



# SALEM NEWS

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## **MINISTER'S MESSAGE...**

November is one of my favorite times of the year. We begin the month with All Saints Sunday, which falls on the first Sunday of the month. That Sunday we honor those members of Salem Church who have died this past year.

This is a meaningful service for our whole congregation, as it is a reminder that we are one church family, and we grieve as a family, and commend one another to God as a community of faith.

The second Sunday of the month is stewardship Sunday. That Sunday is a reminder to us that we all have the responsibility and the privilege to carry on the work of Christ through this church. We each are called to give as we have received, offering our time, talent, and treasure in gratitude for the gifts of grace and love that we have received from God and one another.

On the third Sunday of the month, we celebrate the gifts of the harvest. It is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and before we enjoy a feast with our families, we have the opportunity to bring in bags of food for the people of our community. These bags will be distributed to families in need in our city by the Salvation Army.

We end the month on the first Sunday in Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas. On that day, we will have our annual Hanging of the Greens, and we will be decorating our church buildings for the Christmas season.

With everything happening this month, I hope that you will plan to join us in church for worship. Gather with us for prayer, singing, and studying our scriptures. Join with us as we give thanks to God for all that God has given us - the lives of those Salem saints who have gone before us, the blessings of resources, the abundance of food, and the hope of salvation.

See you on Sunday!

*Jeremy*



# November

### **For Pastoral Care:**

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### **To Support Salem Church**

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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.

## **BAPTISMS**

Lacey Lynne Shell, daughter of Mark & Cassie (Maier) Shell, was baptized on October 10, 2021. Lacey was born on March 2, 2021. Godparents of Lacey are Olivia Bugbee and Eric Randall.

Vivian Autumn Jones, daughter of Stephen & Christine (Hopkins) Jones, was baptized on October 17, 2021. Vivian was born on October 21, 2019. Godparents of Vivian are Christopher & Danielle Fisher

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES**

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

*Marilyn Hardy* - November 10  
*Richard Remmele* - November 15  
*Susan Malchow* - November 17  
*Patricia Slater* - November 25  
*Patricia Hutter* - November 28

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*...Congratulations and best wishes to...*

*Bruce & Ann Lamm - 41st November 15*  
*Robert & Nina Mowell - 45th November 27*

## **MEMORIALS TO SALEM**

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
BARBARA & ALFRED BREITENBACH***

FROM: Linda Breitenbach

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DONALD BREITENBACH***

FROM: Linda Breitenbach

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
RICHARD NORRIS***

FROM: Linda Breitenbach

## ***IN LOVING MEMORY OF RICHARD BRAUN***

FROM: His Wife, Jean, and four children



## **COMMUNITY CAFÉ IS BACK**

The first Community Cafe post pandemic was held at Salem on October 9. Things ran smoothly and we had wonderful help to make it happen. Thank you to all who participated in any way. We had 20 people that we served. We're hoping to increase our numbers as word gets out.



November 20 is the next Café date. Menu is turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Mark your calendar!

**THANK YOU** to the Salem Community for supporting Will Lucas' participation in the WNY Walk to End Hydrocephalus. Member contributions were part of Will's total amount raised of \$3,126. To date this year, the WNY Walk has raised \$75,158 towards the Hydrocephalus Association's mission to promote a cure for hydrocephalus and improve the lives of those affected by the condition.



Tom

## **SALEM'S BOY SCOUT TROOP**

is collecting gloves, hats, socks, and scarves for those in need.

A bin is available in Fellowship Hall

for donations.

## SPECIAL SUNDAYS

**Sunday, November 7**  
All Saint's Sunday 10:00 am

**Sunday, November 14**  
Stewardship Sunday, 10:00 am

**Sunday, November 21**  
Harvest Sunday 10:00 am

We will be collecting groceries for the Salvation Army food drive. Bags and grocery lists are available at the church office or at the entrance to the church.

**Sunday, November 28**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent 10:00 am -  
Hanging of the Greens

## CHRISTMAS CANDY 2021



Christmas Candy will again be available this year. We will be offering foil covered milk chocolate bells, and foil covered dark chocolate ornaments. **Peanut Butter Santas were not available this year – sorry!** Order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from this sale will be used to help cover the cost of future New Year's Eve "Kids' Fun Zone". **Candy will be \$8.50/pound.** We have a great price for the best chocolate. Please complete an order form as early as you can as we will not be able to get additional chocolate this year. Questions: contact Dawn Chase (716-692-7879).

### MOVING AND IMPROVING.....

A chair aerobics class is being offered at Salem on Mondays, from 1-2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The first session was October 25.



Claudia Kurtzworth is the instructor. Classes are \$5.00 and all you need to bring is a hand towel. Why not give this a try.

