

Weddings at Salem United Church of Christ



***For information about weddings in the
Salem sanctuary
contact the church office at
215-348-9860 or salemucc@attglobal.net.***

THE BIBLE IN MERCER TILE

The beautiful Mercer tiles on the altar walls were a gift from Dr. Henry Chapman Mercer, founder and owner of the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works of Doylestown and an eminent archeologist.

The illustrations are copied from iron stove plates of German origin which were in use during colonial times and are now in a collection of the Bucks County Historical Society.

Dr. Mercer personally planned the layout of the tiles and supervised the installation. All but one of the tiles have been used in other places. The Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan is the only one of its kind and has never been used elsewhere.

In the words of a former pastor of Salem, "They were placed on our walls. . . for the enjoyment and instruction of future generations. . ." Truly they have served and will continue to serve this high purpose.

*The above excerpts are from a booklet called
"The Bible in Tile" produced for Salem Church in 1957.*