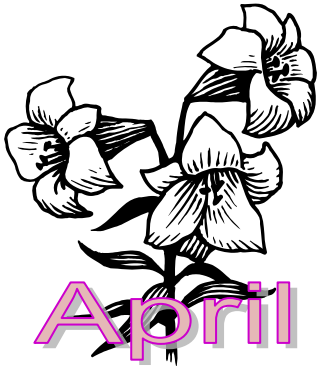


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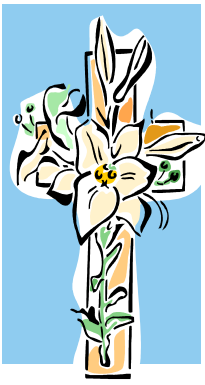
Website: www.bensalemucc.com

Fax: 570-386-3870 [call, speak to secretary, then call back]

Rev. James Knappenberger, Interim [610]767-6000 [if no answer, leave message]

Hugh Vrablic, Student Pastor

One in Christ



The Ben Salem Voice
Ben Salem United Church of Christ
PO 128, Andreas, PA 18211
April 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the Name of Christ our Savior.

With equal measures of joy and sadness, I sit down to pen my final pastoral letter to all of you. I know that you can appreciate the range of emotions because you are feeling them, also. For me the sadness grows out of having to step back from my relationship with all of you here at Ben Salem, a church filled with caring, loving, salt-of-the-earth, faithful people. The joy swells up in me as I anticipate having the time to climb back on my tractor and do some planting. For you, I suspect the sadness will come from a similar place; we will in fact miss each other. But your joy grows out of a mounting sense of anticipation as you welcome Pastor Mike and Diane into your church, into your hearts, and into your lives. Pam and I want you to know that we love you all and that we will remember our time among you fondly for the rest of our days. We also will hold you, your new pastor, and his family in our prayers as you begin this exciting time in the life and history of Ben Salem U.C.C. As we depart, allow me to share with you a final thought...

Recently I read that when working as an attorney, Abraham Lincoln deplored petty litigation. So imagine how he felt the day an irate businessman approached him, intent on bringing suit against a bankrupt debtor over an unpaid bill of \$2.50!

Lincoln tried to dissuade the man from pursuing such a trivial matter, but the man refused on principle. So Lincoln agreed to take the case and asked for a \$10 retainer. The client happily obliged.

After receiving payment, Lincoln gave half of the money to the defendant. With the \$5 windfall in hand, the defendant agreed to pay the debt and thereby settle the matter. The plaintiff was victorious. The defendant had a little money in his pocket. And Lincoln was able to avert an unnecessary lawsuit.

This anecdote about our famous Civil War president is one of many I've stumbled onto over the years, but this one seemed to me to have special significance for the season of Lent. Do we not consider, over these 40 days as we approach Good Friday and Easter, how our Lord Jesus, so aware of the debts we were to be held accountable for, stepped right up and not only came to our defense but paid our debts for us by giving His own life on Calvary's tree? As then President-to-be Lincoln averted a costly and ugly lawsuit for the poor defendant, so the Risen Christ snatches us from the judgment of sin and the death-sentence it brings. The empty tomb on Easter morn shouts across the valleys and plains and over the hilltops that we are saved from certain destruction as a result of the outpouring of God's grace in Jesus our Savior.

May this Easter be a reminder to each one of us of the generous and priceless gift we have received in the eternal life which has been secured for us by Jesus' journey from Calvary through the door of Easter's tomb. God bless each of you as we sing His praises, He is risen; He is alive!

I remain, as always, yours in Christ...

With Resurrection Blessings,
Pastor Jim

Sunday Worship Schedule for April 2011

April 3, 10, 17, 24 [8:15 and 10:30 AM Services]

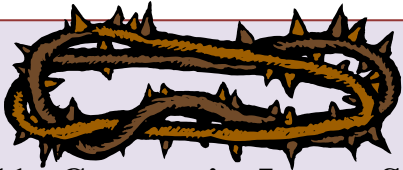
Communion Services

Maundy Thursday: April 21, 7:30 PM
Easter: April 24, 8:15 and 10:30 AM



Joyful Noise Offering:

April 10



2011 - Community Lenten Services

April 6 – 7:30 P.M. Service at St. Peter's Church
April 13 – 7:30 P.M. Service at Zion's Stone Church

The Cherub Choir will sing on April 10.



