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SALEM NEWS

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE...

When I was in seminary, I loved studying theology. I was enamored with reading the ideas of philosophers and theologians about God and religion, about the meaning of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and the meaning of human life. In

fact, when I first enrolled in seminary, it had been my plan to study theology and earn a Ph.D., and then teach theology in a seminary. However, while I was undergoing my studies, the call to church ministry was always tugging at my heart. So, after a year or so, I changed my focus from a Master of Theology to a Master of Divinity, and I relinquished my plans to earn a doctorate in theology in order to focus on church ministry and leadership.

Now that I have been serving as a pastor for eleven years, one of the things that I learned is that I always needed to be growing, and learning, and adding to my education. Three years ago, the opportunity arose for me to earn a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching. This not only satisfied my intellectual curiosity and desire to grow in my ministry, but it also would be a benefit to Salem Church, where I preach every week. Over the past three years, I learned new methods for preaching, developed methods for gaining feedback from the congregation, and grew in my preaching ministry through coursework and reading and feedback from preaching professors, colleagues, and members of this congregation.

On May 13, I will receive my Doctor of Ministry in Preaching certificate in Chicago. It has been a good journey to get there, and I know that my ministry has grown from it. But I could not have gotten to this point without the prayers and encouragement of this congregation, and the direct support of a small group of church members who worked alongside me the whole time.

They are Chuck Gilinger, Patti Kidder, Tom Lucas, Samantha Arida, Diane Meholick, and Rick Pickelhaupt. I appreciate the support all of you have offered to me, and I pray that my ministry will continue to have a positive influence on you and this congregation in the years to come.

See you on Sunday!

Jeremy

FROM THE ELDERS AND DEACONS....

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Are you interested in joining the church or learning more about church membership? Our church Elders are hosting a luncheon for all prospective new members on Sunday, April 24 following the 10:00am worship service. Please call the church office to reserve your spot. If you have any questions please ask one of the Elders or call the church office.

May 22 will be New Member Sunday!!

For Pastoral Care:

Call: (716) 692-3429 Office
(716) 545-6214 Pastor Lopez
Email: salemtona@verizon.net

To Support Salem Church

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salemchurchucc.org.
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114 Morgan Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

FROM OUR RECORDS....The following information is according to the records we have to the present date. We ask your assistance in notifying us of items to be included in this section of the Newsletter. We hope this information will keep you up to date on your friends at Salem.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Congratulations and best wishes to the following people who will become 80 years of age or older in May:



Frank Ford - May 8
Mary Decker - May 9
Kathleen Salmon - May 10
Margaret "Mickey" Barnes - May 17
Eleanor Stahl - May 20
Doris Lindaman - May 27
Marlin Salmon - May 28

Anniversaries
to
Celebrate



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES....

Congratulations and best wishes to:

...**Jim & Julie Verel** - 45th, May 23
...**Charles & Gail Wildt** - 51st, May 22
...**Paul & Rhonda Hopkins** - 41st, May 23
...**Edward & Barbara Trosin** - 58th, May 23
...**Mark & Julie Bastian** - 19th, May 24
...**Gary & Maureen Schulz** - 54th, May 25
...**Robert & Patti Slominski** - 33rd, May 27
...**Charles & Wendy Pilkey** - 53rd, May 29
...**Lynn & Rochelle Shiesley** - 46th, May 29
...**David & Connie Merchant** - 42nd, May 31

IN SYMPATHY

...WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF...

...**Betty Jean Peace** who died on April 5, 2022. The service for Betty was conducted by Pastor Lopez on April 10.

...**June (Gibb) Miller** who died on April 5, 2022. The service for June was conducted by Pastor Lopez on April 13. June was the wife of the late Donald Miller, mother of Michael (Sallie) Miller, Claudia (Rick) Jones, and the late Marc Miller, and grandmother and great grandmother to many.

