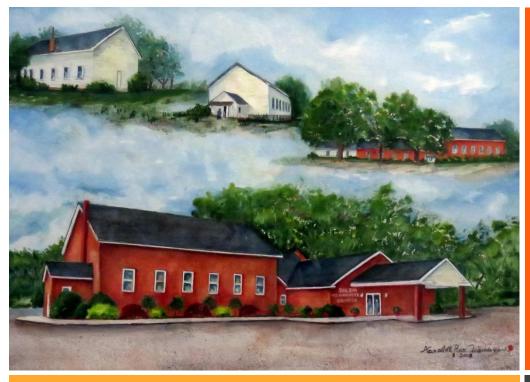
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Salem's 175 years Celebration

1841-2016

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Special Celebration Events

Please mark your calendar with the dates of special events we have planned!

April 17, Choir Concert

Join us as we celebrate 175 years of history through song. A choir made up of Salem members and friends will perform traditional four part Mennonite singing.

May 22, Jon Roth

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related to the global Anabaptist fellowship, including several assignments with Mennonite World Conference. He will share the Anabaptist story of the 21st century during worship and a special afternoon session.

July 24, Alan & Eleanor Kreider



Alan and Eleanor Kreider have been studying and teaching the early church for forty years. They are Mennonite missionaries, scholars, teachers, and pastors. For many years they served in England, where they discovered that early Christians have much to teach Christians in contemporary England and America. At the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Alan taught church history and mission, and Eleanor taught worship. They like to teach the early church together, especially about its approach to mission, worship, peace, and a style of living that the Christians called "patience." They will share about Patient Ferment: the Life of the Early Church during worship and a special afternoon session.

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August 28, Perry Bush

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local political activist. He received his Ph.D. in history from Carnegie Mellon University and is the author of three books, along with thirty articles and book reviews in both the academic and popular press. He will explore local and regional Mennonite stories and reflecting on the history of



Salem during the Sunday school hour and worship time.

September 24-25, 175th Anniversary Celebration

We will host a wonderful celebration of Salem Mennonite Church's 175th anniversary of becoming a congregation. The celebration will include a morning worship service and an afternoon meal with other outdoor activities.

Special Speaker Lineup

During the summer of 2016 we will be hosting several wonderful speakers to help us learn the stories of the early church and modern Anabaptists Christians. Please mark your calendar with the dates of special events and plan on joining us! Children are welcome to attend with their parents! There will be a special program available for the children during the afternoon sessions.

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May 22, 2016

10:30 amSermon title and text:"The Earth is the Lord's: Sharing the AnabaptistStory in the 21st Century" from Psalm 24

12:00 pm Lunch available, donation accepted.

1:00 pm Afternoon session title: "What Hath Zurich to do with Addis Ababa: The Anabaptist Vision in Global Perspective"

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July 24, 20016

10:30 amSermon title and text:"Patient Ferment: the Life of the Early Church"Luke 8:4-15 and Hebrews 12:1-2.

12:00 pm Lunch available, donation accepted.

1:00 pm Afternoon session title: "Patience as a Life Style for a Missional Church: Visuals, Writings, Teaching"

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9:00 am Breakfast and coffee bar will be available.

9:30 am

Program and discussion during Sunday school

10:30 am

Sermon during worship time

Also coming up:

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