

## Pastor's Column

### Calendar of Events:

2/12- Congregational Semi annual meeting

2/15-Ladies Fellowship Mtg. at 7 pm in Memorial Hall

3/1- Ash Wednesday- 6pm meal by Brotherhood, Lenten service at 7 pm

3/8-6pm Meal by Salem Council, Dulcimer music 7pm

3/15-6pm, Bag supper, 7pm worship service

3/17-18- Crop for the Cure in Memorial Hall

3/22-Bag supper 6 pm, Lenten service 7 pm

3/29-Potluck meal 6 pm, Lenten service 7 pm

4/5-Bag supper 6pm, Lenten service 7 pm

4/9-Palm Sunday

4/13-Maundy Thursday 6pm Soup Supper by the Ladies Fellowship. 7 pm service

4/14-Good Friday 7pm service

4/16-Easter Services

4/23-Youth Sunday

4/30-Rogation Sunday

The months have gone by quickly since I was installed as Salem's new pastor on September 11, 2016. The parsonage was made ready for our family, we moved to Wanatah in November, and we were ready for the Advent season at the parsonage. This year, we were able to host an Advent Open House at the parsonage. That was followed later in December with Christmas caroling in the neighborhood and cookies and hot chocolate back at the parsonage. I finally packed away our Christmas tablecloth and put out a purple table cloth on the dining room table as we prepare for the Lenten season.

The elders and I are planning together some worshipful and creative offerings for the church family during Lent, which begins on Wednesday, March 1. Our theme for Lent is "A Love That Never Dies" and there are many creative ways that we shall be emphasizing this during the Lenten season.

Following Ash Wednesday, we will be offering simple Lenten dinners and worship each Wednesday through Wednesday, April 5. We will have a special guest coming to our Lenten worship services on March 8: a hospice chaplain will be bringing his hammer dulcimer for our inspiration. As part of our Lenten offering this year, a group of us will be leading worship at Pines Village on Sunday evening, April 9, at 6:00. Maundy Thursday is Thursday, April 13, with a soup supper at 6:00 PM. Check the worship bulletins for specific details.

Pastor Victoria Ubben

### News from Salem Council:

#### 2017 Council Members

President: Bill Homan ( Trustee)

Vice Pres.: Greg Smoker (Trustee Chair)

Secretary: Ann Weinkauff (Elder)

Financial Sec.: Jerry Benkie (Elder)

Financial Treasurer: Suzi Carpeneter (Trustee)

Memorial : Larry Pierce (Elder Chair)

Dale Bagnall (Elder)

## Wednesday Lenten Services

- March 1**    **Ash Wednesday**    6:00 pm meal sponsored by Brotherhood  
7:00 pm Communion worship service
- March 8**    6:00 pm Meal sponsored by Salem Council  
7:00 pm Worship-Dulcimer Music
- March 15**    6:00 pm Bring a bag supper  
7:00 pm Worship
- March 22**    6:00 pm bring a bag supper  
7:00 pm Worship
- March 29**    6:00 pm carry-in supper (pot-luck)  
7:00 pm Worship
- April 5**    6:00 pm bring a bag supper  
7:00 pm Worship
- April 13**    **Maundy Thursday**    6:00 pm Soup Supper sponsored by Women's  
Fellowship; 7:00 Worship
- April 14**    **Good Friday**    7:00 pm Worship
- April 16**    **Easter**    Sunrise service at 6:00 am  
Breakfast after service in Memorial Hall
- April 16**    **Easter**    10:00 am Easter Worship Celebration





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## **Rogation Sunday Worship**

**April 30, 2017**

Rogation comes from the Latin “rogare” which means “to beseech” or “to ask”. At the end of April we will beseech God’s blessing for the seed, for the soil, for those who labor in the fields and for all of God’s creation. We will ask God to bless and keep everyone during the planting, growing and harvest seasons.

Anyone who would be willing to share their farm with the congregation for Rogation Sunday Worship Service, please contact the office or a council member.

Details regarding place, food preparation and special music, etc. will be announced in the bulletin in the weeks ahead. Plan now to be part of this time of sharing the blessing of the seeds and fellowship.

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### **A few words from Salem Cemetery Board**

Salem’s cemetery, a home for many of our loved one’s final resting place.

It is a separate entity that financially exist (for the most part) from memorials, monetary gifts and lot sales and endowment interest; which is minimal with today’s interest rates. It is the board’s goal to have Salem’s cemetery maintained to be a proud and respectful place for its’ members.

With a continued increase in grounds maintenance cost, please continue supporting the cemetery with your financial gifts.

As posted at the cemetery, make certain any foundation maintenance or placement for monuments or gravestones are performed by Salem’s contractor. This will avoid costly errors.

With spring around the corner we will be asking for cleanup of any decorations (artificial flowers, grave pillows, etc.) from the previous year. We will publish the date for cleanup several weeks in advance, so watch for a date in the bulletin as spring gets closer.

Cemetery Board: Bill Homan                      Bill Cromey

Jeff Mitzner

## Ash Wednesday Brotherhood Dinner

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm the Brotherhood is sponsoring a Beef 'n' Noodle dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy and drinks. Anyone wishing to carry in a salad or dessert is welcome to do so. After the meal there will be a communion worship service in the sanctuary.



