ROUGH & READY RUMBLINGS
OCTOBER 2021

Salem Church of Rough & Ready
11 Church Road
Klingerstown, PA 17941
Church/Children’s Church: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.

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INFORMATION FOR THE RUMBLINGS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SECRETARY BY THE 15TH @ 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 3rd – World-Wide Communion. We will be going to Schwartz Farm for the Corn Maze. We are planning to leave the church at 2:15 or meet there at 2:30. Anyone up to or school age will be paid for.

We will also have our ice cream social at 5:00. People can bring ice cream, toppings, or goodies to go with it.

Tuesday, October 5th – Consistory Meeting at 8:00 PM.

Saturday, October 23rd – Trunk-or-Treat at Hepler Church Grove.

Sunday, October 24th – Harvest Home. We will be collecting food for Haven Ministries.

Sunday, October 31st – Fall Festival. The service times will be flipped, with Sunday School starting at 9:15 and Church starting at 10:30. We will have lunch following the service, and the church will provide hot dogs. The congregation can bring soups, sides, or desserts. Following lunch we will do a trunk or treat (anyone who wishes to participate) followed by a hayride.

Monday, November 1st – Sunday School Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Saturday, November 6th – We will be doing a Fall Food Festival in place of the Annual Bazaar. We will be making pot pie, soup, coleslaw, and possibly applesauce to sell (Take Out Only). People from the congregation can bring baked goods for a bake sale (Note: The church will not be making any baked goods this year). We will need help to prepare the food ahead of time and the day of the festival. Anyone who is able to help, please see Butch or Carol and let them know.

SEPTEMBER SALEM CONSISTORY MEETING MINUTES

Old Business
* Bazaar
  - As of yet no one has stepped forward to lead the bazaar, so it will likely not be held this year.
* Love offering
  - We will have a love offering for George Saltzmen from September 12th through October 3rd.
* Helping Hand Fund
  All paperwork is complete at the Gratz Bank so that Pastor Mantz has access to this account.
- Pastor Mark said that he will keep detailed records as to how these funds are used should the need ever arise to audit this.

* Confirmation
- Confirmation classes have begun with the meeting day to most likely be Thursday evenings. However, scheduling of this will be challenging and there is a possibility that another day may need to be added to accommodate the student’s schedules. Pastor Mark is committed to a schedule that allows every student to cover all the material. There will be five youths attending the class and several adults will be attending as a refresher.

* Marriage Policy
- We will be proposing changes to the by-laws for congregational vote. Pastor Mark will be sharing information with the consistory from other churches in preparation for the proposed change. This will be a fairly lengthy process since there is much to consider and address.

* Parsonage Update
- We reviewed information from other area churches who have rental income. While this is helpful, we think it is best to seek professional advice. Dan Scheib will be contacting the Schuylkill County tax assessment office to see what the property tax implications will be. We also have other areas that need to be investigated relating to our non-profit status relating to this.

New Business
* Calendar
- The Apple Festival will not be held this year.
- Harvest Home is October 24th and the food collected will be delivered to Haven Ministries.
- World-Wide Communion is October 3rd.
- Ice Cream Social is October 3rd at 5:00 PM.
- October 31 is the Fall Festival which includes the Trunk or Treat event, a service time flip and a meal around noon. Weather permitting, we will have a hayride. Matt Lucas volunteered to organize the hayride.

* Transport for Christ
- A number of youth and adults visited this facility near Columbia PA in August. We discussed collecting food and other items to distribute to truckers. Potentially this could be a youth event, but we would need a very prominent adult presence.
- We will check with Sterman Masser Potatoes about doing this at their facility as well as potentially Michael Foods and the convenience store in Lavelle that caters to a large number of truckers.
- Also, we discussed getting a “crew” together to go to the TFC facility to help renovate a trailer. This would include youth, men and women and potentially members of Grace Community Church. We will investigate further.