The Hand Bell choir will participate in the 10:30 AM Service on April 17.



Coming Up!

April 10 – 8:15 and 10:30 AM
Student Pastor, Hugh Vrablic will conduct both worship services and there will be a **service celebrating the retirement of our mortgage on the Church building.** This Sunday is also the last Sunday that Pastor Hugh will be with us as Student Pastor. Best wishes to Hugh and thanks for your service to Ben Salem Church!

April 17 – 8:15 and 10:30 AM
Pastor Knappenberger will lead his last worship as Interim Pastor of Ben Salem Church. We extend our thanks and gratitude to Pastor Knappenberger for his service to Ben Salem Church!



Holy Week

Palm Sunday Services
April 17 [8:15 & 10:30 AM]

Maundy Thursday / Tenebrae
- April 21 [7:30 PM]

Easter Prayer Vigil
April 23 [8 AM to 5 PM]

Easter Services
April 24 [8:15 & 10:30 AM]



Easter Cross

Anyone who is interested is invited to bring a cut flower [no hyacinths] to attach to our wooden cross on Easter Sunday. The flower is a symbol of new life and rebirth recalling Jesus' Resurrection, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday.

Annual Church Growth and Membership Slogan Contest

It's that time of the year for a new slogan. Your entries will be collected in the box located in the narthex until Easter Sunday. Enter as often as you wish. The new slogan will be announced on Pentecost Sunday.

Ben Salem calls Pastor Michael McGowan

On March 27, Pastor Michael McGowan led worship and presented a trial sermon at Ben Salem United Church of Christ. After the service an election was held and Pastor McGowan was called as our next pastor. The result of the election was as follows:

196 - yes 10 -no

Pastor McGowan will begin his ministry at Ben Salem UCC on April 18, 2011.

Join us for a



Farewell Luncheon

to honor Pastor Knappenberger and to celebrate his ministry with us... on Sunday,

April 10

after the 10:30 A.M. Service at the Social Hall.

Please call the Church Office or sign up

in the narthex by April 3 to

reserve your place at the luncheon.

If you would like to help: Donations will be gratefully accepted to defray the cost of the meal and gift for Pastor. A collection box for monetary donations for either the luncheon or gift is located on the counter in the narthex, or contact Bernice or Ron Steigerwalt to donate to the luncheon or the purchase of a gift. As always, thanks for your help! ** Sunday, April 17 will be the last Sunday that Rev. Knappenberger will serve as our Interim Pastor.

If you would like to donate to Pastor Knappenberger's Farewell Luncheon to be held in the dining hall after the 10:30 a.m. Church service on Sunday, April 10th, please call the Church office (386-3870) or Bernice Steigerwalt (386-5418) before April 1, 2011.



Monetary donations to offset the cost of meat, drinks & dessert will be greatly appreciated.

Barbeque, Drinks, and Dessert Will Be Provided

Church Business

- How to Contribute to Our Operating Budget: to pay Ben Salem's bills]
+ Use your weekly envelope [in your envelope packet]
+ Designate "Current Expenses": [Benevolence is only for Missions - OCWM]
+ Place in offering plate or send to the Church:
Ben Salem UCC, PO 128, Andreas, PA 18211

Note from Church Office & Financial Secretary:
Remember, it is important to keep us informed of any address changes. Please give changes of address to either Dollie Behr or Sue Messina.

2011 Church Board Members:

Officers: Sharon Elder, President

Ken Scherer, Vice President

LaVaun Shanton, Secretary

Elders: Brian Beidleman, Sharon Elder, Ken Scherer, LaVaun Shanton

Deacons:, Barry Fink, Amy Frantz, Denise Gerber, Walter Keeck,

Terry Lusch, Judy Pope, Bernice Steigerwalt, Ron Steigerwalt,

Interim Pastor: Rev. James L. Knappenberger

Church Secretary: Dollie Behr

Treasurer: Dawne Beidleman

Financial Secretary's Address: Susan Messina, 66 River Road,
Tamaqua, PA 18252



Coffee Hour:

Volunteers are needed to serve coffee. If you would like to help for a week or two, please contact Sharon Elder at 570-386-2530.

