



The Ben Salem Voice

Ben Salem United Church of Christ

PO 128, Andreas, PA 18211

May - 2010

Dear Members and Friends of Ben Salem Church:

It has been a joy being with you at Ben Salem since February 2009. As a result of my stay here I would like to share with you some reflections on Ben Salem Church. You have a lot of potential here for the future. The area in which you are located will have population growth if you are ready to share the Gospel with all those moving in. The Membership and Church Growth Committee is poised to work on that. They would like more people to join them in this endeavor. It is a challenge for each lay person to look for persons to invite to come worship with you.

You have great lay leadership, many talented people who are willing to serve the Lord and the church.

Many people do not feel traditional worship is their thing. The churches that are growing the fastest primarily use a more contemporary style worship with guitars, keyboard and drums. There are some in the more traditional denominations that think everyone should be satisfied with their traditional worship. Even if you do not like the more contemporary style, I would encourage you not to voice that in the presence of those who choose contemporary style worship and vice versa. It creates a division which is not healthy for a congregation.

You are blessed with great musical talent both instrumentally and vocally. That is a great asset in terms of both worship services.

One area that needs work at Ben Salem is stewardship. There are many people who contribute only a \$1 a week or less. Just think what a \$1 will and won't buy today. You can't even buy a hamburger for that. I would challenge you to think sacrificial giving so that your congregation has more financial resources with which to work. When your leadership goes to look for staff replacements, they discover that your wage scale is behind what the going rate is elsewhere.

I am impressed with your younger leadership. They are working now to establish a group for young adults. I pray that they succeed.

I would encourage you to involve new members as soon as possible in the life of the congregation. With our transient society people may move in and then be forced to move elsewhere shortly because of their job. Consequently, we should involve them as soon as possible in the life of the church.

I hear among some of your members a negative attitude toward the Penn Northeast Conference. The Conference is really composed of clergy and lay members from congregations just like yours. It is there to be a resource and a help. Together with other congregations we can do things that individual congregations cannot do by themselves like providing a great resource center and people who are trained to help in various specialties. I have personally been very involved in the life of the conference serving as Moderator, Chair of the Board of Directors, and Chair of the Church and Ministry Committee and know that we were there because we wanted to be of help to congregations and pastors.

Your Search Committee has been working very hard to find you the right person to serve as your pastor on a permanent basis. Please keep them in your prayers.

Like Pastor Kistler I have a policy that once I leave a congregation, I will not come back to perform any pastoral function. This puts a new pastor in a difficult situation. The congregation's loyalty should be to the new person not the former one. It is up to the one leaving to draw the line.

I pray God's blessing upon your future life as a congregation.

Don R. Quayle

Worship Services for May

Worship Schedule and Sermon Theme for May:

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

May 2 – “Getting Along with Difficult People” / Communion

May 9 – “The Value of a Christian Home” / Mother’s Day

May 16 – “Ending Your Financial Worries”

May 23 – “Empowered by God” / Communion/Confirmation

May 30 – [New Interim or Supply Pastor will be with us]

Joyful Noise

Offering:

May 9

at both services



Communion Services

May 2 at 8:15 and 10:30 A.M.

May 23 at 8:15 and 10:30 A.M.



Join us for a


Farewell Luncheon

to honor Pastor Quayle

Sunday, May 23

after the 10:30 A.M. Service

Please call the Church Office or sign up
in the narthex by May 16 to
reserve your place at the luncheon.

If you would like to attend or help: Sunday, May 23 will be the last Sunday that Rev. Quayle will serve as our Interim Pastor. To celebrate his ministry with us, we plan to have a luncheon immediately following the 10:30 AM Service on May 23. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex to make reservations. Please list the number of people who will be attending. There is also a sign up sheet to volunteer to make certain items for the meal. Donations will be gratefully accepted to defray the cost of the meal and gift for Pastor. Collection boxes for monetary donations for either the luncheon or gift are located on the credenza in the narthex, or see Sharon Elder to donate to the luncheon or Ron or Bernice Steigerwalt to donate to the purchase of the gift.

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.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 6 at both services



Please notify the church office if you have a college or high school graduate in your family or if you know of someone who is graduating in our congregation. Names will be listed in the June Newsletter.

