

BEN SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WHERE TO REACH US:

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One in Christ

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

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The Ben Salem Voice

Ben Salem United Church of Christ

PO 128, Andreas, PA 18211

July - August 2010

To my New Sisters and Brothers in Christ here at Ben Salem UCC:

Summer greetings in the name of the Lord!

When Mary was seven years of age, one of her favorite toys was a set of stacking dolls that her grandmother had bought her in Holland. The dolls were made out of wood and each one had a unique, brightly colored, hand-painted exterior. Mary had given each doll a special name. The biggest was Great-Grandma, the next in size was Grandma, then Mommy, and the smallest was named Mary. The dolls went everywhere that Mary went. They sat on the table as she ate her meals. They watched from the safety of a decorative shelf as Mary brushed her teeth. They sat beside her when she colored a picture or played a game, and they went with her whenever she left her house.

Mary took care of her dolls and she pretended that they took care of her. Her Great Grandma doll was held when Mary was afraid. When Mary played games, the doll named Grandma played right beside her. When Mary was learning how to tie her shoes, her Mommy doll was there to help. The doll named Mary was just like Mary. She was the doll that all of the other dolls took care of and protected.

One day during Sunday church school Mary's pastor asked, "Does anyone know what Jesus meant when he said that 'I am the Father and the Father is in me'?" After a long silence Mary reached into her bag and carefully pulled out her wooden dolls. "I know," she said. "It is just like my dolls."

Young Mary was wise beyond her years in understanding how Jesus was in God and how God was in Jesus. St. Paul reminded his friends in Christ often that Christ is in every one who believes. As we launch out into another exciting Summer it would be good for all of us to remember the Christ within us. When you are away from home and among new friends or old long-distance ones, remember Christ within you; when you are waiting in line at the amusement park and a couple of arrogant people jump-the-line, remember Christ within you; as you drive down the interstate and the thoughtless driver cuts you off, remember Christ within you; and when your patience becomes extended beyond "the point of no return" because you simply are not used to spending so much time with your kids [or with your parents!], remember especially Christ within you!

The leisure and recreation of the season are a precious blessing from "on high"; therefore, enjoy them to the fullest remembering always who you are and whose you are. The best way to do that is to discipline yourself to continue to worship regularly, either here at Ben Salem or in far flung places, and to stay connected to the work of Christ in the world through your participation in and your support of the ministry of the church.

As you and I begin to get to know each other and as we begin to labor together in response to God's call, may this season be one of recreation, rest, and rejuvenation for each of you...mentally, physically, and spiritually; God see you safely and enjoyably through it! And know that I am now as always ...

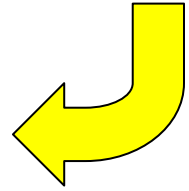
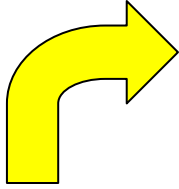
Baptized with you to live the Christ within us!

Pastor Jim

Welcome Our Interim Minister, Rev. James Knappenberger!

Rev. Knappenberger and his wife Pamela reside at 2257 Skyline Drive, Slatington, PA 18080. Pastor Jim was ordained in June 1977 at his home church, Union U.C.C., Neffs, PA. He served Good Shepherd U.C.C., Slatedale, from January 1976 through June 1990. He was then called to become Sr. Pastor or St. Paul's U.C.C., Trexlertown, where he served from July 1990 through his retirement in November, 2007. In retirement he served as Sr. Interim Pastor at Christ Church U.C.C., Bethlehem, from January through June 2008. Pam is a former voice and piano teacher, and a retired middle-school librarian.

Pam and Jim have a daughter, Rebecca who is a graduate of Cedar Crest College. She works as an accountant for a rail-trucking firm, and as a model for the QVC shopping network. Their son, Joshua, is a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves where he serves as a Chaplain's Assistant. He is about to begin his middler year at Moravian Seminary, working on a Master of Divinity degree.