Next Church Board Meetings: April 18, 7 PM

Ben Salem History Books
are still available / \$60
Contact the Church Office
[570-386-3870]

*Have you remembered the
church in your will?*

Cemetery Association Officers: Next meeting April 7, 7 PM

[Meetings held on first Thursday of each month at 7 P.M.]

President: Dennis Frantz

Secretary: Walter Keeck

Trustee: Richard Bealer

Vice-President: Christopher Galloway

Treasurer: Doris Lusch

Caretaker: David Fritz

Please Note: Ben Salem Cemetery Association's policy states that no artificial flowers and arrangements be placed on our cemeteries from May 1 through October 31." We thank everyone for abiding with the Ben Salem UCC Cemetery Association policies.

Scheduling Events at Ben Salem Church:

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

Altar Flower Sponsors: [Checks payable to Ben Salem UCC]

A sign up sheet is located in the narthex. Cost of flower sponsorship is \$20.00. If you would like to sponsor flowers call Cindy Smith at 570-386-4248. ***Payment should be sent directly to: Cindy Smith, 707 Hoffman Rd., Lehighon, PA 18235.

Bulletin Sponsorship: [Checks payable to Ben Salem UCC]

Please call Sue Messina at 570-386-2880 with your sponsorship information or e-mail Sue at suemess@ptd.net. Cost of Bulletin Sponsorship is \$7 per week. *** Payment should be sent directly to: Susan Messina, 66 River Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252.

Please do not call the church office with sponsorships!

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT LOCATION UPDATE

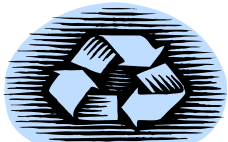
At the February and March Church Board meetings, there were discussions about the proximity of the new playground equipment to the Church. Although we realize that the location may not seem ideal, the equipment was placed there for specific reasons, the first being the terrain of our land, which slopes in many areas and is not conducive to the placement of the equipment.

The main reason, however, is that of safety and liability:

- It is extremely important that when children are using the equipment that they can be supervised and readily seen either from inside or outside the church.
- It is important that the equipment not be visible to the main road, so that it does not become used on a regular basis by children who play on it when there is no one at the church or who may not be supervised when using the equipment.
- It is important that we keep our children safe while at the church by not making the playground area an easy target for illegal abductions.

At the February 21st Church Board meeting, the Board voted unanimously that the playground equipment remain at its present location. After further discussion at March Board meeting, it was reaffirmed that the safety of our children is the most important concern of this matter, and consequently, the equipment will remain where is presently situated...

Ben Salem Church Board



Recycle...save your soda cans...

Larry Nothstein and Herlin Haberman continue to take aluminum cans to Zaprazny's. To help with this project...bring your **aluminum soda cans** [crushed or uncrushed] to the Old Social Hall and drop them off at the lower basement entrance. Benefits the Building Fund.

Please do not throw any other garbage items in with the aluminum soda cans.



Upcoming Committee Meetings

Membership & Growth – April 4, 7 PM
Cemetery Association – April 7, 7 PM
Fundraisers – April 11, 7 PM
Property Committee - April 14, 7 PM
Missions Committee – April 18, 10 AM
Christian Education – April 27, 6 P.M.
Called to Care – May 2, 2011 at 1 PM
Worship Committee – no meeting scheduled



Blood Drive – May 1

8 AM to 1 PM

at the Church Social Hall

for more information

or to register – Contact 570-386-1121

Phase II – Building Program



The Board has decided that any money donated will stay in the Building Account until such time as a building program is approved by the congregation. To contribute to Phase II, please use the gold envelopes included in your offering packets and make checks payable to Ben Salem UCC.

As of the end of February, the total in the Phase II Building Account is \$902.61.

