



# MAY 2019



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# BEN SALEM VOICE

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*"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1, NIV)*

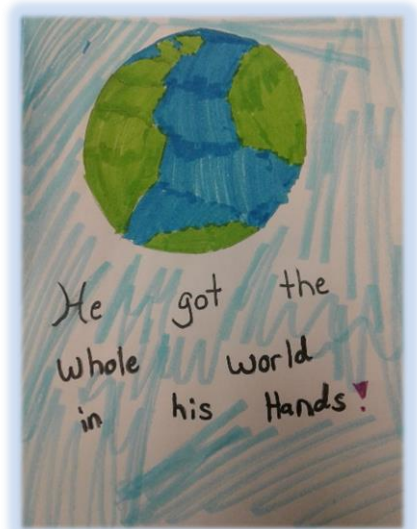
The month of May is upon us and during this month are a number of important dates. Near the close of the month we have Memorial Day, towards the middle of the month is the day we honor mothers, but the first Thursday of the month of May has been designated since the 1950's as a National Day of Prayer.

This day many times has been hijacked by groups who have a special agenda. Many groups want you to pray for a certain cause, something they support and want you to join them in. And if you do find that you have strong ties to a certain cause – well then by all means you should pray to God to guide you to bring about change.

But truly, what we can do as a church on this designated day of prayer is pray and ask God to show us how to better understand the differences that make all of us individuals. What this world needs is prayer for people to become understanding or at the very least, tolerant. We should pray that God somehow fills us with compassion and empathy for our sisters and brothers, all who have been created in the image of God. On the first Thursday of May let us take a moment out of our day – a few minutes to stop what we are doing and pray for the people of this earth, that we may all lay down our selfishness, our greed, our close-mindedness, and ask God to enlighten us with consideration and thoughtfulness. On this National Day of Prayer, let us ask God to help us be more accepting of the things we do not understand as we try to see things from another point of view.

Here is a prayer you might consider:

Holy God of all creation, when I talk of neighbor  
I mean the family next door; whom I might or might not get on with.  
When you talk of neighbor  
you extend our neighborhood to the whole world  
to all kinds of people; the old, the young, the good and the bad  
those from different social or ethnic groups.  
I see them on my TV screen and just know  
that I could not get on with them  
if they happened to move in next door.  
But then, that is your challenge to us, isn't it?  
To do as you did.  
To extend the hand of love  
unconditionally  
no strings or prejudice attached.  
I can't do that Lord  
it is not in my nature.  
But I am convinced  
that you can do it through me.



Kelsey

Read more at: [http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers\\_Acceptance.htm#ixzz3YbpFBZ49](http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Acceptance.htm#ixzz3YbpFBZ49)  
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*Pastor Mike*

# Ben Salem U.C.C. Worship Services



**May 5**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**9:15 AM Sunday School**

**May 12 Mother's Day**

**8:00 AM Worship**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**9:15 AM Sunday School**

**May 19 8:00 AM Worship**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**9:15 AM Sunday School**

**May 26 9:15 AM Sunday School/  
Memorial Service**

**8:00 AM Worship**

**10:30 AM Worship**

## **Altar Flower Sponsors - \$20.00**

A sign up sheet is located in the narthex or call  
Cindy Smith at 570-386-4248

\*\*\* Checks payable to Ben Salem UCC should be sent directly to:  
Cindy Smith, 707 Hoffman Rd., Lehighton, PA 18235.

## **Bulletin Sponsorship - \$10.00**

Please call Sue Messina at 570-386-2880 with your sponsorship information or e-mail  
her at [suemess@ptd.net](mailto:suemess@ptd.net).

\*\*\* Checks payable to Ben Salem UCC should be sent directly to:  
Susan Messina, 66 River Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252.



# PLEASE JOIN

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**Wednesday**

**9:30 – 11:30 AM Line Dancing**

**No Experience necessary**

**Contact Dot Eberts**

**570-386-2149**

**Free Will Offering**



**Wednesday**

**6:30 PM Cherub & Jr. Choir**

**7:00 PM Sr. Choir**



**Thursday**

**9:00 AM Blanket Makes/ Quilters**



**Thursday**

**10:00 AM Bible Study**



**Thursday**

**6:30 PM Handbell**



**Join Cub Scout Pack 756 – Sunday evenings at 6 PM**

at the Andreas Sporting Club...come and sign up! Ages Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade ...combines fun with educational activities and lifelong values. Cub Scouting is designed to support and encourage family and community involvement. For more info, contact Cub Master, Hans Krause 610-476-2341 or email at [hans.krause@allanyers.com](mailto:hans.krause@allanyers.com) Facebook @ West Penn Cub Pack

