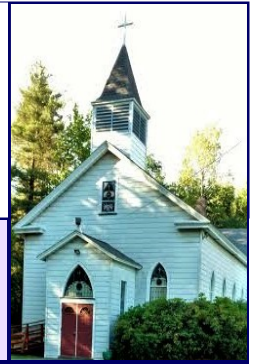




# SALEM UCC NEWSLETTER

108 Church Street-PO BOX 1047  
Pocono Pines, PA 18350



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

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Jubilee

**April 14-8:30 am**

## WOMEN'S COFFEE

Mountaintop Lodge

**April 14-9:00 am**

**ALL INVITED**

**PIZZA NIGHT AT  
DOMINIC'S  
Thurs at 6:00 pm**

**APRIL 1  
EASTER EGG  
HUNT  
DURING  
10:00 am  
SERVICE**

**EASTER  
BRUNCH  
FOLLOWING  
SERVICE  
at  
11:00 am**



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As I have shared with you, my daily routine includes a time of prayer and devotion. For this year that time is centered on *Seeking Aliveness, Daily Reflections on a New Way to Experience and Practice the Christian Faith*, by Brian McLaren. There is a theme and scripture texts for each week and a short reflection for each day of the week. A few weeks ago the theme was "Getting Slavery Out Of The People" and for one of the daily reflections McLaren offered his adaptation of the Ten Commandments that I am sharing with you.



1. **Put the God of liberation first**, not the gods of slavery.
2. **Don't reduce God to the manageable size of an idol**-certainly not one made of wood and stone made by human hands, and not one made by human minds of rituals and words, either, and certainly not one in whose name people are enslaved, dehumanized or killed.
3. **Do not use God for your own agendas** by throwing around God's holy name. If you make a vow in God's name, keep it.
4. **Honor the God of liberation** by taking and giving everyone a day off. Don't keep the old 24/7 slave economy going.
5. **Turn from self-centeredness** by honoring your parents. (After all, honor is the basis of freedom.)
6. **Don't kill people**, and don't do things that frequently incite violence, including:
7. **Don't cheat** with each others' spouses,
8. **Don't steal** others' possessions, and
9. **Don't lie** about others' behaviors or characters.
10. In fact, if you really want to avoid the violence of the old slave economy, deal with its root source-in the drama of desire. **Don't let the competitive desire to acquire tempt you off the road to freedom.**

McLaren ends the reflections by inviting readers to "Reread the commandments several times, and ponder how they could give us wisdom for today's challenges in our personal and social lives." (page 71)

As we enter the Easter Season I pray that all of us experience God's joy and peace as we live out the teachings of Jesus.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Mike*



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## CHILDREN AT SALEM

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH MISS LYNNE AND FRIENDS



**COME JOIN THE FUN AND  
MEET NEW FRIENDS  
WHILE DISCOVERING  
HOW MUCH GOD LOVES  
YOU!**

## Active Faith Formation





## BEING THE HANDS & FEET OF JESUS



### BACKPACK PROGRAM

*"You are feeding not only their young bodies but their minds, souls and hearts as well."*

Dear Members of Salem United Church of Christ:

I wanted to reach out to thank you for your generosity. The children and families of the Tobyhanna Elementary Center Backpack program are so appreciative of all the donated food items that you have provided. The children so look forward to picking up their backpacks on Friday afternoons. Many of them have younger brothers and sister that do not yet attend school and get excited when the backpacks come home. Your generosity has taught the children about caring and sharing. The children have become so responsible with bringing their backpacks to school on Mondays and I listen to them discuss with their siblings how they are going to share the food. You are feeding not only their young bodies but their minds, souls and hearts as well.

Thank you again,

Christine Meyer, CRNP, CSN



**"...Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'"**

**Matt 25:37-40**

## SUPPORT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### CLYMER LIBRARY

<http://www.clymerlibrary.org>

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Shifts are 2-3 hours long**, & staff will train you. If you can work any time from 10-5 on Mon, Wed, Fri, and Sat, and from 10-8 on Tue and Thu, then **call the library at (570) 646-0826 & ask for Diane, or stop in and ask to apply!**

### SUPPORT CLYMER

**DINE AT PERKINS IN MOUNT POCONO**

**APRIL 11, 2018**

**PICK UP COUPON AT LIBRARY**



**The Extraordinary Chauffeurs for our Veterans  
Bill Dyer, Kathy Averill, Bill Zimmerman  
MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### TOMEK FOOD PANTRY

If you wish to **donate** to the **TOMEK Food Pantry**, please **make your checks payable to Salem UCC and mark the memo line "Missions - TOMEK Food Pantry"**.