Purpose of Meeting: To vote on whether or not to proceed with Phase II

At the May meeting of the Church Board, a discussion was held concerning the fact that we are nearing the end of our current mortgage. The Board felt that it is an excellent time to look to the future. At that time a motion was unanimously passed “to approve going ahead with pursuing a study of Phase II and naming a committee for this project”.

If the congregation approves of this action, a committee will be established to revisit the

Call to a Congregational Meeting

existing architectural
compare them to

After the
completed their
design and costs will
congregation for
vote.

Sunday, July 18

[after 8:15 and 10:30 services]

drawings and
today’s needs.

committees have
findings, the final
be brought to the
discussions and a

Worship Services for July and August

Worship Schedule for July / August:

[services at 8:15 and 10:30 A.M.]

July 4, 11, 18, 25

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Next Joyful Noise

Offerings:

July 11 and Aug. 8
at both services



Summer Communion Services

July 4 at 8:15 and 10:30 A.M.

August 1 at 8:15 and 10:30 A.M.



No Sunday School on July 11

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

2010 Church Board Members:

President: Sharon Elder
Secretary: LaVaun Shanton
Elders: Sharon Elder, Ken Scherer, LaVaun Shanton, Dayle Smith
Deacons: Brian Beidleman, Barry Fink, Amy Frantz, Walter Keeck,
Terry Lusch, Bernice Steigerwalt, Ron Steigerwalt, Kelly White
Interim Pastor: Rev. James Knappenberger
Church Secretary: Dollie Behr
Treasurer: Dawne Beidleman
Financial Secretary's Address: Susan Messina, 66 River Road,
Tamaqua, PA 18252

Next Church Board Meetings: July 19 and Aug. 16 at 7 PM

Cemetery Association Officers: Next meeting September 2, 7 PM

[Meetings held on first Thursday of each month at 7 P.M.]
President: Dennis Frantz Secretary: Cliff Snowberger
Vice-President: Walter Keeck Treasurer: Doris Lusch
Trustees: Richard Bealer, Paul Kuehner
Caretaker: David Fritz

Please note:

**Per Policy of Ben Salem UCC Cemetery Association: "We ask 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.**

Sponsors Needed for 2010...Please do not call the church office with sponsorships

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., Lehighton, PA 18235.

Bulletin Sponsorship: [Checks payable to Ben Salem UCC]

Sue Messina is taking sponsorships for Bulletins. Please call 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.

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.

Pastoral Search Committee:

[Committee continues to meet on Tuesday evenings]

Jim Diehl, Co-Chairperson
Denise Gerber, Co-Chairperson
Sharon Elder, Church Board President

Dollie Behr
Ellen Diaz
Dot Eberts

Bob Pope
Bernice Steigerwalt

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Called to Care – August 2, 1 PM
Property Committee – July 15 and
Aug. 19, 7 PM
Missions Committee – July 19, 10 AM
Fundraisers – [tentative August Meeting]
Membership/ Church Growth – July 5 and
Aug. 2, 7 PM
Worship – August 23, 7 PM

**Ben Salem History
Books are still available**
Contact the Church Office [570-
386-3870]

Note from Church Office and 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.

New Building Fund

Next Fundraisers Meeting: [tentative August meeting]

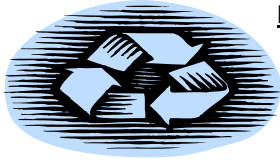
How to contribute to the New Building Fund:

To contribute money to the New Building Fund:

***Make check payable to Ben Salem UCC but designate "New Building Fund"

***Use a separate envelope -included monthly in your 2009 envelope packet or available in the Church narthex.

If you use your weekly envelope it causes much extra paperwork. If you have any questions pertaining to the New Building Fund...please contact Dolores Kuehner at 386-4877.



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 New Building Fund. **Please do not throw any other garbage items in with the aluminum soda cans.**



Next meeting: Monday, July 19, at 10 AM in the parlor

Want something fun to do?

