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BEN SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WHERE TO REACH US:

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Lehighton, PA 18235

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Social Hall Phone: 570-386-4990

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One in Christ

Website: www.bensalemucc.com



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



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know my wife and I just finished a very enjoyable vacation at a beach on the Jersey coast. The destination is well known not only to my wife and kids but also my family of origin. We have been vacationing at this locale for many years. We rented the same house from the same woman on the same street for over forty years. Because the island narrows as you travel south, this house is located centrally between the beach and the bay with only a block to travel in either direction. If one desires to arise early in the morning to watch the sunrise, it is only a short walk to the beach to see the sun rise out of the Atlantic Ocean. If in the evening your desire is to watch the sunset, then another short walk can take you to the beauty of watching the sun fall back into the water as you look out at the bay. The traditions and memories that have been build over the years at this one quant little house will be with me for all my days.

Of course, things have also changed; some of the homes in the neighborhood have begun to change; some were torn down and replaced with larger more modern geometrically shaped buildings while others have had additions put on so that they look nothing like the original home. The home my family rented has been sold now and the new owners no longer rent it to vacationers.

Change occurs, the things *in* this world change. But like the sun that rises over the ocean in the east and then sets over the bay in the west, the things *of* this world only change by the will of God. If I believe the place I stayed as a child and then as a parent of my own children is what made our time at the shore special, I am sure to find that this little area of the world would never be the same to me. Although, if I realize that what I really loved about my time in this area, which is the beauty of what God created, the ocean, the beach, the sunrise and sunset, the little family of ducks that is always in the calm waters of the bay year after year, than truly I can appreciate what God meant for me to enjoy. The memories of the things we did as a family, the games we played, the time we spent on the beach and in the water, the meals we shared and the time spent walking together on the island. All the things of this world provided by God that made memories that cannot be taken away and will never change.

The memories we have of the woman from whom we rented the house all those years will be held in our hearts along with the time we spent in her house. But I must reiterate; the house is not the focus of the memories, the things provided by our graceful and unchanging God, the beauty of the area and the family to enjoy it with is what my heart holds. Changing the way I think about this time has given me a peace that only comes from believing in God's goodness. As the Apostle Paul writes in Rom. 12:2 "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (NLT) While things *in* this world will change, God wants us to realize that we can always count on the things *of* this world. God would like us all to strive to find the peace in which our hearts yearns by finding it in the things that really matter, the things *of* this world of which our hearts are one.

Peace and Blessings to you all,
Pastor Mike

Celebrate!



Join us for

Pastor McGowan's Installation Service

and Dinner on September 25, 2011

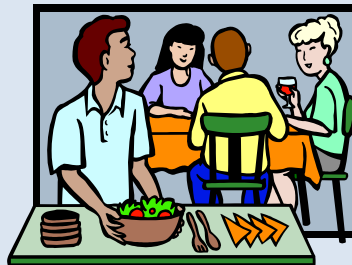
The Installation Service begins at 3:00 PM.

*The Dinner will be served at the
Social Hall following the
Installation Service.*



*Please call the Church Office or
place your name/s on sign-up sheet
in the narthex no later than September 18
to reserve your place at the luncheon.*

*We need to have an accurate count
by Sept. 18 so we know how much
food to prepare.*



*****If you would like to help:** Donations will be gratefully accepted to defray the cost of the meal and a gift for Pastor. A collection box for monetary donations for the luncheon and gift is located on the counter in the narthex, or contact Bernice or Ron Steigerwalt 570-386-5418 to donate to the luncheon or the purchase of a gift.. As always, thanks for your help!***

Sunday Worship Schedule for September 2011

[8:15 and 10:30 AM Services]

September 4, 11, 18, 25

**Children's Sunday School
resumes on
Kick-Off Day - August 28
at 9:15 AM**

**Communion Services:
September 4 and October 2
at both services**



Sr. Choir rehearsal resumes on Aug. 31 at 7:30 PM

Christmas Cantata practice starts
on September 7 at 8:15 PM.