Communion in the Reformed Church Tradition

The normal way Holy Communion was distributed in the German Reformed Church was with wine in a common cup and unleavened bread at the altar. Pew Communion was not introduced until the 20th century, probably in imitation of the practice of the Presbyterian, Congregational and Baptist Churches. In a speeded up culture its virtue seemed to be that it saved time.

Under the influence of the temperance movement in the latter part of the 19th century grape juice began to be substituted for wine in many congregations. This changed as greatly encouraged by Thomas Welch, a Methodist business man, whose ads for his “unfermented juice of the grape” appeared in many church journals. In the early 20th century the common cup fell into disuse due mainly to a concern with hygiene. Individual cups placed in stacked trays were marketed by retailers as “sanitary and reverent” and soon were in almost universal use.

The Forgotten Denomination, a Partial History of the Reformed Church in the United States by John R. Weiler



Pentecost / Confirmation

On May 23rd the church will celebrate Pentecost, a day in which youth will be confirmed. The Festival of Pentecost commemorates both the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and the birthday of the Church.

After His resurrection Jesus indicated that He would continue His work on earth through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In John 14:18 Jesus had promised the Apostles, "I will not leave you desolate," and in Acts 1:4-5 He directed them to remain in Jerusalem until they received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles just ten days after Jesus' ascension when the Apostles were gathered together in Jerusalem to observe the Jewish Festival of Pentecost.

Acts 2 furnishes a complete account of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit which inspired the Apostles, an account of Peter's famous sermon, and of the 3000 converts who joined the church on that great day. The Holy Spirit is also called the Comforter and the Counselor. Pentecost always falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter.

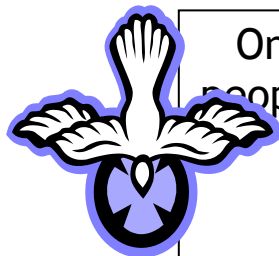
The Festival of Pentecost had its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks. The Old Testament institution of Pentecost is recorded in Exodus 23:16, "You shall keep the feast of harvest, of the first fruits of your labor." Gradually the agricultural significance of this festival was given a spiritual meaning. It reminds the Jews of the revelation of God on Mount Sinai in the Ten Commandments and the Law. The name Pentecost means in Greek "fiftieth." The festive period of seven weeks always ended on the fiftieth day after the Passover and hence the name.

The Christian church observed this festival from its very beginning. During the Middle Ages certain customs were associated with Pentecost: the release of doves from the roof or ceiling into the church, symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, the dropping of balls of fire from the roof of the church symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire.

At the first Pentecost there was "speaking with tongues." The Pentecostal Churches, which started in the late 19th century, insist upon the necessity of baptism of the Holy Spirit which they believe to be manifested by the gift of tongues. Because the gift of tongues was first given on Pentecost, they call themselves Pentecostal Churches. In the story of the first Christian Pentecost in Acts the gift of tongues is interpreted as being intelligible in foreign tongues which enabled the Apostles to proclaim their message to various peoples of the world. Elsewhere in the New Testament we are told of another kind of glossolalia which is unintelligible to the hearers. In 1 Corinthians 14 Paul does not dispute the reality of this kind of experience in which one speaks in an unintelligible voice, but which requires an interpreter. He does feel that of all the spiritual gifts prophecy was the most important and speaking with tongues the least important.

As we celebrate Pentecost this month, may we be reminded of the history of this great festival of the Christian Church.

Pastor Quayle



On May 23, the following young people from Ben Salem Church will be confirmed:

Jagr Elias Andress
Zachary Paul Christoff
Amanda Nicole Fritz
Jessica Anne Olewine
Trisha Lynn Sterling



Ben Salem UCC Mother's Day Plant Sale
 To benefit Ben Salem VBS 2010 (Plants supplied by Blue Mountain Farms)



Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Potted Plants

Hanging Baskets

Flats (8-4 packs) \$14.00; 1/2 Flats (4-4 packs) \$7.00

Qty	Item	Price	Qty	Item	Price	Place desired quantity in box.		
						Item	Flat	1/2 Flat
	4.5" Ivy Geranium	\$4.00		10" Bacopa	\$12.00	Ageratum		
	4.5" Double Impatiens	\$4.00		10" Geranium w/ Vinca Vine	\$13.00	Begonias		
	6" Dahlia	\$6.00		10" Boston Fern	\$13.00	Celosia		
	6" Zinnia	\$6.00		10" Coleus Basket	\$12.00	Coleus		
	8" Wave Petunia	\$6.00		10" Dbl. Impatiens	\$12.00	Dianthus		
	6" Citronella (Mosquito Repellant)	\$6.00		10" Fuschia Basket	\$14.00	Dusty Miller		
	8" Kong Coleus (3/pot)	\$6.00		10" Lantana Basket	\$12.00	Impatiens		
	8" Osteospermum	\$6.00		10" Lobellia	\$12.00	Marigold		
	2 Violets in basket	\$9.00		10" New Guinea Imp.	\$12.00	Pansy		
	8" Coreopsis, Rudbecka, Echinacea	\$6.00		10" Herbs (Parsley, Basil, Rosemary)	\$12.00	Petunia		
	12" Planters (Annuals)	\$17.00		10" Petunia Basket	\$13.00	Torenia		
	12" Wooden Logs planted	\$13.00		10" Million Bell Petunia	\$13.00	Viola		
	7.5" Martha Washington Geranium	\$8.00		Impatiens Flower Pouch	\$13.00			
	Strawberry Fruit Pouch	\$13.00		Begonias Flower Pouch	\$13.00			

Grand Total: \$ _____ Make check payable to: Ben Salem UCC
 Sale Extended - Orders w/ Payments Due: 5/12/10

Additional Delivery Date! Saturday, 5/22/10, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (Social Hall)

Please place orders with payments in the box in the narthex or give to Kelly White (386-3072) or Dawne Beidleman (386-2015).
 If you would like to mail your order, please mail to: Ben Salem UCC VBS Flower Order PO Box 128 Andreas, PA 18211

Thank you for your support of Ben Salem's Youth and Vacation Bible School!



VBS Announcement

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

We are currently looking for volunteers! If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Kelly White at (570) 386-3072 or Dawne Beidleman at (570)386-2015. Next planning meeting will held on May 5 at 6:30 in the Parlor of the Church

**Pre-Register for 2010 VBS at www.bensalemucc.com
 Registration will also be at the church in June and July, dates and times to follow.**

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



WHEN: June 9, 2010 from 12 – 8 pm

WHERE: Lehighton 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)



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

Vice President: Michael Barndt

Secretary: LaVaun Shanton

Elders: Michael Barndt, Sharon Elder, 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: May 17, 2010, 7 PM

Cemetery Association Officers: Next meeting May 6, 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...

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.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Called to Care – May 3, 1 PM

Property Committee – May 20, 7 PM

Missions Committee – May 10, 10 AM

Fundraisers – May 10, 7 PM at Social Hall

Membership/ Church Growth – May 3, 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.

Pastoral Search Committee: [Committee meets on Tuesday evenings]

Jim Diehl, Co-Chairperson

Denise Gerber, Co-Chairperson

Sharon Elder, Church Board President

Dollie Behr

Ellen Diaz

Dot Eberts

Amy Frantz

Bob Pope

Mission News

E-mail : missions@ptd.net

Next meeting: Monday, May 10 at 10 AM in the parlor

Food Bank Requests for May, 2010

Paper Goods

Paper Towels
Toilet Tissue
Paper Napkins
Tissues

Canned Goods

Corn – Peas
Carrots – Potatoes
Green Beans
Tomatoes
Baked Beans
Gravy
Spaghetti Sauce

Dry Goods / Miscellaneous

Boxed Cake Mixes
Ready -Made Icing
3 oz. jello / puddings
Small Parmesan Cheese
Fruit Drinks
Cereals – Small / Large
Cookies

Donations are due by Sunday, May 23rd for May 29th distribution
Thank you for your support!



Campus Crusade for Christ – Summer Project 2010

Dillan Zellers will be traveling to Gaborone, Botswana through Campus Crusade for Christ this Summer. [July 6 to August 8, 2010] Good deeds will be done as Campus Crusade for Christ partners with a church in the poor section of Gaborone and help feed orphans at a feeding station. The Good News will be shared with the leading university students at the University of Botswana, who will affect the future of this country. It will be a Summer which changes the lives of those attending, and the lives of many not only in this life, but forever. Giving Boxes [boxes to collect change or donations] to benefit Dillan Zellers are available in the Church narthex through May 9.

Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Dillan Zellers' Mission Trip to Botswana
May 8, 2010

Serving from 3 to 7 PM at the Church Social Hall

Adults - \$8 Children 5-12 \$4 Under 5 – FREE

[Includes spaghetti with meat sauce, bread, salad, beverage and ice cream]

For advanced tickets contact Lonnie Christoff at 610-462-0883

Or e-mail Lonnie at lonniec@ptd.net For more information on Dillan's Mission and Fundraisers visit our Church Website at bensalemucc.com

Rhea Alemaida [Kalauman Development Center, Phillipines]

Rhea is now 9 years old. She loves dancing and participates in class presentations during school programs. Rhea is the eldest in the family. She has one younger sister and a younger brother. She is responsible for taking care of her younger siblings.



Rhea's birthday: July 27th, 2000

New Building Fund

Next Fundraisers Meeting: Monday, May 10 at 7 P.M. at Social Hall

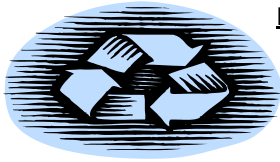
How to contribute to the New Building Fund:

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.**

HOAGIE SALE TO BENEFIT NEW BUILDING FUND

ORDERS DUE MAY 16

PICK-UP MAY 27 (11:00 AM – 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 _____ @ \$3.50 EACH TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

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

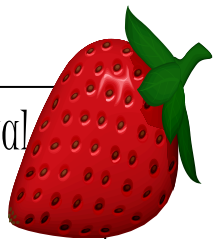
Pierogie Sale

Remember to pick up your pierogie orders on May 6 between 4 and 6 PM

Annual Strawberry Social

June 13, 2010

Noon to 6 PM



Youth Group News:

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Love Offering for Tristan Wentz.

Love Offering

\$570 was collected and forwarded to Tristan in a prayer box with well wishes, a prayer shawl, and cards and letters from our youth. Thank you to the congregation for all of their support in helping our friend in his fight against cancer.

The Youth Group held a Book Sale at the Spring Bazaar. The event went well for the first time. The Youth Group made a profit of \$277.50 for their mission account. Thank you to everyone who donated and /or purchased books at the Bazaar.



Love Offering for Tristan Wentz – On Sunday April 25 a Christian Benefit Concert was held at Ben Salem to benefit Tristan Wentz. The love offering taken after the concert was \$1,254.00. Thanks to everyone who helped with the program and the refreshments.

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 May 3, 1 P.M.**



Support Our Troops - All military personnel

**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 Richard L. Smith [husband of Cynthia A. Smith]

Richard passed away March 23. His funeral was held Friday, March 26.

The Family of Uriah Lauchnor. Uriah passed away April 5, 2010.

The Family of Bessie Haberman. Bessie passed away on April 9, 2010.

The Family of Willard Kistler [father of Rev. Jeff Kistler]

Willard passed away April 17. His funeral was held Thursday, April 22.

Congratulations

to Marie Kramer and Jeffery Kain on the birth of their son, Chase Jeffery Kain. Chase was born on April 8, 2010.

WELCOME

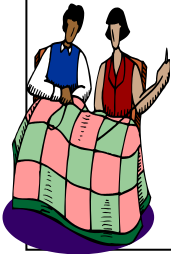
New Members: Florence and Mylin Mamuzich were received as members of Ben Salem on April 18, 2010.

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 Fundraisers during the year or by contacting a member of the group.

The Discipleship Group will meet on May 2 at 7 P.M.

Membership & Church Growth Committee will meet on May 3 at 7 P.M.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

meets on Thursday mornings at 10 A.M. 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: _____

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.



The Summit Hill Heritage Center is having a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 8 from 1 to 4 P.M. The tea is one of the events to launch this endeavor to save the former St. Paul's UCC Building from the fate of many beautiful church buildings from being torn down. There is a schedule of events on the bulletin board in the Ben Salem Church narthex. The contact number for participation in the tea is

570-645-9133 or e-mail quilter@ptd.net or visit the website at www.summithillheritagecenter.com. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. The event features a five course menu with choice of teas, appetizer, salad, soup, main course and dessert.

