were kept and read by a secretary. Motions were placed, seconded and voted upon. Everything was done according to Robert’s Rules of Order.

They recited poetry, read short stories, dialogs and other recitations. Songs were sung in groups, including Minstrel, which were popular at that time, and by soloists. Instrumental music was played, with one interesting exception. Here is an entry from June 4, 1897. I have copied it as written: “As the Music Committee promised to have some music for us they said they forgot their musical instruments and it was regular moved and seconded they sing us (a) song after disappointing us with the music. But in vain... Before the meeting was closed there was disturbance by some of the people. But are in hopes of having it attended to.” No collection after that meeting! The last recorded meeting notes in this journal were from July 1, 1897. Next month I’ll report on Salem’s Sunday School, with reports from December, 1898.

\*Editor’s note: According to the Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania Houser Mills was also known as Tompkinsville.

## Sunday Scripture Readings for the Month

**11-5-17**  
**Matt 5:1-12**  
**Rev 7:9-17**

**11-12-17**  
**1Thess 4:13-18**  
**Matt 25: 1-13**

**11-19-17**  
**1Thess 5:1-11**  
**Matt 25:14-30**

**11-26-17**  
**Eph 1:15-23**  
**Matt 25:31-46**



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