* Hepler Church Trunk or Treat event
- Our youth have been invited to participate in this event on October 23 at the Hepler Church grove. It will be good to collaborate with other local churches, especially for our youths. Pastor Mantz will coordinate this effort.

* Pastor’s Report
- Pastor Mark again encouraged any men in the congregation to participate in the weekly prayer group at his place. This begins at 8:00 AM and includes times of fellowship and prayer.
- Pastor Mark would like to have each of the confirmands attend at least one consistory meeting so they get an idea of what is involved in running the church. All members present agreed this is a good idea.
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FROM AUGUST

Current Fund Income: $7,938.00
Current Fund Expenses: $6,833.36
End of Month Balance: $137,708.34

The Janitor for October is Mark Brown

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ALTER FLOWERS

October 3rd - In Honor of Dean & Elaine Dietrich’s 50th Wedding Anniversary and
In Honor of Lori & Kyle Brown’s 25th Wedding Anniversary
October 10th – In Honor of Brandon & Rose Purcell’s 1st Wedding Anniversary
October 31st – In Honor of Matt & Jaci Lucas 24th Wedding Anniversary

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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Are You a Christian Nudist?

I have a good friend who really likes to fish. For the last 50 years, he and his wife have spent at least half of their time going to Canada to enjoy the fishing. He was self-employed and arranged his schedule so that he could work a hard six-day week, drive to Canada the next day, spend six days there, drive hard coming home and load his truck, and work another hard six-day week. As I said, he did this for years, and he really likes to fish. He heard of a lake that has wonderful fishing waters, but to access the lake, he would have to cross private property. So, he and his brother-in-law found the settlement where the property was owned, and walked to the door of the first cabin and knocked. The owner was very suspicious as to why they were there and what they wanted. So, it was explained that my friend wanted access to the lake to fish, if he had permission. About that time, a lady walked by wrapped in a towel and nothing else, and the owner informed my friend that the property was a nudist colony, and that it probably wouldn’t be a very good idea for them to fish there. When my friend’s brother-in-law found out what had transpired, he thought it was funny as all get out, and to this day ribs my friend about his going to a Canadian nudist colony. I must admit, I get in on the ribbing as well. Now, I realize my relating the story, which is a true story with the identity deliberately kept hidden, isn’t as funny to read as it was for me to hear, but the embarrassment my friend had made for a lot of teasing in a good-natured way. I thought of this story last week when Jeanne and I had our devotions together one morning.

In Colossians 3:12 it says, “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves…” (NIV). As soon as I read this, I remembered the story I related above, and said to Jeanne that God doesn’t want us to be nudists! We both had a chuckle about this, as we thought of our friend. Then we considered the rest of the verse. It goes on to state that we are to clothe ourselves “…with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience”. This is quite an impressive wardrobe for Christian men and women to have. The old saying “Clothing makes the man” can easily be applied to these “garments” that God had prescribed for us to adorn ourselves with. A compassionate individual who is genuinely kind is an incredibly attractive person, especially to those who have been roughly treated by others. Humility and gentleness certainly go a long way in being protective and comforting garments for ourselves and others as we interact with the people we meet, including our families. Someone who is truly humble and gentle in spirit is a joy to work along side of, as well as being a blessing to have as a family member. I would suppose that patience is the thing that makes all of the other four items come together, much like the perfect article of clothing or jewelry that makes the rest of our attire look especially good. All of these items are free for the asking, but it seems to take a lifetime for us to consistently clothe ourselves with these garments. God knows this, which is why He gave us verses like 1 John 1:9. There are other passages in the New Testament, such as 1 Thessalonians 5:8, that advise us what to put on so that we will be clothed in such a way that God is honored, and we are enabled to live the life that brings joy and blessing to Him, others, and ourselves.

At this point, I am compelled to ask you, dear reader, are you wearing the apparel God provided for you, or are you a “Christian Nudist”? When we are adorned as God wants us to be, we are attractive and a blessing to those around us, but when we slip out of these garments, we are an embarrassment to ourselves, and to our God. May we all make every effort to be clothed with the garments God has provided.

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