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Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace

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Palm Sunday, April 9 Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt following
Worship



Maundy Thursday, April 13 Service at
Pleasant Prairie UMC at 7:00 p.m. .

Good Friday, April 14 Service at Wilmot UMC at
7:00 pm.



Easter Sunday, April 16

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

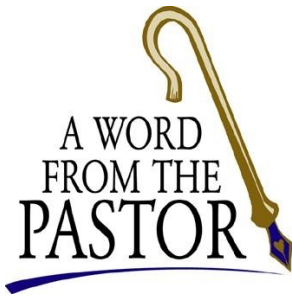
Fellowship Time between services

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

(no Sunday School classes)

Donations Needed For Salem UMC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, April 9th following worship service. Donations for the Egg Hunt are needed – we will be collecting donations today and next Sunday, April 2nd. A basket for donations can be found in the Narthex.



Dear Salem Family,

Over the years, I have found myself on some unique email mailing lists. Not unlike elephants and the IRS, the Internet has a long memory, and has no qualms about sharing those memories with commercial ventures out there in the world, so that they can bombard me with “special offers” and deals which were apparently custom made just for me...and a few million other people.

Thus, visiting my inbox has become an exercise in sifting through it all to decide which stuff I absolutely need to look at; which stuff I will hang onto because it looks like it might be of interest; and which stuff can be sent to the “Trash” folder without a second look. I’ve achieved a certain ruthless efficiency at this process, but every once in awhile I’ll get sucked in by the subject line, even if it’s a sender I know I’m not interested in.

So it was in the last week when I saw an email offering a “free e-chart of proof for the Resurrection.” I almost sent for it—even knowing that I would undoubtedly get myself on many more mailing lists by doing so—because it looked like a neat tool to have when faced with those who doubt the miracle behind Easter.

And then I stopped and thought about it...

There is no “proof” of the Resurrection—not in the modern sense of the word, meaning that there is physical evidence of the event that can be corroborated. (I leave aside the Shroud of Turin, which may or may not have been discredited—the jury is still out on that, depending upon who you listen to.) We have no “proof” of the Resurrection, other than the testimony of a handful of people, and the fact that they were willing to go to their deaths for even making such a claim.

That being said, there are doubtless a number of other historical events which are only known to us because somebody wrote about them—and they are accepted as part of history. If we limit our understanding of history to things for which there are physical evidence, or which we have witnessed ourselves, we would end with a fairly short list of historical events. (And never mind that in doing so we must trust the testimony of others as to the physical evidence...)

So I’m going to reformulate the old riddle about the tree falling in the forest when there’s no one around to hear it: if a man rises from the dead, and we aren’t there to see it, did it still happen?

Of course! The Gospels assure us of this, and while each of them tells a slightly different version of the story, that only makes it more human. It is obvious that something profound and miraculous happened on that Easter Sunday, and generations of Christians have carried the message of the empty tomb forward, handing it off to each new generation of believers like a precious family memory. As keepers of that memory, it is our duty to pass it on to our children and to new believers, and we do that in word—by sharing the story—and in deed, by living the kinds of lives Jesus called us to live.

Christ is risen! Share the joy with others this Easter, and throughout the year.

See you in church!

Pastor Keith

Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children which are then shipped to distribution partners. FMSC meals have reached nearly 70 countries around the world. On Saturday, June 3 our Salem UMC family has the opportunity to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. Packing will take place at 742 East Park Ave (Hwy 176) in Libertyville, IL (behind Life Storage – use same parking area). 25 spots are reserved for Salem UMC, 11 are still open. To register go to <http://volunteer.fmssc.org/register> click join and enter our groups join code of 1098825 or you can contact Gretchen Verhaalen and she can help you with registration. If you have any questions please contact Gretchen at (414)431-7583 or Gretchen@wi.rr.com

Funding Drive for the Shalom Center

The Funding Drive for the Shalom Center concluded on March 19th. Thanks to all for their exceptional generosity! The constituent churches of Living Waters (Bristol, Pleasant Prairie, Salem, Wesley Chapel, and Wilmot UMCs) gave a cumulative total of \$2,915. Living Waters added \$2,500 to the funding, bringing Circuit 14's total to \$5,415. As stated, an anonymous and very generous donor within our community has agreed to match Shalom Center donations up to a \$100,000 cap; consequently the churches of Circuit 14 will have an ultimate impact of \$10,830 intended for the Shalom Center's growth and sustainment. Thanks and well done! In Christ's love, The Board of **Living Waters Ministries**

The Salem UMC All Committee Meeting Night will be held on Sunday, April 23rd with All Committees meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed by Church Council at 6:30 p.m.