**Cash donations** should be placed in a separate envelope marked **"Missions - TOMEK Food Pantry"** so as not to get the donation mixed in with our regular collection.

**Non-perishable food and cleaning supplies** should be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Always needed in addition to food: **pet food, Ensure, diapers, wipes, shampoo, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, feminine monthly care products and laundry detergent.**

All who get aide are required to fill out State forms to show they are eligible.

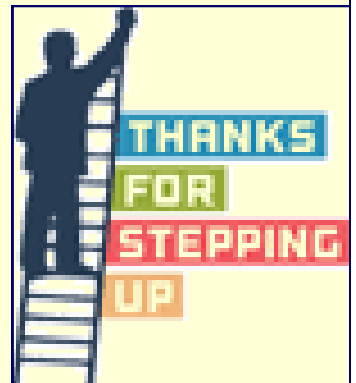
### Calendar

Five Loaf Food Distributions for the TOMEK Food Pantry Distributions are to qualified persons and families only.

Distributions are the **Second Monday of each month and the Tuesday following that Monday.**

**Monday Hours 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. by appointment**

**after these hours  
Tuesday  
Hours  
8:00 am.  
to Noon.**



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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***He must  
increase  
and I  
must  
decrease.  
John 3:30***

## CONSISTORY



Dave Sleightholm  
President



Kathy Averill

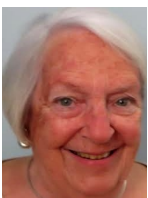


Bob Baechtold



Bill Andrews

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



Carol Kehler



Donna Knecht



Fran Jamison



John Lyman



Lois Hill



## Reflection and Meditation Garden



***Salem United Church of Christ  
Pocono Pines, PA***

**First Name M. Last Name**

**In this area tell us about your loved one.  
Give details about him/her and how they  
were connected to Salem  
United Church of Christ.**



## Location Code & Page No

## Family, Friends, Activities and Hobbies

**(In this area provide some favorite pictures of your loved one, and give captions under each photo.)**

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Don Jones, Grace Conger and Loretta Daubert are compiling information for this directory of bricks in the garden. If you wish to provide a photograph of and a few words about your loved one, please submit the material to Don or June.

- There will be two separate pages for each individual brick represented.
- We will provide a picture of the brick and its location.



Don



Grace



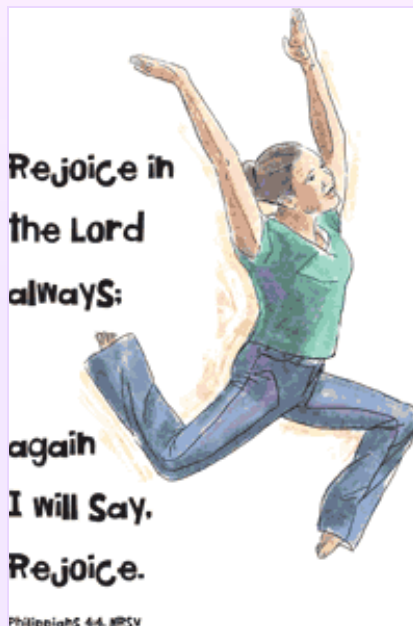
Loretta

## MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

# FIND THE JOY WITHIN YOU



Thursday Night Out Despite  
the Snow  
Lois, Doug, Pat, Jill, Susan,  
and Rich



Bob & Thelma  
enjoying an outdoor  
dinner at Da Vinci  
restaurant on Marco  
Island



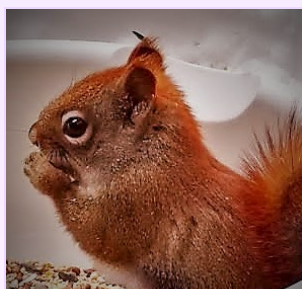
June & Grace  
Enjoying the sun  
in Florida



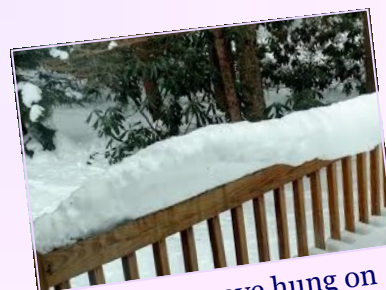
20 ft. Icicle!  
Thanks,  
Don Jones



Memorial Garden  
under snow



Frequent visitor to the  
Lonergan deck while  
the ground is  
blanketed in snow



This snow wave hung on  
the Lonergan railing from  
The Big Storm until 3-15!



## 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 Mountaintop 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.