# Ben Salem UCC Bus Trip, 7/12/19



Trip Description	Sight & Sound: Jesus Show
<b>Stops</b>	Lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord followed by Sight & Sound Show: Jesus
<b>Main Contact Name/Phone</b>	Dawne (Church office): 570-386-3870 or Kelly (570)778-0356

**Itinerary:**

- 9:15am – Arrive at Church – Please be prompt.
- 9:30am – Depart for Shady Maple Smorgasbord
- 11:30am – Arrive at Shady Maple
- 1:30pm – Depart for Sight & Sound – Show at 3pm (2.5 hours long)
- 6:00pm – Depart for church
- 7:30pm – 7:45pm – Arrive back at Church

**Cost:**

- Adult (age 11 & up) - \$102
- Kids (4-10) - \$58
- Kids (3 & under) - \$51

Payment must be received by 6/1/2019. Reservation is not confirmed until full payment is received.

Make checks payable to: Ben Salem UCC

If mailing check, send to: 1965 Church Hill Rd Lehighton, PA 18235

Register by 6/1 at: <https://forms.gle/hWevAzvZ913P4Bjz6> or complete the form below. Mail or drop off at the church office.

Reservation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$102 ea

Names of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children (Ages 4-10): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$58 ea.      # of Children (Ages 0-3): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$51 ea.

Names of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

# Church Business:

## General Fund - March 2019

## Phase II Mortgage:

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## How to Contribute to Ben Salem Operating Budget:

- \* **Weekly Envelopes**- “**Current Expense**”- donations are deposited in General Fund to meet operating expenses. “**Benevolence**” - is sent to PNEC for OCWM.
- \* **Internet Banking**: Do you like the convenience of scheduling donations through Internet Banking? If your bank offers free internet banking why not schedule your giving to the church on a bi-monthly or monthly basis. The bank could send the check to: Ben Salem UCC, P.O. Box 128, Andreas, PA 18211-0128. If there is a place for a note about the donation, you can even fill in how much you would like to go to the church (Current Expenses) and how much should go to OCWM. Thank You.
- \* **Thrivent Choice**<sup>®</sup>: Thrivent member can request Ben Salem UCC to receive funds from Choice Dollars.

- \* **New Clothing bins**: New clothing bins are in place by the old Social Hall. Please feel free to donate clothing or shoes that you no longer need. The church can earn up to .07 cents/lb.



- \* **Recycle...Save your soda cans...** Please place Aluminum cans in bags... There is a fenced in area to the rear of the old social hall for the aluminum cans. *Do not place aluminum cans in garbage shed.*



- \* Have you remembered the church in your will.



**Pastor:**

**Rev. Michael McGowan**  
**Church Phone: 570-386-3870**  
**Home Phone: 610-759-9126**

**Pastor's Office Hours:**

**Monday – work from home**  
**Tuesday – 10 AM to 2 PM**  
**[visits in the afternoon]**  
**Wednesday – 9AM to 1PM**  
**[visits in the afternoon]**  
**Thursday – 10 AM – 5 PM**  
**Friday & Saturday – [by appointment]**

**Church Secretary/ Treasurer:**

**Dawne Beidleman**  
**Church Phone: 570-386-3870**

**Financial Secretary's Address:**

**Susan Messina**  
**66 River Road Tamaqua, PA 18252**  
**570-386-2880**

**2019 Church Board Members:**

**Elders:** Sharon Elder  
Brian Beidleman  
Doris Lusch  
Cliff Snowberger  
**Deacons:** Dawn Benner  
Amy Frantz  
Shirley Frantz  
Robin Lutz, Secretary  
Barry Reed  
David Rex Jr.  
LaVaun Shanton  
Nancy Smith

**Cemetery Association Officers:**

**Caretaker: David Fritz**  
**Secretary: Walter Keeck**  
**Treasurer: Doris Lusch**  
**Trustee: Dennis Frantz**  
Lowell Gower  
Dayle Smith



**Have you moved recently? Please contact either the Church Secretary or Financial Secretary with the new address, home phone numbers, cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses. By doing this we can keep in touch with you and also provide you with important information regarding the church.**

**Email addresses:**  
**for Church & Pastor McGowan**  
**[bensalemucc@ptd.net](mailto:bensalemucc@ptd.net) – Church Office**  
**[pstrbens@ptd.net](mailto:pstrbens@ptd.net) – Pastor McGowan**

