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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 [starting on June 23, 2010]

Phone: (Church) 570-386-3870

The Ben Salem Voice

Ben Salem United Church of Christ

PO 128, Andreas, PA 18211

June - 2010

Dear Members and Friends of Ben Salem Church:

THE NEXT STEP-----



Now that Pastor Quayle's interim ministry has ended, it is important that we find a good replacement until a full-time Pastor is hired and installed.

The Interim Search Committee recently interviewed candidates to serve as our next interim pastor, and feel that our choice of **Reverend James Knappenberger** is a forward-moving step to keep Ben Salem moving in the right direction during our time of transition.

Reverend Knappenberger, a retired UCC minister, served as pastor of several area UCC churches during his career, and most-recently completed a six-month interim pastorate at Christ UCC in Bethlehem after Pastor Quayle retired from that church. Members of Christ UCC have assured us that we are making the right decision in hiring Pastor Jim as our next interim, and describe him as a warm, personable, and caring minister.

On Sunday, June 27th, Pastor Knappenberger will lead his first Sunday worship services as part of his six-month interim position with Ben Salem. Until that time, we will use the services of supply pastors to conduct worship services.

We know that you will make Pastor Knappenberger feel at home when he arrives in the latter part of June.

If pastoral services are needed prior to June 23, please contact the Church Office 570-386-3870 or Sharon Elder 570-386-2530.

The Interim Pastor Search Committee
Sharon Elder, Dayle Smith,
Bernice Steigerwalt

Worship Services for June

Worship Schedule and Sermon Theme for June:

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

June 6, 13, 20 and 27

Next Joyful Noise

Offering:

June 13

at both services



Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 6 at both services

High School Graduates / 2010

Kara Marie Fleck – Granddaughter of Walter & Nancy Keeck – Lehigh Area High School on June 4.

She plans to attend East Stroudsburg University of PA [Major - Media Communications]

Tamara Christine Graver – Daughter of Donna & Kirk Graver – Lehigh Area High School on June 4.

She plans to attend LCCC for two years and then transfer to Bloomsburg Univ. of PA
[Major - Elementary Education]

Sarah Diane Kuehner – Daughter of Gary & Carolyn Kuehner

She plans to attend LCCC [Major - Secondary Education]

Kelcie Beth Smith – Daughter of Richard & Kyle Smith – Lehigh Area High School on June 4.

She plans to attend California University of PA
[Major - Speech Pathology, Audiology and Deaf Communications]

College / 2010

Sarah M. Miller – Daughter of Kevin & Diane Miller – Cazenovia College

- B.F.A. Degree in Studio Art specializing in Photography/ Cum Laude

Jessica L. Smith – Daughter of David & Cindy Smith – Pennsylvania State University – May 15

Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Development & Family Studies with Distinction

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.

Summer Communion Services

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

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



Love Offering for Tristan Wentz

On Sunday April 25, a Christian Benefit Concert was held at Ben Salem Church to benefit Tristan Wentz.

The love offering taken after the concert was \$1,254.00.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the concert.

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. Don Quayle

Church Secretary: Dollie Behr

Treasurer: Dawne Beidleman

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

Next Church Board Meetings: June 21, 2010, 7 PM

Cemetery Association Officers: Next meeting June 3, 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

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Called to Care – August 2, 1 PM
Property Committee – June 17, 7 PM
Missions Committee – June 21, 10 AM
Fundraisers – [tentative August Meeting]
Membership/ Church Growth – June 7, 7 PM
Worship – June 14, 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.

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...

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.

Pastoral Search Committee: [Committee meets on Tuesday evenings]

Jim Diehl, Co-Chairperson

Dollie Behr

Bob Pope

Denise Gerber, Co-Chairperson

Ellen Diaz

Bernice Steigerwalt

Sharon Elder, Church Board President

Dot Eberts

Special thanks to all those who helped with Pastor Quayle's luncheon on May 23.

We had a nice turnout and hope that everyone had a wonderful time. We are grateful for all the donations of food and the monetary donations toward the lunch and Pastor's gift. A special thank you to those who helped organize, set up and clean up after the event.

The Church Board and
the Luncheon Committee

Next meeting: Monday, June 21, 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 run for the months of May, June and July!!

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.

Dillan Zellers Mission Trip [Spaghetti Dinner & Collection Boxes]

The total raised for Dillan was \$1201.85.

LOOKING AHEAD



**LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OFFERING: June 13th
REGIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING: July 4th**

New Building Fund

Next Fundraisers Meeting: [tentative August meeting]

How to contribute to the New Building Fund:

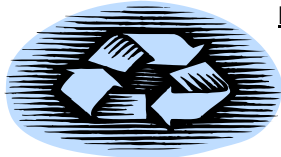
To contribute money to the New Building Fund:

***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.

Pierogies still available: If you would like to purchase pierogies...please contact Laura Frey at 570-386-4369
Cost \$5.00 per dozen



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.**

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Ben Salem U.C.C.



1749 Church Hill Road
Lehighton (near Andreas)



Sunday, June 13

Theme Basket
Auction

12 Noon to 6:00 P.M.

Cake Walk

Good Food & Family Fun

Music by:

Ben Salem Bell Choir (12:45)

Marshmallow Steamshovel (2:30)

Lost & Found (4:30)



FMI call
570-386-3870 or
570-386-2880

From Rt. 443 turn at Times News building onto Semmels Hill Road.

Continue straight approx. 3 miles

From Rt. 895 turn at Henny's Place onto Berger Creek Road. Turn left at first intersection.

Continue approx. 2 miles.

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---\$20,000

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

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
Bible Stories Crafts

And lots of fun!