Final Ben Salem UCC New Building Fund Report February 28, 2011

Income / Source of Funds

Individual Contributions [2000-2010]	\$1,139,495.04
Individual Contributions [2011]	4,103.00
Memorials [2010]	10,025.00
Fundraisers [2000-2010]	436,559.09
Interest from Previous Investments	25,991.84
Joyful Noise [2002 – 2010]	20,280.99
Joyful Noise [January and Feb. 2011]	358.50
Previous Donations	67,007.61
Fundraisers [Jan. & Feb. 2011]	5,546.61
Blanket Makers/Quilters [Year 2010]	1,100.00
Total Income	\$1,710,467.68

Expenses

Year 2000 to 2003 <\$98,369.86>

Transfers

Year 2001- 2004	\$ 690,460.00
Year 2003 to 2010	144,026.90 [Interest paid on loans]
Year 2003 - 2009	79,963.09
Year 2003 -2009	598,012.96 [Principal Payments]
Year 2010	80,000.00 [Principal Payment on loan]
Year 2011	10,000.00 [Principal Payment on loan]
Year 2011	9,112.26 [Pay-off Figure for Loan]
Year 2011	522.61 [Phase II Building]

Total Transfers <\$1,612,097.82>

Total Expenses & Transfers <\$1,710,467.68 >

February 28, 2011 – Balance in Account # 13005178 – 0
Account Closed

HOAGIE SALE [help needed]

ORDERS DUE – April 17 PICK-UP April 28 [11:00 AM to 1:00 PM]

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

PLAIN – HAM, SALAMI, CHEESE, LETTUCE & TOMATOES [no onions or peppers]

PLAIN _____ WITH HOT PEPPERS [no onions] _____

WITH ONIONS _____ WITH ONIONS & HOT PEPPERS _____

TOTAL # ORDERED _____ @ \$4.00 EACH TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Place order form in box in narthex or call Sue Messina at 570-386-2880.

Note:

A new interest bearing account has been opened for Phase II of the Building Program. Dawne Beidleman and Sue Messina will be doing the bookkeeping on this account. Continue using your gold envelopes found in your envelope packet to contribute to Phase II of the Building Program.

Due to the increase in the cost of ingredients, we have had to increase the price of our hoagies to \$4.00

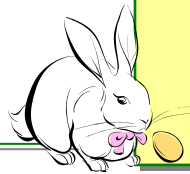


Annual Spring Bazaar

Sat., April 9, 9 AM to 2 PM
at the Church Social Hall
located at 1749 Church Hill Road,
[near Andreas] Lehighton

Featuring: Chinese Auction, Raffle, Homemade Easter Candy, Bake Sale, Wooden Handcrafted Items, Quilt Raffle, Tastefully Simple, and Knotted Blankets...

Refreshments from our kitchen featuring: barbeque, hot dogs, filling, soups ice cream & waffles and desserts. Join us for a day of fun!



Ben Salem Church Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9 at 11 AM
held at the Church
Come and join us!



Ham & Dandelion Dinner

Saturday, April 16

Serving from 3 to 7 P.M.

Your help is needed! Please contact LaVaun Shanton 610-377-3618 if you can help with this project. Monetary donations will be used to offset the cost of ham and other items not donated.

8 lb. margarine	2 gallons whole milk	20 lb. white sugar
4 lb. butter	20 lb. flour	4 gallons sweet potatoes
8 gallons corn	5 loaves white bread	8 bushel cleaned & cut dandelion
9 gallons green beans	4 containers salt	400 white napkins
3 gallons applesauce	2 boxes black pepper	12 rolls paper towels
4 gallons apple cider vinegar	4 large jars horseradish	4 large decaf coffee
30 cans evaporated milk	3 large regular coffee	12 lb. brown sugar
7 stalks celery	14 dozen raw eggs	33 lb. bacon
12 pound onions	250 lb. white potatoes	

Desserts appreciated: pies, cakes, jello, pudding, [regular & sugar free]
Please mark sugar free desserts. Fresh Fruit would also be appreciated.

Next meeting: Monday, April 18 at 10 AM in the parlor

Hunger Relief (April) - World Vision

Fast Growing Seeds



Give seeds. Your gift offers life-changing help for farmers struggling to raise enough food for their hungry children: fast-growing hybrid or drought-resistant seeds for an agricultural bounty of crops.

You can help prevent famine before hunger takes hold. Your donation will help provide seeds for crops like maize, rice, cassava, carrots, cabbage, green beans, peas, potatoes, and onions. Surplus crops can be sold to bring in much-needed family income that can pay for life-saving medicine or help send a child to school.