**Thank you in advance for your help.**



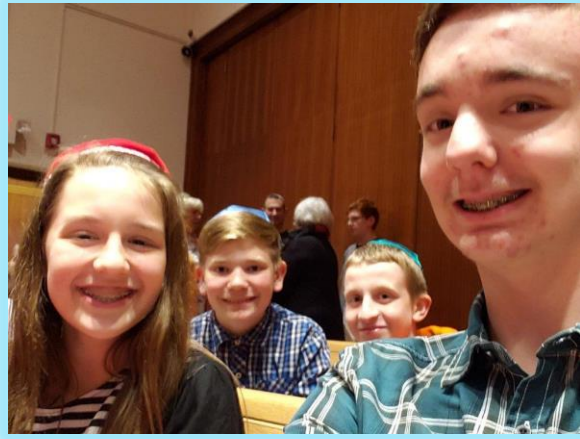
**Safety Committee:**

If someone in the congregation is aware of a safety issue, it should be reported to one of the safety committee members listed below or to someone on the Church Board. The purpose of the committee is two-fold. Ben Salem will get a discount on the insurance bill and at the same time enhance the Risk Management of the Ben Salem properties. Members of the Safety committee include: Ron Steigerwalt, Rodger Diehl, Barry Reed, Tom Kupres, and Pastor Mike – Ex Officio.



## Youth Events:

**Confirmation Class Trip:  
Keneseth Israel Temple**



**Vacation Bible School June 24 – June 28**



### **Scheduling Events at Ben Salem Church:**

To prevent scheduling problems...prior to calling meetings or events, Please check with the Church Secretary at 570-386-3870 to make sure that the date you have planned is available.

# Strawberry Social



**Horse-Drawn  
Carriage Rides**

**Ben Salem U.C.C.**  
1965 Church Hill Road  
Leighton (near Andreas)  
**Sunday, June 2**  
**Noon to 6:00 P.M.**

**Basket Raffle**



**Music by: Ben Salem Bell Choir, The Hawks, and Lost & Found**



**Fish  
Pond**

**Car Show (1:00 to 4:00)**  
to benefit Ben Salem VBS



**Bake Sale**



For directions visit [www.bensalemucc.com](http://www.bensalemucc.com)

For more information call (570)386-3870 or (570)386-2530

Please all the church office or use the sign-up sheet in the narthex for items and amounts you are donating. Drop off items in Fellowship Hall by May 26

9 doz. Hot Dog Rolls  
20 Doz. Hamburger Rolls  
5 lbs. White American Cheese  
3 pints Sour cream  
2 lg. bottles Ketchup  
4 -12pk. case Coke  
4 cases Water  
4- 12pk. case Diet Coke  
2- pkg. Napkins (500 ea.)  
1- 12pk. case Sprite  
3- 6" Paper Plates (100 ea.)  
2- 12pk. case 7-UP

3- boxes clear Spoons (100 ea.)  
1- 12 pk. case Diet 7-UP  
3- boxes clear Forks (100 ea.)  
4- 12pk. case Pepsi  
3 quarts Miracle Whip  
2- 12pk. case Diet Pepsi  
6 doz. Eggs  
1 lg. can Sauerkraut  
7 lg. Chicken Stock

## ~Fundraising at Ben Salem Church~

*Help is needed with fundraisers and always appreciated!*



### **Pierogie-Making Party –YOU ARE INVITED!** **May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**



The filling will be made on FRIDAY morning May 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30AM. SATURDAY May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM come help make the pierogies. Those who help will have first opportunity to buy a maximum of 5 dozen. Extras will be offered for sale between church services SUNDAY on a first come basis. Each dozen is \$6 towards the New Building FUND. Everyone is invited to join the Pierogie making party, not just members of Ben Salem. There will be no preorders.



## **Spring Bazaar Thank You!**

Thank You to everyone who donated or volunteered in any way with the Spring Bazaar that was held on April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. We had another fantastic turnout! This is definitely an event that pulls our Ben Salem Family together! It was very exciting to see everyone working hard, while honoring our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our Fellowship Hall looked beautiful, and it was filled with smiling faces from our community. The kitchen staff did an amazing job preparing and serving delicious food all day. The youth group spent a lot of time coloring Easter eggs and preparing for a free community egg hunt...with over 100 kids participating. The Quilters worked hard making items to sell, as well as the wood crafted items by Herlin. Many people came out just to purchase our yummy Easter Candy.

This year's profit was \$14,009.43. This is the sixth year that we will be donating 10% of our profits to a Mission. This year, the donation will once again be divided. First, a \$700.00 donation will be sent to *St. Peter's Community Resource Center (Weissport)*, which assists people in need through referral services, space to operate other non-profit groups, and helping people with every day items such as toiletry and food needs. Second, a \$720.00 donation will be sent to *Dylan & Gavin's Rainbow Ministry (Lehighton)*, who reach out to families who are experiencing a serious illness of a child or loss of a child. They provide encouragement, compassion, and other items the family may need.

