



Salem UCC Pastor John Stowell leads Salem's congregation in the dedication of the church's new Reflection and Meditation Garden.

Salem UCC Dedicates Garden

On Sunday, October 6 Salem United Church of Christ, Pocono Pines, dedicated its new Reflection and Meditation Garden. Pastor John Stowell led Salem's congregation in a ceremony that featured comments by three long-term members: Marian Selig, Sonny Fischer, and Lillian Judge. Each spoke of their most cherished memories of the church. Representing the youth of the congregation was Makenzie Erlsten who placed flowers in the Garden.

Central to the new Garden is a tall "rugged" cross and a raised "cremains pit". Cement decorative benches on patio squares face the cross and mature evergreens provide a backdrop.

Salem's 20-person choir sang "That Old Rugged Cross" at the beginning of the service and "He Leadeth Me" at the conclusion.

Salem was founded in 1883 and is once again a growing church. It is located on Old Route 940 in Pocono Pines and has worship services on Sunday at 10 am followed by a fellowship hour.

Selig Garden Center assisted in implementing the Garden.