Please support the Hunger Relief program during the month of April.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – April 3



“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have. – Hebrews 13:16a

With your gifts to OGHS, the UCC offers hope and well-being to people around the world. Working with international ministry partners and with domestic UCC disaster and refugee and immigration networks, the offering is used to help people make vital basic improvements in their lives. Nine Christian churches support OGHS, a life-giving tradition that began in 1949. By giving to OGHS, you join with communities struggling to overcome poverty, illiteracy, illness, and the dangers of war and disasters. Together we follow God’s call—sharing resources, changing lives! Please consider donating to OGHS by either using one of the giving boxes in the narthex or using your OGHS envelope in your box of envelopes.

Bekki Ziegler's Mission Trip

During March Bekki traveled to Tijuana to help and minister to the children and needy families of Mexico. The focus of the mission trip will be to provide adequate housing for families living next to a landfill, to repair and improve the City of Refuge Orphanage, and to participate in community outreach ministry. Please help support Bekki and her trip by taking part in our various fundraising projects, such as giving boxes, free will offering, and mission trip envelopes.

Lenten project: CWS Hygiene Kits

The mission committee has decided once again to do the CWS Hygiene Kits. We wanted to make it a fun project and include the Sunday School as well. Each week during Lent, we will be asking for donations of a certain item in the hygiene kit. On Easter Sunday we will be collecting the final item and the kits will be ready to assemble. There will be boxes under the mission table and in the hallway downstairs for donated items. Cash donations will also be welcome to cover the \$2 cost of shipping for each kit. Please join in on this mission project and help us donate a record number of kits!!!

March 20th: hand towel measuring approx. 16"x28" (no fingertip or bath towels)

March 27th: washcloth

April 3rd: wide-tooth comb

April 10th: nail clipper

April 17th: individually wrapped bar of soap

April 24th: one toothbrush (in original packaging)

Thanks for your support!!



The Leighton Furniture Bank is in need of beds, dressers and sofas. They also could use volunteers to help pick up donations. Contact: Shirley Radler 610-377-4278



Family Promise of Carbon County

Family Promise is gaining speed! We now have 12 of the required 13 Churches needed as host Congregations. There are three support Churches and a volunteer agency on board as well. Our core group has been working long and hard with our development and fund raising phases of this ministry.

Our annual projected budget is \$ 80,000.00. So far we have raised \$ 10,000.00 towards that amount. Family Promise of Carbon County is encouraged by the excitement and community support we have been receiving. Family Promise has a goal of helping families by this Fall...we do not want to see another winter go by without being able to provide homeless families with children with a safe, warm and secure place to live. Please join us and support Family Promise at the following fundraising events:

Sunday April 3, 2011-Longaberger Basket Raffle at the Mahoning Valley Ambulance Building. Doors open at 12:00 Noon.

Variety/Talent Show-Come join the fun as a participant or spectator. Event will be held at the Mauch Chunk Museum and Cultural Center, 41 West Broadway on Saturday, May 7th at 6:30 P.M. Contact John Drury at 570-325-4436 to sign up and for additional information.

Ride From The Heart-Roar along 29 miles of beautiful Carbon County on your bike with other folks who want to see Family Promise become a reality. The event will be held on Saturday, May 14th starting at 11:00 A.M. at Blocker Enterprises-Parryville and ends at the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band Hall, Sixth & Cypress Streets, Lehighon. Music will be provided by Boomerang. Refreshments provided. Cost is \$ 10.00 which includes a chance to win a Harley or \$ 5,000.00 in cash. The ride will be held rain or shine.

Please consider volunteering for this exciting Ministry. If you can sleep, eat and engage in conversation your service can be of great service to the families seeking shelter. For more information on Family Promise of Carbon County, please contact Larissa Kimmel at 610-577-5060 or by e-mail at mlkimmel@ptd.net.

A Family Promise Prayer

© God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry.

When I have work, help me to remember the jobless.

When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home.

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer.

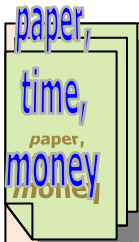
Help me to destroy my complacency, stir my compassion and be concerned enough to help by word and deed those who cry out out for what I take for granted. Amen.

Blanket Makers/Quilters

The Blanket Makers and Quilters meet on Thursday mornings. Contacts for the group are Dollie Frantz [386-4034] and Betty Nothstein [386-5644]. Helpers are always welcome! Come out and join



Thursday Morning Bible Study: The Bible Study Group meets on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the church parlor.