The cantata this year is "The Glory of Christmas".
All interested singers, please join us!!!

Hand Bells – practice Thursday evening
beginning at 7 PM [new members welcome!]

Hand Bells will play during the 10:30 AM worship service
on Aug. 28 and on September 11 at both services.

Cherub Choir practices on Wednesday evenings
at 6:30 PM....always looking for new members.

Daybreak practices after 8:15 AM Worship
on Sunday mornings
[new voices and musicians always welcome!]



Coffee Hour will start
up on August 28.

Volunteers are needed to help
with serving. Please contact
Sharon Elder to volunteer.

The Adult Discussion Group of the
Sunday School will begin a new study in
September. We will be beginning a study
book, "Be Satisfied" by Warren W.
Wiersbe. This is a study book on the Old
Testament book of Ecclesiastes.
Anyone who would like to join us in this
study is welcome. The group meets on
Sunday at 9:15 AM.



Hospitalization ?

If you or someone you know is going to be in the hospital for surgery,
please let the church office know a day or two before the surgery.

This way the Pastor will make every effort to be there to
visit and pray with the patient before the surgery.

Events in Our Community:

Chicken Barbeque - at Emmanuel UCC, Bowmanstown on September 17 from 3 to 6 PM Call 610-852-2707

Solo Handbell Concert in Palmerton: Sue Garton, nationally known hand bell soloist from western PA will perform a solo handbell concert on Sunday, Sept. 18 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church , 2915 Fireline Rd., Palmerton. She will be accompanied by Mary Rossetti on the piano.

Fall Festival – Dinkey Memorial Lutheran, Ashfield, PA – Saturday, September 24
Featuring a Chinese Auction, Apple Dumplings, Soup and Filling

Fall Bazaar – St. John's Lutheran, 826, Mahoning Drive West, Lehighton – Saturday, October 1 from 8 AM to 2 PM
Featuring lots of good food, craft vendors, bake sale, raffle

Fall Bazaar – Emmanuel UCC, Bowmanstown – Saturday, October 1 from 9 AM to 2 PM Call 610-852-2707
Featuring food, raffle, Chinese Auction, and baked goods

Dear Church Family,

We are excited to announce that Olan Mills will be helping us to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. Our last directory was published in 2004. A new directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be a useful tool for new people as they begin to worship here. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture our church in words and pictures. Please participate! We want our album to be as complete as possible. Remember, to get a book, you need to participate. We will be signing up for the next couple of weeks online at www.signup.olanmills.com. Click on "Schedule New Appointment," type in the church phone number, and follow the easy instructions...or you can contact Amy Frantz at abfrantz@verizon.net or call Amy at 570-386-8369 to sign up. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the appointment time that best suits your schedule.



- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary Olan Mills 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.
- You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- This program is available at no cost to the church.
- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled time, if you wish.
- If you do wish to purchase additional portraits, they come with Olan Mills' 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formal or casual, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The scheduled dates for photography and portrait viewing are:
October 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29

*We want everyone to participate.
Our book will not be complete without you!*

Toy and Clothing Drive

The Blanket Makers/Quilters Group will be holding another clothing & toy drive during the month of September. Deadline to bring items in is: September 11. Items should be delivered to the Social Hall upper entrance on Thursday morning, Sept. 8 between 9 and Noon or call the Church Office to arrange a drop-off time. Please place all items in garbage bags. A list of items that can be brought in appears to the right of this ad:

WHAT WE COLLECT

• CLOTHING AND SHOES

USABLE AND WEARABLE CLOTHING
CLOTHING FOR ALL SEASONS (MEN'S, LADIES', CHILDREN'S)

• ACCESSORIES

POCKETBOOKS BELTS BABY ACCESSORIES
BACKPACKS HATS SCARVES
BRIEFCASES GLOVES TIES



• HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS **MADE OF** FABRIC IN GOOD CONDITION

