



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

May 12-8:30 am

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Mountain Top
Lodge

May 12-9:00 am

ALL INVITED
PIZZA NIGHT AT
DOMINIC'S
EVERY
THURSDAY
at 6:00

ELECTION DAY
SUPPER
MAY 15th
4:00-7:00

MEMORIAL

MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Parade

DON'T FORGET ~

Monday, May 28th is the wonderful Pocono Pines annual
Memorial Day Parade.

***Our church has the hot dog tent on the grounds of
Tobyhanna Elementary Center.***

WE WILL NEED:

- **A FEW PICKUP TRUCKS,**
 - At 7:00 AM, to help get everything over to the school
 - When the parade is over to take things to the church.
- **Homemade desserts** ~ finger desserts are the best sellers
 - Brownies, cupcakes, cookies, etc.

WE WILL ALSO SUPPLY:

- Donuts from Dunkin Donuts.
- Coffee, Tea, Sodas And Water
- Hot Dogs with Our Famous Homemade Sauerkraut.

LOOK FOR THE SIGNUP SHEETS FOR:

- Anyone to volunteer one hour in the tent
 - from 8:30 until the parade is over
- Desserts
- Water or Soda

***It is a fun morning and if you haven't seen the parade
don't miss it!***

Then we all need to pray for a beautiful day, and the start of a
beautiful summer. It will put a smile on everyone's face.
Thank you, once again, for all your help ~ The Women's Guild.

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**...but those who
hope in
the LORD
will renew
their strength;
they will fly up
on wings like
eagles;
they will run
and not be tired;
they will walk
and not be
weary.**

FAITH FORMATION

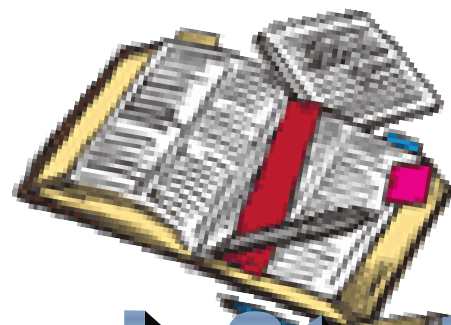
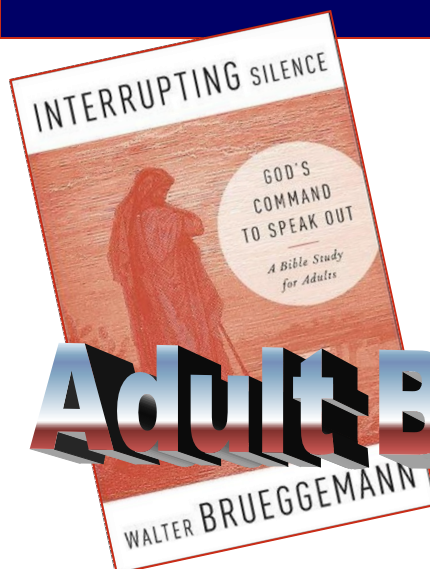
SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH MISS LYNNE AND FRIENDS



COME JOIN THE FUN AND



**MEET NEW FRIENDS WHILE
DISCOVERING HOW MUCH
GOD LOVES YOU!**



Adult Book Study

June 2 –Ex 2:23
The Oppressed
Break Silence

June 16-Amos 7:13
Prophets refuse to
be silenced

June 23-Ps 32:3-5
Silence Kills

July 7-Mark 7:28
Jesus Rudely
Interrupted

July 14
Mark 9:17-18
Casting Out Silence

July 21
Mark 10:47-48
The Crowd Silencer

July 28
Luke 18:2-3
Truth Speaks to
Power

**SATURDAY
EVENINGS
6:00 PM**

August 4
1 Cor 14:3-35
Church as a
Silencing
Institution

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

When Debbie and I first visited the church the first thing that caught my eye was the “Come Home” sign. The sign intrigued me, I have visited many churches over the years and I cannot recall seeing a sign like that anywhere. As part of a seminary assignment I asked a few people what “Come Home” means. Their answers were very similar, “come home to the Lord, come home to your church community, come home to your church, and come home to where you are welcome.”