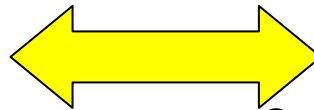
Sponsor an item in the mission committee's Alternative Holiday Fair!!!
You are able to choose how and in what way you want to help.....

\$10 Two Rabbits	\$25 Share of Seeds and Tools	\$40 Share of 5 School Kits
\$10 Oral Rehydration Therapy	\$30 Two month supply of grain	\$25 Share of an Emergency Food Package
\$10 Soccer Ball	\$30 Emerg. Clean-up Bucket	\$50 Share of Draft Animal
\$10 Hygiene Kit	\$25 Share of 10 Blankets	\$50 Share of Shelter Kit
\$15 Two Jerry Cans	\$25 Share of 5 Mosquito Nets	\$65 Share of Pair of Goats
\$25 Beehive	\$35 200 Tree Seedlings	\$70 Share of Pair of Pigs
\$25 Fifty Chicks	\$35 Wheelbarrow	

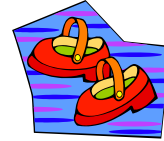
Simply visit the display in the narthex and take the slip of paper that corresponds with the item you choose. Submit payment with the slip of paper with item listed in your mission envelope and place in offering plate. This project will continue during the month of July!!

Collection for CareNet of Lehighton

- Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, 6) & Baby Wipes
- Formula, breast pumps
- Baby wash and shampoo
- Strollers, high chairs, gates, Pack & Plays, baby monitors
- New or gently used cribs and crib sheets
- Bibles for Adults and children, or be a sponsor for \$5 per Bible
- Bible story and other Christian books and videos for children
- Grocery store gift cards
- Juice boxes and bottled water



We will be collecting items all through the month of July. Please deposit items in box in narthex.



Let Them Walk in our Shoes Project



Blue Ridge TV13 is once again getting ready to launch the 4th year of their community service drive. They are collecting new or lightly used shoes from infant sizes up to Kids size 5. So far, they have collected over 8,000 pair of shoes. They will be shipped to our soldiers overseas for distribution to needy children. The National Guard has agreed to help again this year with vehicles and soldiers to travel to all participating locations and pick up the donations collected. They are also providing space at the Leighton Armory to store donations.



Please consider helping in this very worthy cause. Please deposit shoes in the box in the narthex. We will be collecting shoes thru the month of August.

Remember: Only new or lightly worn shoes sizes infant to Kids size 5 will be collected.

REGIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING: July 4th



Food Bank: There is a notice on the Food Bank bulletin board in the church narthex listing what is needed for the July Food Bank Distribution. If you would like to donate items, you can also call the church office to see what is needed. Please have all donations at the church or social hall by July 18. Thank you!

Blanket Makers/Quilters

The Blanket Makers and Quilters will not meet until September. Contacts for the group are Dollie Frantz [386-4034] and Betty Nothstein [386-5644]. Helpers are always welcome! Come out and join them.

The group will once again be sending some of their homemade knotted quilts to Lutheran World Relief via Tallman Trucking, Tower City.

The group is also selling chances on a 1953 United States quilt. Tickets will be available at fundraisers during the year or by contacting a member of the group. Money from the quilt ticket sales benefits the Ben Salem New Building Fund.



BEN SALEM 2010 WISH LIST



Listed below are items identified by the Church Board as needed to enhance Ben Salem's ministry to its congregation and to its community.

QUALITY PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

**See notice of need and specifications in this newsletter.
Buy a swing, a slide, or make a general donation.**



CEMETERY GAZEBO---\$6,000

Gazebo will be placed overlooking both old and new cemeteries. A grave location map will give directions to loved ones' graves. Approximately 1/3 of monies have been raised to date-----\$4,000 still needed for completion.