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flowers can be purchased to be used in church on Easter Sunday as a memorial or in honor of a loved one. Please indicate your preference of flowers, the number of plants you want to order, and memorial/honor information. Make checks (marked Easter Flowers) payable to **Salem United Methodist Church**. All flower orders must be prepaid - or flowers will not be ordered. Place your money or check and this form in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and drop it in the collection plate or return to the church office by APRIL 3 (Your flower(s) can be taken home following the Easter Worship Service, April 16th).

NAME _____

| <u>FLOWER PLANT</u> | <u>COST PER PLANT</u> | <u>NO. OF PLANTS</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| AZALEAS | \$16.00 | _____ |
| EASTER LILIES | \$12.00 | _____ |
| MUMS | \$12.00 | _____ |
| RIGOR BEGONIAS | \$12.00 | _____ |

IN MEMORY
OF _____
IN HONOR
OF _____

Liturgists for April

April 2: Dorothy Moffat
April 9: Youth Members
April 16: Debbie Gilliam
April 23: Marty Stockwell
April 30: Megan Greenhill



Contact Joanna Carlberg if you would like to read the scriptures on Sunday morning.

Impact Community 8,000 Hour Challenge

The challenge is to do 8,000 hours of community service by the end of 2017. Fill out your Impact Community slips and drop it in the collection plate or return to the church office. Can we reach our goal??? It's up to you! As of 3/26/17 we have reported 1,559 hours of service. Great Start!!

Noisy Offering



On the second Sunday of the month our kids take a Noisy Offering, collecting coins for that month's Pennies for Mission designation. This month's Noisy Offering will be on Sunday, April 9th. The money collected will go to Operation 5 Mile Train.

You Are Invited to Join Our Music Ministry

All are welcome to join our choirs...Wednesday nights Praise Power practices at 6:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir practices at 7:30 p.m. Hand Bells practice on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to join one, two or all three!

Hope Gardens will soon SPRING into action again! We will gladly take any garden tools that could use a new home :shovels, rakes, weed pullers, garden hand tools, etc. In addition, we are seeking monetary donations so that we can replenish and add soil to the beds, repair and replace rotting boards, and get those plants in and growing.



Confirmation Schedule
Confirmation is scheduled to run from 12:00 until approximately 1:30

April 9: Sacraments and Worship – Pastor Judy Wang (Wilmot)

April 23: Structure/Polity of Methodist Church – Gale Burgess (Bristol)

May 20: Confirmation Eve celebration

May 21: Confirmation Sunday

Five Week Study at Bristol UMC

A five week study of The United Methodist Way: Living Our Beliefs by Bishop Kenneth L. Carder will be held at Bristol United Methodist Church on Mondays, April 3 – May 1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is an advance course in Lay Servant Ministries and will help participants better understand United Methodist beliefs and history. The course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness and organization that the United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st century church. The course also meets the Lay Speaker requirement for United Methodist Heritage. Contact Gail Burgess at 262-945-8578 or hb53104@aol.com

The “Messenger” Deadline is always the 15th of the month—please have all articles to the church office or send by email to jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com The deadline for the May newsletter will be on Saturday, April 15.

Salem UMC's Website

Have you visited our SUMC website, Salem-flamesofgrace.com? It is packed with information and awaiting your input! This is YOUR website. Visit often and let us know what you think. If you have information you'd like to see posted on the site such as committee updates and events, pictures of church events, or for your comments or corrections, please let Sandy Kay Jacoby know at skjacoby6@gmail.com or Joanna Carlberg at jcarlberg@wi.rr.com.

THANK YOU—to Linda Roberts for filling in for me in the office following my surgery - I wouldn't have been able to get through recovery without you!
Jane Smith



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

(If yours is missing it means we don't have your birthday/

anniversary information in our membership program. Contact Jane Smith at 843-2525 or jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com to get added to the list)

Celebrating a Birthday

- 6 – Dorothy Heiss, Kathy Hufnagle
- 12 – Al Heiss
- 15- Marci Schultz, Tyler Schatzka
- 17 – Jessica Stevens
- 20 – Murry Holmstrom
- 23 – Lucas Leydens
- 24 – Jerry Meints
- 25 – Edward Hartnek
- 27 – Grace Merrill
- 29 – Katrina Bostanche

Celebrating an Anniversary

- 14 – Frank & Helen Andrekus
- 20 – Jim & Jane Smith
- 26- Al & Dorothy Heiss
- 30 – Rick & Joanna Carlberg

Westosha Community Senior Fellowship Time

Wednesday, April 5th at 10:00 a.m. A Program on “Creating Memoirs” by Pat Hare Free Bingo and prizes. Located at Wilmot United Methodist Church fellowship hall (11425 Fox River Road) Call 862-6366 for more info

(Co-sponsored by Living Waters Ministries)

Please Pray for the Following South East District Churches and Clergy:

- Mar. 27 – Apr. 2: Whitefish Bay, their pastors Matthew Hadley, Tshishinen “Rachel” Muteb Chingej, PyungAhn “Peace” Kim, and their 881 members,
- Apr. 3 – 9: Whitewater Area Regional Ministry (Whitewater: First, Richmond, LaGrange, Elkhorn: Bethel), their pastors Susan Bresser, Don Norman, Erika Jezael Martinez-Flores, and their 603 members.
- Apr. 10 – 16: Wilmot, their pastor Judith Wang, and their 77 members,
- Apr. 17 – 23: Yorkville, their pastor Susan Leih, and their 199 members,.
- Apr. 24 – 30: Milwaukee: ZAO (new church start), their pastor Jonah Holm, ZAO is located at 523 E Clarke St. Milwaukee, WI 53212.