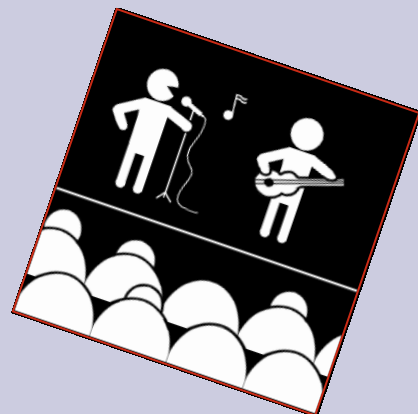
The question for us today is, how do we get people to come home? Especially for the significant portion of our community that would not think of a church as home. That question was a topic addressed by the keynote speaker at our Conference’s annual meeting on April 14th. The speaker was Rev. Michael Piazza, and one of the points he made was that we have to reinvent ourselves.

To make his point he asked how many of us remember Blockbuster. He said a church that does not continually reinvent itself will eventually wind up like Blockbuster. Who we are or who we have been does not need to go away, it needs to be reinvented.

So how do we reinvent ourselves? **This spring and summer we will be offering two opportunities to experience reinvention.** The **first** is an eight week study of the book *Interrupting Silence* by Walter Brueggemann. Yes we have done book studies in the past, the reinvention is that we are holding this study on a Saturday evening so those whose schedules do not allow them to participate during the week can participate. The details of the study can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

The **second** opportunity is a Saturday evening concert featuring the acoustic blues of the Crossroads Duo. The concert will be Saturday, June 30th beginning at 6:00 (no study that week). We hope that the weather will be favorable and we can set up outside and show our community our Salem hospitality. If Mother Nature does not cooperate then we will show that hospitality in the social hall. In the near future we will be asking for volunteers to provide drinks and snacks.

So who will you invite to Come Home, and experience the reinvented Salem?



BEING THE HANDS & FEET OF JESUS

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.**

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

ALL WHO GET AIDE ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT STATE FORMS TO SHOW THEY ARE ELIGIBLE.

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.



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

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,
Or**

10-8 on Tue and Thursday

Call the library at (570) 646-0826 & ask for Diane, or stop in and ask to apply!

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

CONSISTORY



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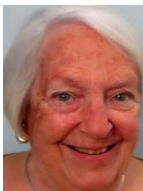


Bob Baechtold



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.**



NOTE:

**The photo to the left should
be your loved one's personal
photograph.**



Location Code & Page Number

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

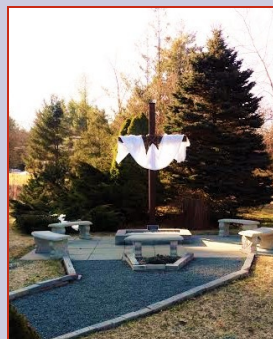


Loretta

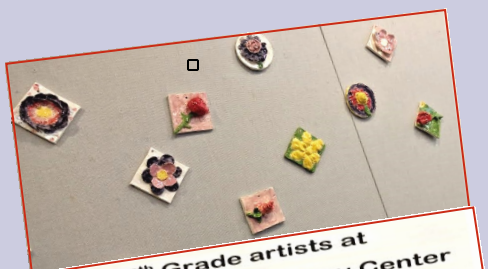
MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT



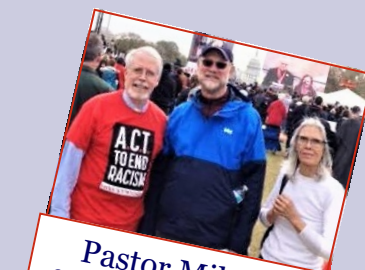
Uninvited guest at the Bechtel's



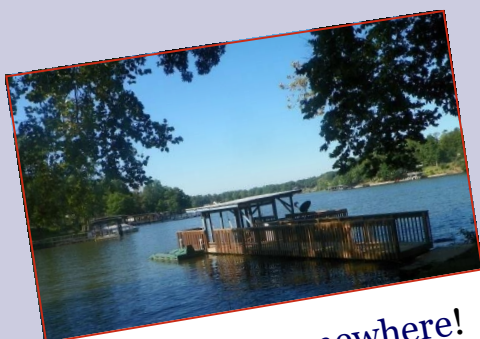
2nd Grade artists at Tobyhanna Elementary Center made these wonderful hot-air balloons



5th Grade artists at Tobyhanna Elementary Center welcome spring with these beautiful clay flower tiles.