BLANKETS KITCHEN AND BATH ACCESSORIES MADE OF FABRIC
BED SHEETS TABLE CLOTHS
BEDSPREADS DRAPERY
PILLOWS CURTAINS
QUILTS TOWELS
COMFORTERS BATH RUGS



• TOYS

SOFT TOYS **HARD TOYS**
STUFFED ANIMALS CARS
RAG DOLLS TRUCKS
BEANIE BABIES AIRPLANES
ACTION FIGURES
DOLLS
DOLL HOUSES



PLEASE NOTE:

1. WE **DO NOT** ACCEPT BOOKS, VCR TAPES, CDS, KITCHEN APPLIANCES AND FURNITURE
2. HARD TOYS SHOULD FIT A BOX 24" X 24" X 21"

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

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,

Pastor: Rev. Michael McGowan

Church Secretary: Dollie Behr

Treasurer: Dawne Beidleman

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

Next Church Board Meetings: Sept. 19 and Oct. 17, 7 PM

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

Cemetery Association Officers: Next meeting September 1, 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., Lehighton, 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.

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.

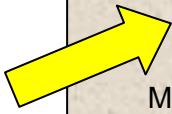
Have you remembered the church in your will?

Please do not call the church office with sponsorships!



Upcoming Committee Meetings

- Phase II Bldg. Program – Aug. 28, 1:30 PM
- Cemetery Association – September 1, 7 PM
- Fundraisers – September 6, 7 PM
- Christian Education – Sept. 7, 6 PM
- Missions Committee – September 8, 1 PM
- Membership & Growth – September 12, 7 PM
- Property Committee – Sept.15, 7 PM
- Worship Committee – Nov. 7 , 7 PM.
- Called to Care – Nov. 11, 10 AM



Recycle...save your soda cans...

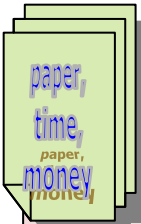
Larry Nothstein and Herlin Haberman will take aluminum cans to Zaprazny's. To help with this project...bring your **aluminum soda cans** [crushed or uncrushed] to the Old Social Hall and drop them off at the lower basement entrance. Benefits the Building Fund. **Please do not throw any other garbage items in with the aluminum soda cans.**

Phase II – Building Program



Planning Meeting – Sunday, August 28, 1:30 PM

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.



**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: _____

Game Night Social

[at Ben Salem Church Social Hall]

For all ages....

September 18 from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Come out and join us for a night of fun!

Card Games: Pinochle and Haus

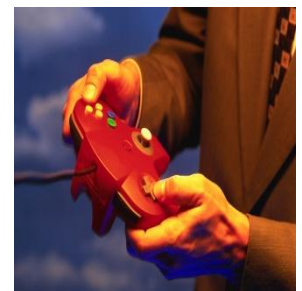
Parcheesi, dominoes, video games
for the kids...and more!

Food will be served...
please bring a dessert.



Mission News

E-mail:



Next meeting: Thursday, September 8 at 1 PM in the parlor

Mission Projects

Zion UCC Feed a Neighbor

On August 25th, Ben Salem members traveled to Zion UCC, Leighton to provide a supper for hungry people of the community. It is always such a rewarding experience, so we decided to sign up twice a year on a regular basis (February & August). Please keep the hungry families everywhere in your thoughts and prayers.

Love Offering – Aug. 28th

The mission committee will hold a love offering for Ron & Maggie Wehr and family. The family lost everything, including a Ford Expedition and tractor, in a fire that consumed their West Penn home in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 30th. The family members managed to save their three dogs and two rabbits and give credit to their Chihuahua, Lily, for waking them and alerting them to the fire. The family members refer to Lily as “our little hero.” Ron is the son of Orville & Gladys Wehr. Please keep the family in your prayers as they start the difficult task of rebuilding their lives. We will be collecting the love offering through the month of September.