**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING BEN SALEM CHURCH
SAVE PAPER, MONEY AND TIME?**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL?

If so, please fill out the following form and place it in the box located in the narthex or mail it to Ben Salem UCC, PO 128, Andreas, PA 18211.



Name/s _____

e-mail: _____



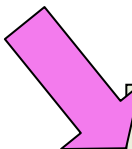
Ben Salem Vacation Bible School – 2011
“Big Apple Adventure”
Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1
6:30 to 9 PM at the Church

Parents and Children:

Youth Group and
Christian Education News:

April 10th
is “Bring a Friend”
to Sunday School day...
Worship together!

The Youth Group will sponsor
small gifts for each child who
brings a friend and their friend
will receive a gift also.



Ben Salem Church has a new playground...to donate money toward this project
call Kelly White @ 386-3072 or Dawne Beidleman@ 386-2015



Dine In. Chill Out.

There will be a **Schwan's Food Truckload Sale on April 17** here at the Church! Pre-orders are suggested... Brochures/order sheets are available in the narthex or you can call Kelly 570-386-2364 or Dawne 570- 386-2015 to request a brochure. If you pre-order you will be able to pick up your order on April 17. Pre-orders must be turned in by April 10, 2011. The trucks will be at the church between 9 AM & Noon on April 17. Please pick up your brochure/order blanks today...This sale benefits the Ben Salem Playground Project and Vacation Bible School. If you forget to order, we will have a truck filled with a variety of items to purchase on the spot. Gift certificates for future purchases are also available. Payment should be made the day of the sale [cash, checks, credit cards accepted].

**Easter Egg Hunts:
Sat., April 9 at 11 AM at the Church**



Donations of prizes will be greatly appreciated.

Cherub Choir Egg Hunt – Sat., April 23, 10 AM at the Social Hall



Young Adult Group – April 2, 5 to 7:30 P.M.

By the request of different members of the congregation and a blessing of the church board I have been asked to organize a "Young Adult Group" at Ben Salem. We are looking for all young adults to attend, whether you are a recent grad, beginning to start a family, or have children already this will be for you. As this new venture begins, the structure along with meeting times and place will be determined by members that attend. Ideas that have been discussed already include: faith discussions, campfires, volleyball, baseball, bowling, swimming, pot luck dinners, information speakers, fellowship, etc. We all live busy lives and don't need anymore stress, so we are hoping to make this group a fun time for all to enjoy. So if you looking to meet others going through life as you are, please come and join.

The church dining hall has been reserved on Saturday April 2nd from 5:00-7:30pm for our first meeting. The meeting will start promptly at 5:00, don't be late. The first night will include dinner at a cost of \$3.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child. Please bring the kids with as there will be childcare and children's activities available.

Thank you, Kevin Lusch (570)386-8222



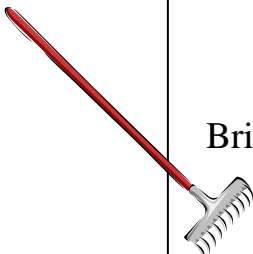
Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Prayer Shawl Committee is in need of helpers to make the prayer shawls. If you can knit or crochet and would like to help, please contact Betty Nothstein at 570-386-5644 for more information.

Help is needed

Work Day at Ben Salem Church

April 9 – starting at 9 AM

Bring your rakes and help clean up around the church and the cemetery grounds.



Thank You Note:

Hi everyone, I just wanted to say THANK YOU to everyone who donated items, money or time. All your efforts helped to make our 4th time at Zions Feed a Neighbor a huge success. Thanks for taking time out of your busy week to come out and help cook and/or serve at the event. I know the people who came out to eat were very appreciative. Thanks for serving God by serving your neighbor!! Again, thanks so much for everything!!
Sincerely, Lonnie Christoff

Richard and Cynthia Smith Scholarship Fund:



Applications for the Smith Scholarship Fund can be obtained by calling the Church Office at 570-386-3870. The forms can be sent in the mail or e-mailed to those who wish to apply. This fund was established to assist high school graduates who are furthering their education. The applicant must be a member in good standing of Ben Salem UCC. The applicant must have graduated from high school and be enrolled as a full time, undergraduate student in an accredited college or technical school to further his/her education. A person may only be a recipient of this scholarship one time. Preference will be given to those who have a financial need, who are loyal to the church, its worship and life, and who have performed community service. Applications should be submitted to the Church Office by

June 30, 2011.