MEMORIALS TO SALEM

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

PETER KUEHNE
FROM: Norma Stryker

ROBERT DOEBLER
FROM: Sue Toth

ROBERT MILEHAM
FROM: Kelly Williams
Rene Robinson

JOAN MAST
FROM: Herman & Britta Sparks

DONALD FREER
FROM: Robert Frangoles

JOHN CHERKAUER
FROM: His Wife, Carol



PLEASE NOTE....

If you or someone you know is turning 80 years of age or celebrating a Wedding anniversary, please notify the church office. We would love to announce your special day.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!

If you are graduating from high school or college this year and we have not contacted you, please let the church office know at (716) 692-3429 or Dyanne Ingram at (716) 418-9705 so we can add you to our graduation celebration!



THANK YOU!

Thank
You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Lenten Project benefiting the Buffalo Zoo

and Salem's Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks to your generous donations, we collected a truckload of supplies for the Zoo and were able to fill over 300 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt in addition to the multiple prizes donated! A special Thank you to Texas Roadhouse for their generous donation of kid's meal coupons and to the Easter Bunny for making time to visit on Easter Sunday! We hope that you had a blessed Easter and appreciate the support!

WILLING HANDS

Thursday, May 5 9:30am

Bring a sandwich for lunch -
dessert will be provided by hostesses

Come join in the fellowship, laughter,
and meaningful work in making quilts and lap
robes.

All are welcome to join!!

36th ANNUAL HOSPICE BOUTIQUE SALE...

I am pleased to report that more than 22,000 bouquets were sold this year! The sale raised over \$376,000 to benefit Hospice and Palliative Care Buffalo, this area's only care program. No matter what the diagnosis or prognosis may be, Hospice Buffalo gives comfort, support, and guidance to the patient and their family. I am proud to say that the support of Salem Church has added to this successful program. Thank you to all those who purchased bouquets to help friends and neighbors during critical times in their lives. God Bless to all!



Hospice
Bouquets

Donna Mileham

SAVE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS.....

The Community Life Board is asking for your support to raise funds for our growing Youth Group. We have set up an account at Tin Can Alley and are now taking your returnable cans as donations. Cans can be brought to the church and put in the receptacle near the kitchen entrance, or they can be brought directly to Tin Can Alley, located at 386 Hinds Street in Tonawanda (Please use reference "Salem United Church of Christ Youth Group".) Their hours are Monday-Friday, 10:30am - 6pm and Saturday, 10:30am - 4pm. For our at-home members, please call 716.464.0588 or the church office and one of our board members will gladly pick up any cans collected. This ongoing fundraiser will help to support the monthly activities for our youth program. Thank you for supporting the future of Salem!



MANY THANKS...

A special thank you to Salem's Girl Scout Troop for making and donating washcloth bunnies for all the baskets we made and delivered through our Easter Visitation Project. **THANK YOU GIRLS!!!**

Thanks
Many Thanks
Thanks
Thanks
Thanks

SALEM LEAGUE MAY GATHERING....

Salem League will hold their May meeting on Tuesday, May 31 at noon in the McDermott Room. We will have a luncheon (details will be coming soon). Program to be announced. All are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Jean Kell or Dawn Chase.



CANAL FEST CHOWDER!!!

Soup and
Sandwich
Supper



Believe-it-or-not, after being cancelled for 2 years, it is time to begin planning for Salem's Annual Parade Day Chowder and Roast Beef Dinner. This year it will be

held on Tuesday, July 19. Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. We need "all hands-on deck" for this event. Many of our former volunteers are no longer able to help, so please consider signing up. We need folks to help with set-up, clean-up, serving, helping in the hall during dinner, dish washers, dessert bakers, etc. I guarantee there is a job for everyone. If you have questions, please talk to Dawn Chase.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO all who helped with this year's Easter Visitation Project from your donations to preparing the baskets. Special thanks to Wanda Chase and Dawn Chase for helping to organize it and Peg Williams, Diane Gronwall, Sharon Berube, MaryBeth McCaw, Sue Toth and Donna Mileham for preparing a delicious lunch.

