



# MESSENGER

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## Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace



### Feed My Starving Children

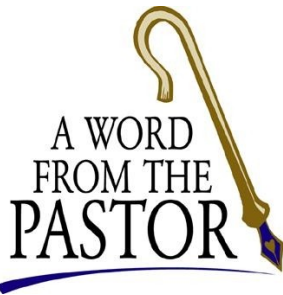
Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children which are then shipped to distribution partners. FMSC meals have reached nearly 70 countries around the world. On Saturday, January 7 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 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, 6 are filled so we need 19 volunteers to fill our crew. To register go to <http://volunteer.fmsc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup> with the join code of 988780 or you can contact Gretchen Verhaalen and she can help you with registration. If you would like to carpool a group will be leaving from the church at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions please contact Gretchen at (414)431-7583 or [Gretchen@wi.rr.com](mailto:Gretchen@wi.rr.com)

### Thank You

Thank you to all who have taken part in the leadership of Salem UMC by serving on a committee during 2016. Welcome aboard to those who are continuing to serve in 2017 and to those who are new to a committee. A 2017 Leadership List can be found in this issue of the Messenger.

### Church Secretary Having Surgery

Jane Smith will be having knee replacement surgery on January 18 and will be out of the office for at least 4 weeks. Linda Roberts has volunteered to fill in the majority of the time Jane will be gone. Currently we are looking for a volunteer to be in the office from 9 am to noon on Friday, February 3. We would also like a list of volunteers to call on to fill in for Linda on the chance that she might not be able to come in on a particular day. Talk to SPRC Chair Ragnar Ouwerkerk or Jane if you will be able to help.



## Christmas is over, did you get what you wanted?

In my family, for several generations, we have made Christmas lists—suggestions for those who were going to buy Christmas gifts for us. This may seem like an exercise in avarice, but it has the benefit of increasing the likelihood of people actually getting gifts they want, instead of things for which they have no earthly use or desire, which will be forever relegated to the Drawer of Misbegotten Gifts.

Of course, there are drawbacks. For one, until you understand the function of the list, it tends to increase your expectations. When my Mom was a teenager, her parents asked her to make a list, and as a dutiful child she included things she needed (clothes, socks, etc.) along with one thing she dearly wanted: a guitar. When her parents asked her what she *really* wanted (this was during the Depression), she said clothes... knowing that, because her parents loved her, they would also give her what she wanted.

Christmas came, and there were no guitar-shaped gifts under the tree. I remember, to this day, her telling us that she opened the gifts that were there, thanked the givers—and when there was no one else around, she went behind the tree and into every corner of the living room, looking for the guitar she *knew* was there.

Only it wasn't. There was no guitar for Mom that year—nor any year thereafter, as she eventually outgrew that phase, and moved on to something else. (We were a nonmusical family, save for my uncle Youlif on Dad's side, who could make a harmonica wail in ways you wouldn't believe...but that's a story for another time.)

Two thousand years ago, Earth got a Savior...specifically, the people of Israel got the Savior they had been promised for centuries. Only it wasn't the Savior they wanted. They wanted a Messiah, who would lead an army of the righteous that would crush their enemies and install them as *the* major power; they wanted a Messiah who would judge the sinners and lift up the righteous, creating a paradise on Earth.

What they got was a kid...born to humble parents, in humble surroundings, with a minimum of pageantry—if you don't include the shepherds and the magi. They got a kid who narrowly escaped being killed by a madman, then went on to live an unremarkable life until he blossomed into ministry several decades after his birth. That ministry would be unconventional—not the Messianic campaign they would expect from a great leader, but instead years of teaching about kindness, and service, and love...culminating in an act of self sacrifice that would define his ministry, followed by a resurrection that would defy common sense.

To quote that great theologian and philosopher, Mick Jagger, "You can't always get what you want... but you get what you need." To be sure, we wanted a Savior to save us, and we got that—but we also got one who challenges us, and that wasn't on the list. Jesus challenges us to be in service to one another; he challenges us to help the poor, clothe the naked, visit the lonely...to be in service to those in need; he challenges us to love our enemies. Truth be told, it would be a lot simpler to have a Savior who would just focus on saving us, and not on how important it is to help others...but maybe that would be missing the point.

Jesus came not *just* to save us, but to help us to become better than we were, to transform us...to encourage us to become mirrors, reflecting his grace and peace to the world. As we move into a new year of challenges—and 2017 certainly promises to be challenging—it's a good time to remember that we have been given just what we need to help make this world a better place, and to help bring people the light of Christ. The greatest gift of all may very well be the challenge to be Christ's hands and feet in this world.

Happy New Year! See you on Sunday.