UMC Summer Camps

Looking for something different to do this summer? Have you considered one of the many camping experiences offered by the Wisconsin UMC Camp & Retreat Ministries? There are camps for all ages and a variety of interests. Information can be found on the information board in the fellowship area or go to WIUMCamps.org.

For any High School Seniors or young adults looking for a fun summer job in the great outdoors our Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Camps are looking for Summer Camp Counselors. Below is a link for more information.

Summer Camp Positions

Wisconsin United Methodist Camps are seeking college students and graduating high school seniors who are looking for a summer opportunity for ministry, service, and fun. Counselor and program support positions are available at Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne, with no previous camping experience required. The summer season for staff is from May 29 to August 12, 2017.

More information, full job descriptions, and online application are available

Prayer Corner

During the month of March we have been praying for:

- Grace Merrill
- Those who have lost loved ones
- Lenora Boor
- Our Church Family
- Art Peters
- DJ Carlberg
- Betty Jones
- Rosie Duffett
- Lorrie Gennet
- Eileen Hill
- Ron
- Joan
- Bill Collins
- Alexey Hufnagle
- Tiffany Ouwerkerk





April 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 10:45 am | 3 Kiwanis from 6-9 p.m. | 4 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm | 5 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm Choir @ 7:30 pm | 6 Hand Bells @ 7 p.m. | 7 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm | 8 |
| 9 Palm Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School / Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:45 am Confirmation/ Wilmot @ 12 noon | 10 4-H @ 6:30 pm | 11 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm | 12 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm Choir @ 7:30 pm | 13 Holy Thurs- day Service at Pleasant Prairie UMC @ 7 pm | 14 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm Good Friday Service at Wilmot @ 7 pm | 15 |
| 16 Easter Sunrise @ 7 am Fellowship between services Worship @ 9:30 am (No Sunday School) | 17 | 18 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm | 19 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm Choir @ 7:30 pm | 20 Hand Bells @ 7 p.m. | 21 Big Book (AA) @ 8pm | 22 |
| 23 Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 10:45 am Confirmation/Bristol @ 12 noon All Committees @ 6 pm Church Council @ 6:30 pm <hr/> 30 Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 10:45 am | 24 | 25 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm | 26 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm Choir @ 7:30 pm | 27 Hand Bells @ 7 p.m. | 28 Big Book (AA) @ 8pm | 29 |



Pennies for Mission

Pennies for Mission is our ongoing project where all of the coins in the collection plate each month are given to a special mission. Since 1989 we have sent over \$35,000 to special missions. We have reached our 39th mile and are now “traveling” toward our 40th mile of pennies!

March Pennies: He Intends Victory (\$60.68)

April Pennies: Operation 5 Mile Train

SCRIP - When you buy you donate to the Church's Ministries

Buy your SCRIP cards to use for your every day purchases for food, gas, drugstore items , etc. - when you use a SCRIP card for your purchases a percentage of the card will benefit the church. See Mindy Smouse after church or contact her at 857-2066 or e-mail msgmgs@gmail.com. The following SCRIP gift cards are on hand at church and available for your immediate purchase: **BP Shell - Speedway – Marathon- Kwik Trip -Starbucks- Burger King- Chili's- Cousin's Subs- Culvers- Panera -Chipotle- Cracker Barrel Red Robin- Subway- IHOP- Taco Bell - Texas Road House- Dunkin Donuts- Noodle & Company Pizza Hut -Bristol 45 Diner - Olive Garden – Buffalo Wild Wings - Lakeside Foods- Meijer- Gordon Food Service – Woodmans—Kohl's- Target—Menard's- JC Penney- Walmart – Walgreens - Bath & Body Works- Tinseltown Cinemark**
Total for 2017: \$359.23

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

EFT allows you to keep making contributions even when you are not able to attend a Sunday service. You can designate how your funds are allocated within the church's books (for General and/or Capital funds). There are no bank fees for you to pay and there is complete accountability of your giving. EFT is “green”... you do not write a check, but instead electronically transfer monies into the church bank account. Please consider signing up for this service. Forms for signing up for EFT can be found on the table in the entry area.

Keith Hewitt , Pastor

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Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon Wednesday

Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m. (Sept.—May)