## THEME TRAY AUCTION



**Theme Baskets**

The Board of Programs is planning to have a Theme Tray Auction in March, 2022. It might sound like a long way off, but we are planning ahead and hope that you will too. This Auction will be a different format from others. The Auction will last for the whole month! Prizes will be drawn, one per day, and the winner will be notified by phone or online. How does this work? To join in the fun, you will need to purchase a calendar which lists the prizes that you might win each day. Since it is in March, you will have 31 chances to be a winner! We will announce when the calendars are ready for purchase.

As always, we will be asking the congregation to help supply the prizes. The Board will assemble whatever you send in and make the baskets for you. Gift cards are the easiest to acquire and are very popular prizes. Start to look around for sales and gift ideas. The "big shopping season" is coming soon. You might find just the right thing to donate. Questions? See Donna Mileham or Kristine Stewart.

## THE CAKE AND PIE SALE RETURNS!!



On Sunday, November 21 the Board of Programs will be sponsoring the annual Cake and Pie Sale to get us ready for Thanksgiving.

**BAKE SALE**

The Sale will be held after worship during coffee hour. There is always a big variety of baked good for your purchase. Mark the date on your calendar and plan on checking out the goodies that are prepared for you.

There will be sign up sheet on the activities table in Fellowship Hall. If you are able to donate any kind of baked good (it doesn't have to be a cake or pie...cookies and brownies work too) please add your name to the sheet. Drop your donation off on November 21 before service and the Board will have it ready for purchase after service. Thanks for helping.



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

**Thursday, November 4**

**Willing Hands (9:30 am, McDermott Hall)**

**Bible Study (6:30 pm, McDermott Hall)**

**Sunday, November 7**

**All Saints Sunday Remembrance Service with Communion (10 am)**

**Sunday, November 14**

**Stewardship Sunday (10 am)**

**Stewardship Sunday Luncheon with Soup and Cheesy Bread (11 am Fellowship Hall)**

**Thursday, November 18**

**Bible Study (6:30 pm, McDermott Hall)**

**Saturday, November 20**

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

**Sunday, November 21**

**Harvest Sunday Collection (10 am)**

**Cake and Pie Sale (11 am)**

**Confirmation (11 am)**

**Sunday, November 28**

**Hanging of the Greens (11 am)**

**Tuesday, November 30**

**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)**

**Every Wednesday**

**Dorcas Quilters**

**(10 am, McDermott Hall)**

Remembrance Service



Thanksgiving is a time to give God thanks for the blessings of the year. It is also the time that we at Salem especially remember with thanksgiving loved ones who have died and give God thanks for the privilege of having had them in our lives.

On **Sunday morning, November 7 at 10:00 AM** we will hold our annual All Saints Sunday Service. The service will include a reading of the names of those in our Salem family who died this past year and a special candle will be lit in their memory.

If you would like altar candles lit in memory or honor of other loved ones for this special day, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your gift by Tuesday, November 2.

YOUR NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:



**HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Sunday,  
November 28

Hanging of the Greens is back this year and better than ever! On Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 Am worship service, join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and stay to help decorate the church for the Advent season and Christmas! There will be activities for all ages! Further details will be mailed to families and in the bulletin. Hope to see you there!

**From your Board of Elders.....**

On Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Salem welcomed seven members into church membership. Some are new to Salem and some are re-



turning after time away. We are delighted that they chose Salem as their church home! On the Tuesday prior to their installation, the Elders and council held a "meet and greet" with these new members so that they could get to know a few of us right away, although many had been worshipping with us for a while, and many of us knew each other. Please welcome these new members when you have a chance. Their names and pictures are included in this newsletter! We hope our new members find some activities at Salem that they will be inspired to join!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO SALEM

### **Lew and Mary-Beth McCaw:**

Lew and Mary-Beth were married here at Salem Church in 1983. They recently returned to Western New York after a decade in Florida. Last March, they renewed their vows in a ceremony here at Salem, and have been involved in our Lunch Bunch group and outdoor communion.



### **Howard and Judith Starks:**

Judith is the daughter of the late Alvin & Ruth Hardy, and her family history in this congregation can be traced all the way back to St. Peter's Church on Knoche Road. She was confirmed here at Salem under Pastor Rest. Judith and Howard were married here by Pastor Larson, and the two of them taught Sunday school, helped form our crib room, and raised their sons at Salem Church.

### **Trista Hayes:**

Trista Hayes was recently married to long-time Salem Church member Kal Hayes. She works as the textbook department manager at the Buffalo State University Bookstore. Trista has joined the Salem Church Chancel Choir, the Bible study group, and looks forward to continuing to be involved in the life of our church.



### **Rob and Celeste Radel: (Not pictured)**

Rob and Celeste live on Grand Island, and are avid boaters. Rob is an attorney, and Celeste is a paralegal.