Pastor Keith



## Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant - none of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. You are invited to drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Your donations will be given to the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. Help our neighbors in need by supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring.

## Impact Community 8,000 Hour Challenge

O.K. – so we didn't reach our goal of doing 8,000 hours of community service in 2016 – but we are to be congratulated on the total of 5,656 ¾ hours served – and probably more that didn't get turned in. It's a new year and again 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!

## Liturgists for January

- January 1: Annette Meints
- January 8: Kathy Hufnagle
- January 15:
- January 22:
- January 29:



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

The Salem UMC All Committee Meeting night will be held on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> with All Committees meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed by Church Council at 6:30 p.m.

## Congratulations to Salem UMC – Our 2016 Apportionments are Paid in Full!

Dear Salem UMC

We would like to thank you for your commitment to Connectional Giving and for giving 100% for your 2016 apportionments! We appreciate your giving spirit and express our heartfelt thanks. Blessings,

Wisconsin UMC Treasurer's Office



## Meet for Breakfast

## Men's Breakfast on January 15

The Men in our Congregation are Invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the downstairs fellowship Hall. Come and start your morning with some good food and fellowship. Questions? Contact Tom Reilly, Ken Bevry, Corbin Bevry or Rick Carlberg.

## 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!

## 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, January 8<sup>th</sup>. The money collected will go to Souper Bowl of Caring.



## Westosha Community Senior Fellowship Time

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

A Program on "Low Impact Exercises" by Ann Bradshaw

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)



### Making a Holy Mess

Beginning in February 2017, the churches of Circuit 14, and Living Waters, are going to launch a new ministry and outreach into the community. Called "Messy Church," after an exciting new movement that began in England in 2004, the ministry is cross-generational and aimed at connecting with those in the area who are not otherwise engaged in church—families, singles, couples... *anyone* is welcome to attend and become part of this messy new phenomenon.

Held monthly, Messy Church will be an opportunity for people to gather and enjoy fellowship as they do crafts, play games, and enjoy a communal meal—all in celebration of a simple Gospel message. This is done to help people connect with each other, and to explore and grow their faith through nontraditional means. It is *not* primarily a tool to grow any individual church—but as people learn to engage their faith, they do become part of the overall body of Christ, which is the aim of the ministry.

We are looking for volunteers to help launch and maintain this ministry: people who will agree to help serve at some of the monthly meetings, and people who will attend and participate in meetings, to help make other attendees feel welcome when they come. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rachel Hewitt at (262) 945-9731, or [queenrachel58@gmail.com](mailto:queenrachel58@gmail.com)

### Thank You

I want to thank Salem UMC for your donations of body wash to Grand Prairie. I am putting together everything for the residents and really think your gifts will add to making their holiday season brighter. Please be sure to thank everyone on our behalf and I am hoping next year when I am not so "new" to this position that I can set up something similar to how it was done in the past. I appreciate you being flexible and understanding with me this year. Merry Christmas, Sarah Klug, Activity Director

### Salem UMC's Website

Have you visited our SUMC website, [Salemflamesofgrace.com](http://Salemflamesofgrace.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](mailto:skjacoby6@gmail.com) or Joanna Carlberg at [jcarlberg@wi.rr.com](mailto:jcarlberg@wi.rr.com).



### Confirmation Schedule

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

- January 15: History of Christianity – Pastor Keith (Salem)
- February 19: Trinity 1 – Pastor Pamela Garside-Meyers (Wesley Chapel)
- March 19: History of Methodist Church – Pastor Anita Lang (Pleasant Prairie)
- April 23: Structure/Polity of Methodist Church – (Bristol) Gale Burgess
- May 21: Spiritual Gifts – Pastor Anita Lang (Pleasant Prairie)
- June: No Confirmation Meeting
- July 16: Trinity 2 – Pastor Pamela Garside-Meyers (Wesley Chapel)
- August 20: Sacraments and Worship – Pastor Judy Wang (Wilmot)
- September: Confirmation

### Prayer Corner

During the month of December we have been praying for:

- Grant Severance
- Marie
- Jeff Maddox
- Donald Letich
- People of Oakland CA
- People of Gatlinburg TN
- Jerry Kelly, Jr
- Greg Salzburmer
- Rosie Duffett
- Family of Eloise Coker
- Mary Bossong
- Mallory Iverson
- Family of Irma Trevino
- Tiffany Ouwerkerk
- Kay
- Jerry
- Family of Mary Marumoto







## January 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](mailto:jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com) to get added to the list)

### Celebrating a Birthday

- 6 – Julisa Sand
- 8- Mel Miller
- 9 – Helen Andrekus
- 11 – Ragnar Ouwerkerk
- 16 – Peter Verhaalen
- 19 – Rose Knigge, Dayna Hartnek
- 26 – Jane Smith, Jessica Schatzka
- 27 – Amber Hansen
- 29 – Bob Neumann
- 30 – Jim Egeland

## Let's Celebrate Alexis Hermes Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy

Please Join the Hermes family of Monday, January 2, 2017 at their home (23201 111th Place, Trevor) from 3-6 p.m. They would love to see their church family! All are welcome!