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## Spring Ladies Fellowship Meeting

*The spring meeting of the Ladies fellowship will be Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Business will include Maundy Thursday meal and upcoming events for 2017.*



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### Memorials for Don Grieger:

Bill & Linda Cromey  
Harold & Janet Maupin

### Heifer Project:

### Memorials:

Louise Grieger  
Greg & Deb Smoker  
Marvin Werner

### General Fund:

### Cemetery:

Paul & Carolyn Homan  
David Homan  
Robbie & Rod Coffing  
Norm Werner  
Don & Joyce Miller  
Ray & Juli Charlesworth  
Rae & Jim Manhart  
Elwood & Drelah Grieger

Jeff & Andrea Mitzner  
Bill Homan      Marlene Mitzner  
Bill & Gerri Rosenbaum  
Larry & Becky Pierce  
Ed & Carol Marks  
Ann Weinkauff  
Kathy & Glenn Wallace

**Memorial for Everett Smith-** given by Tim & Donna Brown

**Memorial for Leonard & Helen Rosenbaum-** given by Frank & Denise Gorski

**Memorial for Art & Gladys Werner, Don Werner-** given by Shirley Adams

**Memorials for Barb Kuss , Given to cemetery fund:**

Bill Homan	Jeff & Andrea Mitzner	David Homan	Ann Weinkauff
Marlene Mitzner	Ray & Juli Charlesworth	Bill & Linda Cromey	
Don & Joyce Miller			

**Memorials for Barb Kuss:**

Lisa Cauley(Choir)	Jim & Rae Manhart(Youth Fellowship)	
<b>General Fund:</b>	Brian Batzka	Elwood & Drelah Grieger

**Memorial Fund:**

Ed & Carol Marks	Greg & Deb Smoker	Jerry & Kelli Smoker
Jerry & Carol Benkie	Jerry & Connie Bennett	Fred & Patti Kem
Dorothy Cromey	Bill & Gerri Rosenbaum	Paul & Carolyn Homan
Joanna Kuss	Dale & Cheryl Bagnall	Louise Grieger
<b>ALZ:</b> Bernell Grieger	Betty Jo Peek	

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**Easter Lilies**

We will be adorning the alter area and the cross stand with a variety of flowers for Easter Service. You may choose from lilies, hyacinths, or tulips. Please indicate below what type of flowers you would like. We need at least 12 lilies to complete the cross.

I wish to order: \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies at \$11.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths at \$11.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips at \$11.00

I would like the bulletin to note that my Lily/Tulip/Hyacinths were given as:

**In Loving Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or** \_\_\_\_\_ **In Honor of:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please enclose payment with your order form and turn into the church office or give to Marlene. Order forms must be turned in by March 26<sup>th</sup>. Name \_\_\_\_\_



# Let's Celebrate !!

## February Birthdays:

2/7- Chuck Arnett  
2/8- Richard Land  
2/8- Chris Manhart  
2/8- Taylor Guse  
2/20-Bob Pierce  
2/21-Jim Waggoner

2/23-Bill Rosenbaum  
2/26-Jill Smoker  
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## March Birthdays:

3/2- Dorothy Cromey  
3/4- Tyler Kem  
3/5- Esther Gordon  
3/5- Harmony Powell  
3/5- Gladys Huknke  
3/6- Gary Cauley  
3/7- Keri Parks  
3/7- Jackson Bos

3/7- Lloyd Buton  
3/8- Justene Charlesworth  
3/11-Brian McMahan  
3/11-Sandy Werner  
3/12-Carolyn Homan  
3/14-Don Miller  
3/16-Nick Vorkapich  
3/18-Wayne Hill  
3/18-Nate McGinley  
3/22-Neil Homan  
3/24-Larry Pierce  
3/24-Glenn Wallace  
3/26-Steve Fike  
3/26-Katelyn Bagnall  
3/27-Marvin Werner  
3/30-Zachery Brown

## April Birthdays

4/1- Donna Brown  
4/2- Kelvin Kane  
4/3- April Galbreath  
4/5- Kathyrn Rice  
4/5- Eleanor Schuelke  
4/7- Linda Cromey  
4/9- Sara Koselke  
4/12-Joyce Hill  
4/12-Caroline Batzka  
4/17-Roberta Bertsch  
4/17-John Homan  
4/20-Andrea Bertsch  
4/26-Dylan Grieger  
4/28-Kathy Wallace  
4/30-James Espravnik  
4/30-Gerry Rosenbaum  
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## May Birthdays

5/3- Betty siegesmund  
5/4- Robert Homan  
5/6- John Werner  
5/10-Patti Kem  
5/13-Melissa Smoker  
5/13-Gene Rice  
5/16-Jessica Homa  
5/17-Brett Lambert  
5/17-James Smoker  
5/17-Kevin Kuss  
5/18-Chuck Mack  
5/28-Christina McMahan  
5/29-Tim Brown  
5/30-Greg Smoker  
5/31-Howard Heyn  
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## February Anniversaries:

2/4- Nick & Linda Vorkapick  
2/15-Chuck & Diana Arnett

## March Anniversaries:

3/2- Jim & Rae Manhart  
3/21-Greg & Deb Smoker  
3/16- Paul & Sharon Bailey  
3/24-Bill & Gerry Rosenbaum

## April Anniversaries:

4/19- Tina & Jason Randall

## May Anniversaries:

5/1-Bill & Linda Cromey  
5/20-David & Linda Pozil  
5/13-Mark & Elisa Grieger  
5/27-Wayne & Joyce Hill

3/29-Terri Kuss  
3/31-Gordon Sheely