Hunger Relief Program (Aug/Sept) → OBI – Hunger in USA

Real Hunger is a reality for millions of people on this great planet of ours and far too many right here in the USA. They don't know where or when they will get their next meal. Hunger pain is a constant companion for them. Operation Blessing is a non-profit humanitarian organization whose mission is to demonstrate God's love by alleviating human need and suffering in the US and around the world. Every week, OBI's Hunger Strike Force delivers an average of 55 truckloads of food and supplies to more than 100 organizations in the US. Please consider donating to Hunger Relief in the month of August to help hungry kids in the US. You can make a difference!!



Miller Keystone Blood Drive → Sept. 11th - 8 AM to 1 PM - Ben Salem UCC is hosting a blood drive on Sept. 11th in the social hall. There are still spots available. Please call Lonnie Christoff at 610-462-0883 to reserve a spot. There is no upper age limit on donating blood and only about 6 medicines would prohibit you from donating. Much of the blood donated is used to help premature babies. For more information, see the display in narthex. One pint of blood donated can help up to 3 people. Many people are counting on you!!!

Neighbors in Need ---> October 2nd

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 2nd, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minn. Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give generously.

*Imagining
Another
World Is
Possible*

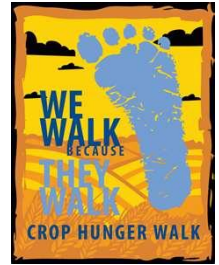
Family Promise → October 9th – 15th



Ben Salem will be hosting families the week of Oct. 9th. How can we get prepared?
DONATIONS: We are looking for donations of both 'start-up' items and also food items. The list of the 'start-up' items is displayed in the narthex. Items need to be here by Sept. 11th. On Sept. 18th, another list of food items will be displayed. All food items need to be at the church by Oct. 2nd. Please sign up if you are interested in sponsoring an item. VOLUNTEERS: We also need volunteers to cover dinner, fellowship and overnight shifts. The schedule and description of the shifts is located in the narthex. Please see Lonnie Christoff if you are interested in helping with this project in any way. **Items still needed are twin sheet sets, blankets and a used TV.** The mission committee thanks you in advance for your support.

Crop Walk for Hunger --> Sun., Oct 9th – Lehigh Canal Park, Weissport

We invite people from the Ben Salem congregation to register for the Crop Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 9th at the Weissport Canal. Registration is from 1-2 PM and the walk will start at 2 PM. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will be donated to the Trinity Food Pantry. Come on out and have fun while joining your brothers and sisters in the fight against hunger!! Please pick up a sponsor sheet in the narthex. Remember you must register at the Canal on October 9th. Bring your sponsor form to the walk and turn in all money at registration. Be sure to note that you are walking for Ben Salem UCC on your sponsor form. You can also support the Crop Walk by donating in an envelope that will be in the bulletin in the near future. Thanks so much for your support!!



Operation Christmas Child → Month of October



Last year, Ben Salem donated a total of 105 boxes to Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child. Please help maintain our goal to fill 100 boxes again this year. We need your help!! We are very enthusiastic about this project and are looking forward to Dedication Sunday on November 12th. This project is a very worthy cause, directly touching the hearts of the children who receive our boxes. Eight million children received shoebox gifts last year. The church has touched hearts and changed lives of children all over the world. Ben Salem has made many friends over the years. A display with more information about the project will be coming in October!! ----**The absolute last day to turn in boxes is on November 6th---**

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

Golf Tournament to benefit CareNet of Carbon County and to help with Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship operation expenses.
Saturday, September 24 at Villa's Crossing Golf Course, 521 Golf Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252.
9 AM Shotgun start – 4 person scramble - \$60.00 per player.
[includes hotdog and soda at turn and hamburgers, hotdogs & drinks after]
Prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin.
To register and for more information [business sponsorships available]
contact Mark Akers@484-629-5096 [door prizes & raffles]



Thank You Notes:

Thank you for the gift of the prayer shawl and your prayers. I am feeling better every day! Maizy Troxell
There is a photograph on the bulletin board in the narthex from Maizy.