# SALEM HAPENINGS



**PLEASE CHECK THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP.**

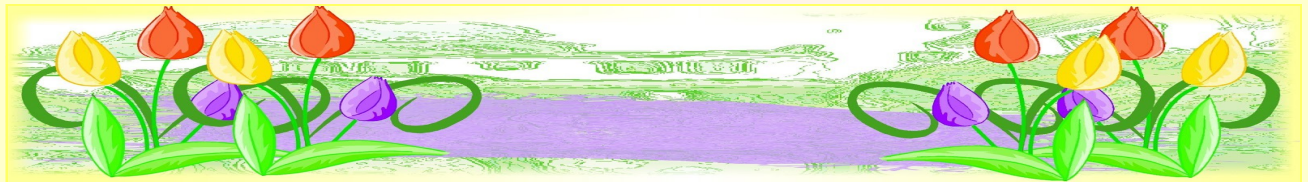
**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DONATIONS!**



**Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be during the morning service. Be sure to thank the Fischer Family for their generosity!**



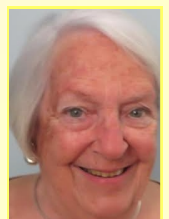
**Hunt will be service Fischer Family for their**



## **ELECTION DAY SUPPER**

**Tuesday May 15 4:00 to 7:00**

Once again Salem UCC will be having our Election Day Supper. The date is Tuesday, May 15th. This year the supper will be run a little differently and we are asking for lots of help from all of you. Carolyn Keiper is once again doing our supper BUT she will be away on vacation. She is going to make everything and freeze it before she leaves and it will be up to us to thaw the food, cook it and serve it. With everyone's help I know we can do it. I just didn't want to go looking for another chef for this supper and then go back to Carolyn for the November supper. We will be having someone from Mountaintop Lodge there to help us. The menu will remain the same ~ Lasagna Roll ups, Beef, Chicken, and Veggie, Tomato Basil Soup, Sausage, Salad and Italian Bread. We will be in charge of buying and making the salad as well as getting the bread and making that. Then we will be asking for desserts. We will have the usual drinks ~ coffee, tea, lemonade and iced tea. We need your help and your support so please mark your calendars and we'll make a fun day out of serving our community. Thank you for anything you can do to make this day a success.



# MONTHLY CALENDAR

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>EASTER</b>  Jen Weirich Birthday  1Cor 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8		Weis Market Senior Discount Day		Night Out <b>Dominic's</b> 6:00pm		
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Acts 4:32-35 John 20:19-31		Weis Market Senior Discount Day		Night Out <b>Dominic's</b> 6:00pm		<b>Men's  Breakfast</b> 8:30am Jubilee <b>Women's  Breakfast</b> 9am The Mountain Top Lodge
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:36b-48		Weis Market Senior Discount Day		Night Out <b>Dominic's</b> 6:00pm	Sarah Dickerson/ Hackenberg Birthday	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
1John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18		Weis Market Senior Discount Day		Night Out <b>Dominic's</b> 6:00pm	Dean Knecht Birthday	Caitlin Sutliff Birthday
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
Bob Hackenberg Birthday Acts 8:26-40 John 15:1-8						



# SALEM ARCHIVES

## By: Susan Kratzinger

### From the Archives

By Susan Kratzinger

April 2018

The logs of the Salem Sunday School are fun to read and I will share some of the more interesting entries with you. In the 1899-1900 red Composition Book, most of the entries are statistics of the 7 Sunday School classes—the teacher, the attendees, dates of classes, and amount collected. One memo of the Sunday School Officers mentions a motion that “was moved and seconded that an order be drawn on the treasury to the amount of \$3.65 for to pay for Christmas Toys.” That’s quite a bit less than each of us spent on our Christmas kids from TEC, but that was a lot of money in those days.

On Feb. 18, 1900 it “was moved and seconded that we replace Mary Smily’s ice cream dippers.” On Sunday, March 4, 1900 “it was moved and seconded that we pay to Chas. H. Anglemire 45 cents to pay for the ice cream dippers.” I’m guessing they were probably 15c each for 3.

There is another book with the initials T.P.S. of C. E. (Does anyone know what this stands for?) This book includes accounts of meetings in the years 1919-1920. These meeting were called to order by the president, followed by the singing of two songs. Minutes were read and seconded. More songs were sung. Then a discussion followed on a Scripture reading, then the Apostles’ Creed, Roll Call, and two more songs were sung. During the singing of the last song, a collection was taken up. The meeting ended with the reciting of the Lord’s Prayer. At the March 30, 1919 meeting this note was made, “The collection which was received was for the benefit of the Soldiers & Saylor’s \$1.39” Of course, this was during World War I. I’m sure the soldiers and sailors were helped by the donation. God bless all our veterans, past and present.



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