Vacation Bible School Fundraisers



Name: _____
Telephone #: _____



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					

Deadline for orders is July 4, 2010
Pickup orders between 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at church Plain 'n Fancy Donut Shop



You're invited to come out and support Ben Salem's
 Vacation Bible School.....

WHEN: June 9, 2010 from 12 – 8 pm
WHERE: Lehighon Pizza Hut – **Dine In OR Carry Out**
PHONE: (610) 377-5503

Pizza Hut will donate **20%** of your purchases on the "Fun"draiser Night to Vacation Bible School! Just make sure you give the slip attached below to the Pizza Hut employee who is waiting on you!

FOR YOU:

Please fill in your name and return to a Pizza Hut employee at the time of purchase.

My Name is _____
 I support Ben Salem UCC's Vacation Bible School.

Total Spent \$ _____
 (to be filled out by Pizza Hut employee and attached to the receipt)



FOR A FRIEND:

Please fill in your name and return to a Pizza Hut employee at the time of purchase.

My Name is _____
 I support Ben Salem UCC's Vacation Bible School.

Total Spent \$ _____
 (to be filled out by Pizza Hut employee and attached to the receipt)



Ben Salem is building.....

A playground!!!



Ways to donate:

1. Use the enclosed envelope labeled 'Playground Fund'.
2. Sponsor one of the following pieces(call Kelly @ 386-3072 or Dawne @ 386-2015 for prices):
 - a. 5' bridge with railing
 - b. 10' rave slide
 - c. (2) 14' rave slide
 - d. 5' tower tunnel
 - e. Turbo tube slide
 - f. Basket glider
 - g. (2) child seats
 - h. Baby swing
 - i. Picnic table
 - j. Tire swing
 - k. (2) Fanback lawn swings
 - l. Tic Tac Toe panel
 - m. Ship wheel
 - n. Telescope
 - o. (2) 5'x5' sunrise roof
 - p. (2) Benches
 - q. Swing set
 - r. Mulch
3. Support VBS fundraisers.
 - a. Pizza Hut – June 9th
 - b. Plain 'n' Fancy donut sale

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.

WELCOME

New Members: On Sunday, May 9, the following new members were received at Ben Salem Church: **Frank Brooks, Michael and Kimberly Lusch.**

On Sunday, May 16, **Jo Heisler** was received into membership.

Congratulations to **Michael and Kimberly Lusch** on the birth of their son **Noah Matthew**. Noah was born on **May 11, 2010.**

Congratulations to **Scott and Marcia [Fritz] Stay** on the birth of their son **Connor Vincent**. Connor was born on **May 22, 2010.**

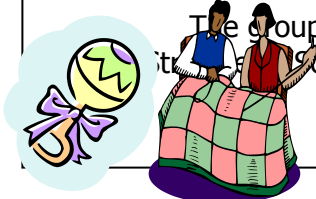
Calling all 20-35 year olds...

A young adult group is forming...If you have interest in participating or to express your ideas on what type of activities the group could initiate, call Sharon Elder at 570-386-2530.

Blanket Makers/Quilters

The Blanket Makers and Quilters meet Thursday mornings at Social Hall upstairs in the classroom area. Contacts for the group are Dollie Frantz [386-4034] and Betty Nothstein [386-5644]. Helpers are always welcome! Come out and join them.

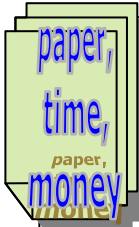
The group is selling chances on a 1953 United States quilt. Tickets will be available at the Social and other fundraisers during the year or by contacting a member of the group.



Membership & Church Growth Committee will meet on June 7 at 7 P.M.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

will meet on Thursday morning June 3 at 10 A.M. in the Church Parlor. This is the last bible study until Fall.



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.

Thank You Notes:

Dear Members of the Mission Committee: We want to thank you for your donation. It came at the right time. It will be put to good use. God Bless, Rev. Douglas Archer Sr., Chaplain

To the Church Board and Congregation of Ben Salem UCC,
Thank you for the generous memorial to Living Stone Church in Dad's name [Willard Kistler]. Thank you to the many, many, of you who sent cards and notes of condolence to me and to Mom. Dad always looked forward to the 10:30 worship service at Ben Salem, plus the sermon. He felt like he'd "been to church". As you know he was very supportive of the new church building and gave generously toward it. It's heartwarming to know how many of you are praying for my family at this time. Thank you, and God bless. Pastor Jeff Kistler

Dear Ben Salem Congregation, A sincere thank you to the Prayer Shawl Committee for the beautiful shawl that I received through Arvilla Fritz. Leona Weintraut

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 P.M. Pastoral Search Comittee	2 6:30 Cherub Choir 7:30 Senior Choir	3 9 AM Blanket Makers & Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 7 PM Hand Bell Choir 7 PM Cemetery Assn.	4	5
6 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	7 7 PM Membership & Church Growth Committee	8 7 PM Pastoral Search Committee	9 6:30 Cherub Choir 7:30 Senior Choir	10 9 AM Blanket Makers & Quilters 7 PM Hand Bell Choir	11	12
Preparing for the Strawberry Social						
13 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship  Noon to 6 PM Strawberry Social	14 7 PM Worship Committee	15 7:30 PM Pastoral Search Committee	16 6:30 Cherub Choir 7:30 Senior Choir	17 9 AM Blanket Makers & Quilters 7 PM Property Committee 7 PM Hand Bell Choir	18	19
20 Father's Day Rev. Toby Holleman preaching 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Cherub Choir	21 10 AM Mission Mtg. 7 PM Church Board Meeting	22 7:30 PM Pastoral Search Committee	23	24	25	26
27 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	28	29 7:30 PM Pastoral Search Committee	30 6 PM Newsletter Assembly			