We hope that you were able to come out and enjoy this event with us, and we look forward to our many upcoming events here at Ben Salem UCC.

Karen Hayman & Dot Eberts



**Thank you for the photographs and the beautiful artwork that is featured in the newsletter.**

**Theme for May: Father's Day and Summer.**

**Friends at Ben Salem,**

**Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. Your cards, prayers, and visits are so appreciated. It is comforting to know that others care and are keeping you in their thoughts. Thanks so much,**

**David and Nancy Smith**

**Dear Friends at Ben Salem,**

**Last week I received a beautiful handmade prayer shawl from your church. It brought me to tears immediately. Deb Yanders was the gracious gift giver and she said her aunt was one of the ladies in this group that gives so generously their time and talents in making these wonderful gifts.**

**I felt God's presence as soon as I wrapped it around me, and want you to know, you are all a blessing to anyone who receives one of these shawls.**

**I am healing well, and on the road to recovery. Lots of rest needed and the shawl provides peace & comfort to me daily.**

**Thank you so much for making such a positive difference in this world!**

**God Bless  
Lavona Schleicher**

**Bless You all for your kindness!**

**Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Your kindness is so appreciated. Bless you all for caring so much for my family.**

**Sherry, Terry, & Harley**

## Special Prayers



## Support Our Troops - All Military Personnel

Jessica A. Bealer: FC2# Bealer, Jessica,  
A USS Paul Hamilton  
[DDG-60] CS/CF, FPO AP 96667-1278  
→ Jessica is now back on base in the USA



**Jeremy Zellers, Norfolk, VA – on  
Submarine Newport News**

\*Please notify us if you know of anyone who is serving at this time or if names are missed or status changes.

## Prayer List

### Our Sympathy is extended to:

The Family of Larry Fritz. Larry passed away on April 23.  
The Family of Nancy Oswald. Nancy passed away on April 11.  
The Family of Kenneth Graver. Kenneth passed away on March 19.  
The Family of Betsy Wenzel DeAngelo. Betsy passed away April 4.



Missionary Jeff Mensendiek [Japan] and the Sendai Student Center  
Samantha Zipp, Mission in Philippines



### Congratulations on the Baptism of:

Rowan Kirk Jenson Schnell. Rowan was born on Dec. 17, 2018.  
Adilyn Lou Shanton. Adilyn was born on September 12, 2018.



### New Members:

Jason Andreas on April 14.  
Linda Horne on April 14.

# MISSION MINDERS

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.*

*1 Corinthians 15:58*

**Backpack Buddies:** A program for needy children in the Lehigh School District to supply them with food supplies on weekends and holidays, is our first 2019 mission project that will run through the end of May. To donate, please mark your mission envelopes as BUDDY.

**Please also note upcoming opportunities to volunteer:**

## Feed a Neighbor:

The Feed a Neighbor meal at Zions UCC in Lehigh is sponsored by Ben Salem twice each year. Help is always needed to serve the meal, and takes only 90 minutes of your time. We serve up to 100 people who appreciate and thank us for being there for them. **The next Feed a Neighbor meal will be held on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** Contact Bernice Steigerwalt to participate.

## Prayer Chain:

The Prayer Chain is a way for anyone to request prayer for a specific need.... [or thanksgiving or joy]. To have our Prayer Chain pray for you: Contact Betty Nothstein at 570-386-5644. Please call Betty if you would like to be called with others' prayer requests as part of the Prayer Chain.

## Meals Ministry:



Do you know someone who is shut-in or recovering from a hospitalization, serious injury or illness, or mourning the loss of a loved one that could benefit from a hot or a frozen meal? Ben Salem has a Meals Ministry Team that can help ease the daily burdens of families or individuals within our church and community by providing ready-to-eat meals. If you would like to volunteer with this ministry or know of someone in need, please contact Karen Hayman at 570-241-7842 or the Church Office.

## Called to Care:

Trained volunteers from our church are available to assist the Pastor in visiting shut-in or hospitalized church members who are no longer able to attend regular worship services or participate in church functions. If you would like a "Called to Care" volunteer to visit you, please contact the Pastor at the Church Office (570) 386-3870. We are looking for more volunteers for this Committee! If you are interested in sharing God's love with shut-in members of our congregation, please contact Pastor McGowan. Next Meeting: May 14 at 10:00 AM



## Prayer Shawl Ministry:

The Prayer Shawl Committee is in need of helpers to make prayer shawls. If you can knit or crochet and would like to help, please contact coordinators Betty Nothstein at 570-386-5644 or Barbara Snowberger at 570-386-2112 for more information. If a prayer shawl is needed, please contact Betty or Barbara.