Pastor Mike & friends at the D.C. End Racism Rally



It's Spring somewhere!



Ringer in Training



Sullivan Trail Questers at State Annual Luncheon

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

EVERY ONE IS WELCOME

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Meet the Men of Salem at the Jubilee every 2nd 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 2nd 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?

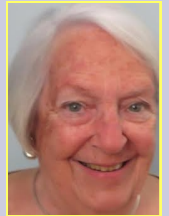
Talk it up, don't be shy. Anyone can start a new tradition!
Let me know and I will post it in the Newsletter.

SALEM HAPENINGS

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 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.



BLUES CONCERT CROSSROADS DUO



Saturday, June 30 at 6 pm

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
		Weis Market Senior Discount Day	Loretta Daubert Birthday Laura Deane Birthday	Night Out Dominic's 6:00pm Kelsey Sutliff Birthday Pat Sleightholm Birthday		
	6	7	8	9	10	11
Acts 10:44-48 John 15:9-17		Weis Market Senior Discount Day	Carol Burnham Birthday Lisa Erlsten Birthday	Night Out Dominic's 6:00pm	Jaycie Jaskolka Birthday	Men's Breakfast 8:30am Jubilee Women's Breakfast 9am The Mountain Top Lodge
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Acts 1:15 -27, 21-26 John 17:6-19 Mother's Day		Weis Market Senior Discount Day Election Day Supper 4:00 pm To 7:00 pm		Night Out Dominic's 6:00pm		Dale and Donna Knecht Anniversary
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Romans 8:22-27 Acts 2:1-21		Weis Market Senior Discount Day	Shirley Fischer Birthday	Night Out Dominic's 6:00pm		
27	28	29	30	31		
Isaiah 6:1-8 John 3:1-17	 Memorial Day Parade	Dean and Lynn MacEwen Anniversary		Mackenzie Erlsten Birthday		

May 2018

SALEM ARCHIVES

By: Susan Kratzinger

May 2018

In one of the ledgers for the Reformed Sunday School, I found a bill dated June 10, 1903. It was from “Isaac Stauffer – Laurel Inn – Ice at Wholesale – General Store.” It was for 4 cases of Soft Drinks (\$2.60) and 29 Baskets of Strawberries (\$3.44). I’m sure the Sunday School was purchasing these for their end of Sunday School picnic that year. The interesting part is that Isaac Stauffer, known as the “King of the Poconos” has a roadside historic marker, which was dedicated June 3, 2017 and it is located at Old Rt. 940 and Third Street, Pocono Lake. Here is the inscription:

Stauffer (1834-1919) engaged in lumbering on an enormous scale, reinvesting his profits in land. He accumulated over 4,000 acres in this area. Business ventures included manufacturing, a saw mill, ice companies and Pocono Lake’s first phone company. He opened a resort, the Laurel Inn, and built his fine home near this location. Stauffer was active in his community’s school, church and government.

In the 1924 record book of the Salem Reformed Sunday School notes were made on not only the weekly collections, but also what they spent their money on. Of course, money was spent on supplies for Sunday School, Christmas gifts, Easter services, and “foreign missions.” One entry I found particularly interesting was for “old muslin bandages for hospital use.” The hospital was “Githumu Hospital, Chania Bridge, Kenya Colony, Africa”. This hospital is still in existence as a private hospital and is owned by the Christian Health Association of Kenya. Google it when you have time.



A.I.C Githumu Mission
Hospital

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my gifts with you, as editor of this newsletter. Also, thank you all for understanding my reasons for resigning.

Debbie Lonergan