OFFICE COMPUTERS/SOFTWARE---\$1,500

Minister's computer hardware/software are very old and very slow. This purchase is long overdue.

If you are interested in donating to any of these items, please send a check to the church payable to Ben Salem UCC indicating to which item you want the money applied OR drop your check/cash in the box provided on the credenza in the narthex and indicate to which item you would like the monies applied to.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Membership & Church Growth Committee

*July 5 - meeting cancelled
Next meeting Aug. 2 at 7 P.M.*



Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Bible Study will resume in September.

Ben Salem UCC presents...



Vacation Bible School 2010
July 12-16, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Pre-register at:
www.bensalemucc.com
Or call 570-386-3072 or 2015

●●● Special Announcement!!! ●●●

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Join us for... Games Prizes And lots of fun!
Bible Stories Crafts

Ben Salem Vacation Bible School Donut Sale – July 15, 2010

Pick up orders between 6:00 and 9:00 P.M. at the Church

Deadline to order is July 4, 2010



Name: _____

Telephone #: _____



Plain 'n Fancy Donut Shop

Donuts - \$5.00 per ½ Dozen \$7.00 per Dozen

Sticky Buns - Plain \$5.00 Toppings \$5.50

[please include payment with orders, checks payable to Ben Salem UCC]

Yeast Raised	Qty	Price	Sticky Buns	Qty	Price
Glazed			Plain		
Sugared			Walnut		
Powdered			Coconut		
Filled	Qty	Price			
Jelly					
White Cream					
Old Fashion Cake	Qty	Price			
Plain					
Cinnamon					



FUNDRAISING



Dine In. Chill Out.

Ben Salem Playground Fund

Truckload Sale

Sunday, 8/1/2010

9 am – 3 pm

Church Parking Lot

Pre-orders due Sunday, July 26, 2010

Ben Salem VBS is excited to announce that we are doing a Schwan's Home Service Fundraiser to help fund our playground.

You can come and purchase your favorite Schwan's items directly from a Schwan's Home Service representative.

Pre-orders are encouraged!

- Brochures will be available on the credenza in the church narthex or you can call Kelly at (570) 386-2364 or Dawne at (570)386-2015 to have one mailed to you.
- No waiting for products; you are able to take them home the day of the sale.
- Schwan's donates up to 20% of total sales from the event to the Ben Salem Playground Fund.
- Pre-orders will be bagged according to who ordered it, so if you are picking up for someone have their names handy. If someone forgets to pre-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.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Ways to order:

1. Pre-order. Brochures and order forms will be available in the narthex. Orders are due July 25 and pickup with payment will occur August 1 from 9am – 3pm.
2. Walk-up. Schwan's trucks will have additional products available to those who did not pre-order.
3. Gift Certificates. Please contact Dawne or Kelly at the above number to order gift certificates.

All proceeds benefit the playground fund and the youth of Ben Salem.

Ben Salem is building.....

A playground!!!

To sponsor one of the following pieces

1. Call Kelly @ 386-3072 or Dawne @ 386-2015.
2. Use the Playground envelope in the newsletter or the Narthex
 - a. (2) Vinyl Towers - \$2187.00 ea.
 - b. (2) Vinyl Tower Roofs - \$464.00 ea.
 - c. (2) Decks with Railing - \$567.00 ea.
 - d. A-frame - \$397.00
 - e. (2) Picnic Tables - \$207.00 ea.
 - f. 5' bridge - \$597.00
 - g. Tunnel - \$337.00
 - h. (2) Wave Slides - \$487.00 ea.
 - i. Turbo Slide - \$597.00
 - j. Baby Swing - \$44.00
 - k. (2) Toddler Swings - \$94.00 ea.
 - l. Double Bench Glider - \$614.00
 - m. Setup and Delivery - \$409.00
 - n. Site Prep w/ Mulch - \$6474.00
 - o. Rubber Curbing - \$1275.00



Thank You!!

