



Salem UCC Newsletter

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Various Items of Interest ...

The new website & email. Salem UCC has a new website, as well as an email address, which are:

Website: WWW.SalemUnitedChurchOfChrist.org.

Email: SalemUCC1411@hotmail.com.

Y-T-D Financial Statement. Our calendar year-to-date financial statement through February 2013 shows that our expenses have exceeded our revenue, which has created a shortfall of \$2,443. Last year, our shortfall for the same period of time was \$4,461.00. Although we have reduced the gap this year, your continued financial support for this year is not only needed, but also is greatly appreciated, so that we can maintain our fiscal well-being and continue the good work of our church.

Storm water issues. George White, Don Jones, Sonny Fisher, and Jim Burnham have been asked to work with Dale and Chad Knecht to identify and resolve existing damage to the foundation that is being created by rain water run-off, which is also finding its way into the church basement.

New ramp. This spring, major repairs will be made to the existing ramp that services the rear door to the church.

New guidelines for personal use of church. The consistory is currently developing new guidelines for use of the Salem UCC buildings and/or grounds in conjunction with a personal event, such as: a family gathering, a wedding, or a funeral. Once the guidelines have been formally adopted, they will be posted on the church bulletin board.

Recent funerals: Over the past few months, three members of our Salem family have been called to the Lord: Dick Smith, Cynthia Bender, and Jack Fisher.

Commemorative Garden to be Developed ...

In order to memorialize various friends and family who have passed away, the Salem UCC is in the process of creating a special "Commemorative Garden" that will be located on the church property. This special place is expected to include an area for sitting and quiet reflection, flowers and other landscaping to enhance the general surroundings, as well as a location for various memorial plaques or commemorative paving blocks that will adorn the walkway. This concept is still a "work in process," so if you have any suggestions or would like to make a contribution toward the development of this special new element of the

church grounds, please forward them to any member of the consistory.



Flowers and other landscaping material will be part of the new Commemorative Garden.

PUT THESE FUTURE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

March 28th - Maundy Thursday - Service at 7:00 PM.

March 31st - Easter Sunday Service followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and party for the children.

April 13th - Men's Fellowship Breakfast.

April 13th - The Women of Salem coffee get together.

April 24th - Helping Hands knitting group (meets every 4th Wednesday).

May 11th - Men's Fellowship Breakfast.

May 11th - The Women of Salem coffee get together.

May 11th - Spring Concert (3 to 5PM).

May 21st - Election Day Supper

May 22nd - Helping Hands prayer shawl knitting group (meets every 4th Wednesday at 10:30AM).

May 25th - Memorial Day Parade.

June 14th - Vesper Services for Cynthia Bender at 7:00 PM.

July 13th - Community Day Ice Cream Booth.