Maureen Schulz

SALEM PRESCHOOL HAS OPENINGS

Registration for 2022-2023 is now open

The program provides an enriching educational experience for ages 3 and 4.

Our Certified teacher and teacher assistant are eager to help children develop social skills & learning skills necessary for kindergarten!

Call and register today
(716) 692-3429

Classes fill quickly.....don't miss out!

COMMUNITY CORNER CAFÉ

May 14, 2022

Meatloaf, small buttered potatoes, mixed vegetables, brownies

June 11, 2022

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, Cowboy Potatoes, Cookies

Doors open at 11:00; lunch served at 11:30

\$2.00 donation is requested

All are welcome!!

No Café in July or August

We will return on September 10 with breakfast/brunch spread!

VIRTUAL THEME BASKET.....was a huge success.



No-Cost
Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who gave donations for the raffle and to all that purchased tickets. The church benefited an amount of \$3580 to our General Fund. Thanks again to everyone for your generosity.

CAMP SURVIVAL KITS...

Believe-it-or not, summer is right around the corner. That means that soon many of our youth will be headed off for a great week of camp at Dunkirk. We have "heard" from counselors and parents that many kids forget (or lose) some basic items they need to enjoy their week. The Christian Ed. Committee has decided to put together "Camp Survival Kits" for our Salem campers. If you can help provide one or more of the following items, please contact Dawn Chase (692-7879, 430-7399 (text/call), dchase8755@aol.com).



- *small flashlights with batteries***
- *notebooks***
- *pens***
- *shampoo***
- *bar soap***
- *deodorant***
- *toothbrush***
- *toothpaste***
- *comb/brush***
- *socks***
- *water bottles (inexpensive is OK)***
- *monetary donations***

MILLER-WERTH SCHOLARSHIP.....

Attention all graduating Seniors!

Have you started to apply to college?

Have you started to apply for scholarships?

Salem Church offers the Miller-Werth Scholarship to all church members who are planning to continue their education at a 2 or 4 year school.

Applications are now available. Call the church office (692-3429) if you are interested.

***The deadline for submitting your application is
May 31st***

Winners will be notified in June.

DUNKIRK CAMP CRAFT FAIR & FLEA MARKET

(In memory of Ron & Carol Bieler)

Saturday, June 18
8am—5pm (rain or shine)
3602 E. Lake Road
Dunkirk, NY 14048

Also featuring a Wendel's Chicken BBQ

Cost: \$13 at the door
Pre-sale: \$11

Call Ann (716) 366-1900 for tickets

Looking for Vendors
Arts & Crafts and/or
Flea Market

\$25 for 10' X 20" table
Call Anne (716) 366-1900
or Larry (716) 941-3746

ENDOWMENT NEWS..."Thank you to every-

one who generously made a donation on Endowment Sunday! \$1,010 was raised. Gifts to the Endowment Fund may be made at any time, whether for a Memorial or Planned Giving."





Add these dates to your calendar, and plan to join us!

Thursday, May 5

Willing Hands (9:30 am, McDermott Hall)

Bible Study (6:30 pm, McDermott Hall)

Saturday, May 14

Community Corner Cafe (11:30 am, Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 19

Bible Study (6:30 pm, McDermott Hall)

Sunday, May 22

New Member Sunday (10:00 am)

Tuesday, May 31

Salem League Women's Group (12 pm, McDermott Hall)

Every Sunday

Choir Practice @ 9 am

Worship @ 10 am

Sunday School @ 10 am

Coffee Hour @ 11 am

Every Monday

Chair Exercise Class

(1 pm, Fellowship Hall)

**\$5 per class*

May 16 and 23 only

Every Wednesday

Dorcas Quilters

(10 am, McDermott Hall)



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making
their
chalices*





*Salem Youth Group
Activities...*



*Easter Visitation
Project 2022*