Dear Prayer Shawl Committee,

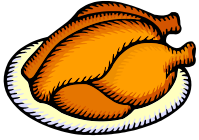
I am familiar with the Prayer Shawl Ministry, as I was church council president at Trinity when we organized it, and I have been on the receiving end of thank yous from those receiving shawls and have heard their comments. But on July 3, I myself was hospitalized with a serious and scary illness; blood clots in my lungs. Again...my very good friend Dayle Smith thought of my wellbeing and provided me one of your shawls. Now I know first-hand how worthwhile the prayer shawl ministry is and how comforting one can feel knowing you are being prayed for during not such good times. Thank you for the beautiful shawl and the care and the comforting thoughts and words that went into the shawl! I am home and doing well. [I think and hope!] Thank you so very much – God bless you. Lee Becker

I want to thank the Ben Salem United Church of Christ for the prayer shawl I received. I know it will be well used this winter. Thanks again, Don Wenrich

Thank you for the prayer shawl. Your thoughtfulness and concern at this time is deeply appreciated. God Bless

Mary Jane Kistler

Upcoming Fundraisers:



Chicken Bar-B-Q at the Social Hall on September 10

Pick up dinners from 3-6 PM.

Take-out or Eat-in... Tickets - \$8.50

Advanced tickets preferred. For tickets call

LaVaun at 610-377-3618 or Rodger at 570-386-5413.

Roast Beef Dinner on October 22 from 3 to 7 PM

<<<Pierogie Sale>>>

Homemade Pierogies...Potato and Cheese filled pierogies will be fresh frozen by the dozen in freezer bags. Cost - \$5.00 per dozen Deadline to order is September 18. Please fill in the order blank below and place in the box located in the narthex. Thank you!

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Please choose [check one] pick-up date for your order

_____ Fri. Sept. 30, 4-6 PM

_____ Thurs., October 6, 4-6 PM

Quantity of pierogies ordered [by the dozen] _____ @ \$5.00 each

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex to make donations for this project. All proceeds benefit the new building fund. Pierogies will be made on September 26, 27,28 and Oct. 3,4,5. Monday is the day we make the pierogie filling. Potato peelers are needed. Tuesday and Wednesday are the days we will make the pierogies. Help is needed to roll the dough and make the pierogies. Work begins at 8 A.M. Your help is appreciated. Orders can be picked up on Sept. 30 from 4-6 P.M. or Oct. 6 from 4-6 P.M.

HOAGIE SALE TO BENEFIT NEW BUILDING FUND

ORDERS DUE OCTOBER 9 PICK-UP OCTOBER 20 (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 _____ @ \$4.00 EACH TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

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

Confirmation Class



The first meeting of the Confirmation Class and their parents will take place on Sunday, August 28 at 9:15 AM. During this meeting we will gather together and become acquainted with one another. I invite others who are going to be 13 by the end of September 2011 to join us if you are interested in affirming your faith. All who are of the above mentioned age and would like to affirm and/or renew their faith are welcome. If you are interested and have not yet signed up please contact the church office as soon as possible either by phone 570- 386- 3870 or by e mail at bensalemucc@verizon.net so we can order enough books and supplies for everyone. Those who have already registered should have received a letter inviting the confirmand, parent/s or guardian/s and myself to gather for this informal planning / informational meeting on August 28. Blessings to you all and I am looking forward to a great year. Pastor Mike

Thursday Morning Bible Study: will resume meeting during the month of September on Thursday morning beginning at 10 AM in the Church Parlor.



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 them. If you know of someone who is in need of a knotted blanket, please let the group know. The new quilt is a multi-colored log cabin design. Raffle Tickets will be available at fundraisers throughout the year. **Help needed:** If you have new or used blankets or sheets, the group could use them...drop them off at the upper entrance to the social hall on Thursday morning between 9 and Noon or call Dollie or Betty.



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.

HALOS

[Hope after a Loved Ones Suicide]

A new support group is starting up in Carbon County. HALOS – Hope after a Loved Ones Suicide. The facilitators are Gail Strohl and Dolores Delany. Both have been trained by AFSP [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention]... This is something greatly needed in our area.