Special Prayers



Prayer Chain: This 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. If you would like to be called with others' prayer requests as part of the Prayer Chain, also call Betty.

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 Pastor Quayle at the Church Office [570] 386- 3870. We are looking for more volunteers for this Committee...Please call the Church Office or speak to

Pastor Quayle if interested. **The next "Called to Care" meeting will be held on August 2, 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.

Emma Lynn Black, Daughter of Seth and Jaime [Wassmer] Black received the Sacrament of Baptism on May 2, 2010.

Chase Jeffery Kain, Son of Marie Kramer and Jeffery Kain received the Sacrament of Baptism on May 16, 2010.

Our Sympathy

is extended to the Family of Willard Eberts. Willard passed away on June 7, 2010. His funeral was held on June 11, 2010.

Thank You Notes:

Dear Member of Ben Salem UCC,



Thank you so much for the wonderful day last Sunday. It was wonderful that so many of you were able to come to the dinner. The food was delicious. Thanks to all who contributed and prepared the food. My family thought the meal was great. My granddaughters loved the cheese and vegetables. They like those better than the sweets. That's hard for me to believe. The cakes were great. It was special that several of the confirmands could join and be honored. It was a great class. I thank you for all the kind words that so many of you said. I too will miss you. It has been a great 16 months. We are looking forward to using the gift in New York City. When we moved to this area, we thought we would get there more than we have so it is an appreciated opportunity. I like the way it was creatively wrapped. We look forward to seeing you at some of your social activities in the future. I pray that your Search Committee with the guidance of the Holy Spirit will find the right person for you as you certainly have a bright future.

Pastor Don Quayle

For your information and thanks!: The money donated toward Rev. Quayle's farewell luncheon was \$275 over what was needed to cover the costs of the luncheon. Rev. Quayle wanted the money to be placed in the Mission Account to be used toward the current hunger project. We thank everyone who donated toward the luncheon ...Your support was appreciated!

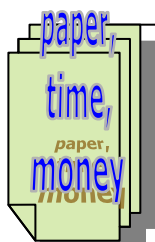
**To the members of the Ben Salem Family,
Thank you all so much for the prayers, warm wishes, and for the prayer shawl. I am using it often and can feel the love and prayers of your special family inside. Thank you, Love Peter Shanton.**

*Dear Friends at Ben Salem Church,
Thank you for your phone calls, cards, visits, kind deeds and words of encouragement during Earl's chemo treatments, major surgery and recovery time. We are especially thankful for you being a link in the prayer chain which was ever so powerful. To God be all the glory, honor and praise for what He has done.
Lovingly, Earl and Shirley Knappenberger [P.S. He is doing real well.]*

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers while my husband [Matt] was in the hospital. He is out now and doing much better. We did find that the tumor was benign. So, that is a big stress reliever gone. Thank you once again and keep praying. Love, The Hartranfts [Katie, Matt and Kaydence]

*Dear Prayer Shawl Makers,
Thank you to the Prayer Shawl makers . It was greatly appreciated to be thought of and kept in your prayers. The shawls are very beautiful and will be put to good use. When we use them, we will think of you and your makers. Thanks again. Lawrence and Florence Barry*

Your gift of \$100.00 from Ben Salem UCC in memory of Willard Kistler is gratefully acknowledged by Living Stone Fellowship.



**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: _____

We will be compiling a list of e-mails of those people who would rather just receive an e-mail and starting with the February 2010 newsletter we will try this method.

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 8:15 AM Worship/Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Communion	5 <u>No</u> Membership & Church Growth Meeting	6 Pastoral Search Committee	7	8 6-8 PM Decorating for Vacation Bible School	9 6-8 PM Decorating for Vacation Bible School	10 Decorating for Vacation Bible School
11 8:15 AM Worship No Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship / Men;s Chorus	12	13	14	15 7 PM Property Committee Meeting 7 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal 6-9 PM Donut Order Pick up at church	16	17
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August 2010

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