Thank You Notes:

Dear Ben Salem Congregation: A sincere thank you to the "Prayer Shawl" committee for the beautiful prayer shawl. We really appreciate it. Margaret & Charles Troxell

*Thanks so much for the Prayer Shawl for Margaret & Charles Troxell.
Daughter, Linda & Gene and Son, Ronald and Gloria*

*Thank you for the prayer shawl that I received through Barbara Snowberger.
Your caring and your prayers are deeply appreciated. Sincerely, Jan Haydt*

A special thank you to Pastor Quayle for his visits while I was in the hospital and after I came home. A big thank you to those who visited, sent cards, phoned or prayed for me to help me get through my surgery and recovery. I am doing fine, it's just taking a while to get my strength back. Thanks so much. Shirley Frantz

*Dear Friends and Family of Ben Salem,
Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and the beautiful prayer shawl given to me while I was in the hospital. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Quayle for his visits and his inspirational prayers. God bless you all. Nancy Oswald*

To my Ben Salem Church Family and Pastor Quayle,
Thank you so much for your prayers and get-well cards. I'm sure that God heard and therefore helped me to heal so well. Thank you to Pastor Quayle for his hospital and home visits. May God bless you. Jane Kriner

To all the Prayer Shawl Makers who give so much of their time and talent to crochet the beautiful prayer shawls. I can't begin to tell you how it touched my heart and how much it meant to me to receive this extraordinary gift of "Extravagant Love" as Pastor Quayle mentioned in one of his sermons recently. You really lifted me up that day - I am putting it to good use as well as the inspirational prayer. Thank you so very much. Gratefully, your sister in Christ. Sandy Bealer

Ben Salem Church, Taking time to thank you for taking time to care! The gift of the shawl is greatly appreciated and it will bring me great comfort. Again, thank you. Cindy Smith

Pastor Quayle, Thank you for your prayers and visits during my time of recovery. Thank you to the women of Ben Salem for the Prayer Shawl. Calvin Troxell

Ben Salem Church,
We would like to thank you for the love offering and all the prayers. It meant a great deal to all of us. God has given us blessings from the beginning and we know that with continued prayers and faith he can give us a miracle. Tristan's faith in God is strong and he knows God has a purpose for him. God and your prayers get us through this daily. Tristan is doing well and is working hard to get through this.

Love and Prayers, Tristan Wentz and family

Spaghetti Dinner on May 14 [5-8 PM] to benefit our local soldiers
Lehighton Armory, 1000 Bridge St., Lehighton, PA
- \$7 per person Under 5 FREE - Advance tickets available
by calling Candy at 610-216-3940



May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Noon – 4 PM Hall Reserved 3 PM Wedding
2 Communion at both services 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Baptism Hall Reserved 4 PM New Member Orientation 7 PM Discipleship Group	3 8 AM Pierogie Making 1 PM Called to Care 7 PM Membership & Church Growth	4 8 AM Pierogie Making 7:30 PM Pastoral Search Committee	5 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 6:30 PM VBS planning Meeting 7:30 PM Senior Choir	6 9 AM Blanket Makers & Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 4-6 PM Pierogie Order Pick-up 6 PM Spaghetti Dinner Set up 7 PM Hand Bell Choir 7 PM Cemetery Assn.	7	8 9-10:30 AM VBS Flower Sale order Pick-up 3-7 PM Mission Spaghetti Dinner at Social Hall
9 Mother's Day 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Cherub Choir	10 10 AM Mission Committee 7 PM Fundraisers	11	12 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Senior Choir	13 9 AM Blanket Makers & Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 7 PM Hand Bell Choir	14	15
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23 8:15 AM Worship/Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Confirmation Communion Noon- Congregational Farewell Dinner for Rev. & Mrs. Quayle at Social Hall	24	25	26 6 PM Newsletter 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Senior Choir	27 7AM Hoagie Sale 9 AM Blanket Makers & Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 11-1 PM Hoagie Order Pick up 7 PM Hand Bell Choir	28	29 Food Bank Distribution
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