The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening of each month from 7 to 8:30 PM. The group meets at 188 S. First St., Lehigh, PA. You can call Gail at 610-377-2035 or Dolores at 610-377-3940 for more information on the group.

Support group guidelines: Recognize & respect that everyone's grief is unique, and may differ from yours.



Do not preach.

Express feelings, not advice.

Do not feel required to speak. Likewise, do not monopolize the session.

Be considerate and allow everyone to speak.

Be compassionate.

Remember, what is said here, stays here.

*HALOS is a place to talk, to listen, to get support and to begin to find your path to healing.
HALOS has no religious affiliation.*

Special Prayers

Our Members and Friends with Special Needs:

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 is scheduled for November 11, 10**



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 Marie Miller.*

Marie passed away on July 12, 2011.

*The **Family of Richard Reinhart** who passed away on July 28. Richard was the uncle of Jason Lorah.*

Congratulations to:



Lindsey McElvar and Jarred Nace! Lindsey and Jarred were married recently.

Nadean McGowan and Daniel Geiger! Nadean and Daniel were married on July 1.

Megan Smith and Brian Godard! Megan and Brian were married on July 9.

Robyn Nothstein and Ben Huffnagle! Robyn and Ben were married on July 9.



Baptism

Jeremiah Ryan Zellner received the Sacrament of Baptism on July 3. Jeremiah is the son of Ryan and Gloria Zellner.



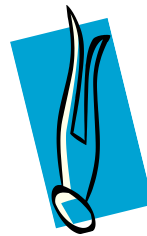
The Fifth Annual Ben Salem Church Olympic Day



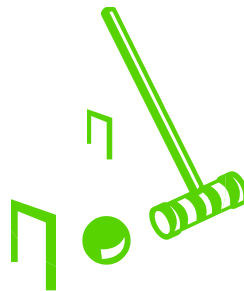
Sunday, October 2, 2 P.M.

Come for a day of fun and fellowship!

Join us and participate in the following
contests and events:



basketball shoot
clothespin drop
softball throw
golf chipping
soccer placement kick
horseshoes
marshmallow on a string
croquet
co-ed volleyball



three-legged race
water balloons
hula hoop
bean bag toss
dominoes
bocci

and other fun activities...

Participants will be divided by age groups. Refreshments of hot dogs and soda will be provided following the contests. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Elder [570] 386-2530.



Incentive for children age 1 through 15
Every child who attends the Olympic Games will receive a token to bring to Sunday School the following Sunday, October 9...those returning their tokens will be entered into a drawing to receive a Wal-Mart Gift Card

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 PM Hand Bell Choir 7 PM Cemetery Association	2	3
4 Communion at both services 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 	5	6 7 PM Fundraisers meet at Soc. Hall	7 6 PM Christian Education 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Senior Choir	8 9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 1 PM Mission Committee 7 PM Hand Bell Choir	9	10 3-6 PM Chicken Bar-B-Q 
11 8 AM Blood Drive at Soc. Hall 8:15 AM Worship/Hand Bells 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship / Hand Bells Sr. Choir resumes Deadline for clothing/toy donations	12 7 PM Membership & Growth	13	14 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Senior Choir	15 9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 10 AM Clothing Toy Drive Pickup 7 PM Hand Bell Choir 7 PM Property Comm.	16	17
18 214th Anniversary 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 4-7 PM Game Night at the Social Hall Deadline for Pierogie Orders	19 7 PM Church Board Meeting	20	21 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Senior Choir	22 9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 7 PM Hand Bell Choir	23	24
25 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 3 PM Installation Service for Rev. McGowan with a meal following at the Social Hall	26	27	28 6 PM Newsletter Assembly 6:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Senior Choir	29 9 AM Blanket Makers/Quilters 10 AM Bible Study 7 PM Hand Bell Choir	30 4-6 PM Pierogie Order Pick up at Social Hall	

Pierogie Making at Social Hall

Coming in October – Olympic Day, October 2, 2 PM