*Congratulations to Matt & Stephanie Kistler
on the birth of their twins.*

Elizabeth Grace and Sophia Joy Kistler were born on March 3.



Youth Group Easter Flower Project



Prices are as follows:

Tulips - \$8

Hyacinths - \$8 ***

Daffodils - \$8.50

Lilies - \$8.50

Payment should accompany order. Checks should be made payable to the Ben Salem Youth Group. Orders can be placed in the box located in the narthex or mailed directly to Amy Lusch, 6 Clearview Crossing, Tamaqua, PA 18252. Flowers can be placed to the Glory of God, in memory of someone, or in honor of someone. Flowers can be taken from the Church after the 10:30 A.M. Service on Easter Sunday, April 24. Please fill out the following form. [*** Hyacinths will not be displayed in the Church on Easter due to the fragrance. They will be placed at the front entrance of the Church]

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Type of Flower _____ to the Glory of God by _____

Type of Flower _____ in memory of _____

by _____

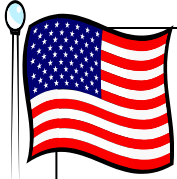
Type of Flower _____ in honor of _____

by _____

**Order
Deadline
April 3**

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.

Called to Care: Trained volunteers from our church are available to assist the Pastor in visiting people. 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...Please call the Church Office or speak to the Pastor if interested. **The next "Called to Care" meeting will be held on May 2, 2011 at 1 P.M.**



Support Our Troops - All military personnel

Brettany Smith – Ramstein Air Force Base - Germany

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

Our Sympathy is extended to: the family of Irene Keck. Irene was the step-mother of Linda Gower. Irene passed away on Feb. 26.

Ben Salem United Church of Christ

proudly presents

The Cramer Brothers Band



Sunday, May 15, 2011 - 2:30 P.M.

Country Gospel Concert

Ben Salem U.C.C., 1965 Church Hill Road

Lehigh, PA

Tickets: \$10.00

For tickets or information contact [570] 386-4344

Directions from Rt. 443: At Times News Building, turn Left onto Semmel's Hill Road.

Continue straight approximately 3 miles.

Directions from Rt. 895: Turn Right at Henny's Place onto Berger Creek Road. Turn

Left at first intersection. Continue approximately 2 miles.

April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Smith Scholarship Fund/ Call the church office to obtain forms to apply					1	2 5PM Young Adult Group Meeting at Social Hall
3 One Great Hour of Sharing 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Senior Choir Practice after Worship	4 8 AM Making Easter Candy 7 PM Membership & Growth	5	6 4-6 PM Pick up candy orders 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Lenten Service at St. Peter's Church, Mantzville	7 9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 7 PM Hand Bell Choir 7 PM Cemetery Association	8	9 Spring Bazaar 9 AM – 2 PM / Egg Hunt 11 AM
10 Joyful Noise Offering Mortgage Retirement 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School "Bring a Friend" 10:30 AM Worship /Cherub Choir Luncheon for Pastor Knappenberger after Worship at Soc. Hall	11 Preparing Dressing at Soc. Hall 7 PM Fundraisers	12	13 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Lenten Service at Zion's Stone Church Snyders	14 9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 7 PM Hand Bell Choir 7 PM Property Committee	15 Setting up for Ham & Dandelion Dinner	16 3 to 7 PM Ham & Dandelion Dinner
17 Palm Sunday 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Hand Bells Hoagie Orders due Schwan's Sale in parking lot	18 10 AM Mission Meeting 7 PM Church Board Meeting	19	20 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Senior Choir	21 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service with Communion /Tenebrae	22 Good Friday	23 8 AM-5 PM Easter Prayer Vigil at the Church 10 AM Cherub Choir Egg Hunt at Social Hall
24 Easter Communion at both services 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 	25	26	27 6 PM Newsletter Assembly 6 PM Christian Education Mtg. 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Senior Choir	28 7 AM Hoagie Sale 9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 11 AM to 1 PM Hoagie Order Pick Up 7 PM Hand Bell Choir	29	30

Preparing for Spring Bazaar

Preparing for Ham & Dandelion Dinner