## Wisconsin Singers are coming !!!----

Mark your calendar Friday, February 17, 2017 Central High school- 7:00pm. When you buy tickets for the show you are supporting local talent (drummer Hunter Hermes) and your ticket purchases are a tax donation/write off. This is a family friendly show. They play over 85 song medleys! The action on the stage never stops. Be prepared for a fast pace and electrifying performance! Very captivating program! If you or your family are interested in attending please see Scott or Tami Hermes for tickets You will not be disappointed. Hermes family are hosting a pizza buffet reception after the show at Good Fella's 12015 Antioch Rd Trevor WI . All are welcome.

Thank you for your support

Tami and Scott

**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](mailto:jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com) The deadline for the February newsletter will be on Sunday, January 15.**



## Youth News

**December 30- January 1** Youth Winter Retreat at Camp Lucerne. "Dream God's Dream" speaker and worship leader Bryan Sirchio. \$130 – youth and \$40 chaperones. Retreat filled quickly last year so RSVP – ASP or register online at <http://www.wiumcamps.org/retrats>. Please let pastor Pamela know if your youth would like to attend but if the current cost is prohibitive. We do not want the cost to prevent any youth from attending this faith forming opportunity.

**June 11-17, 2017** Appalachian Service project (youth 14 years and up entering High School fall of 2017)

For information contact Pastor Pamela at [pgarside@wi.rr.com](mailto:pgarside@wi.rr.com), 262-764-1538 or text 262-496-2292.

## Bible Study

Pastor Pamela Garside-Meyers will be offering a Disciple Fast Track Old Testament Bible Study open to all adult, young adults.

Disciple FastTrack is a manageable but comprehensive study of the Old Testament over the course of 12 weeks. Participants can expect to read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the bible daily, 6 days a week.

The Study will be held Tuesday evenings Feb 7 2017- May 2 2017 (no class April 18) from 7-8:30pm at Bristol United Methodist Church in the upstairs classroom, 8014 188<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bristol WI. Come in the west door off the parking lot.

Everyone will need a Bible, preferably a Study Bible but any bible will do (Disciple recommends "The New Interpreters Study Bible") and a "Disciple Fast Track Old Testament" Work Book. Work books will be ordered for each participant at a cost of \$15.

If you have any question or to register, please contact Pastor Pamela at [pgarside@wi.rr.com](mailto:pgarside@wi.rr.com) or 262-764-1538 by Sunday January 29, 2017.

Salem United Methodist Church 2017  
Leadership

-(19) Keith Olsen  
-(19) Todd Schatzka  
Lay Leader: Rick Carlberg

Church Council:

Chairperson: Marci Schultz  
Lay Leader: Rick Carlberg  
Education Chrpns: (one of the chairpersons)  
S/PRC Chairperson: Ragnar Ouwerkerk  
Trustees Chairperson: (elect their own)  
Finance Chairperson: Kathy Hufnagle  
Financial Secretary: Marsha Isaacson  
Treasurer: Melanie Hartnek  
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Marci Schultz  
Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference:  
Alexis Hermes

Trustees Chairperson – (elect their own)

-(17) Evelyn Kessel  
-(17) Alexey Hufnagle  
-(18) \_\_\_\_\_  
-(18) Ken Bevry  
-(19) Jeff Bixler  
-(19) Ron Verhaalen

Communion Stewards

Ken & Connie Bevry Rick & Joanna Carlberg  
Kathy Hufnagle & Mindy Smouse  
Jerry & Annette Meints Keith & Connie Olsen  
Brad & Rebecca Potter Tom & Cathy Reilly  
Gail & Rachel Bixler

Education Task Group: (including Education Chairpersons  
and teachers)

Education Chairpersons:  
- Connie Bevry  
- Mindy Smouse  
- Sandy Jacoby  
- Lisa Hufnagle

Fund Raising Committee

Gail Dodge Debbie Gilliam  
Grace Merrill Linda Roberts  
Hazel Crowder

Lay Leadership Committee:

Chairperson: Pastor Keith Hewitt  
-(17) Theresa Leydens  
-(17) Joanna Carlberg  
-(18) Sue Grulich  
-(18) Kim Ouwerkerk  
-(19) Chris Holmstrom  
-(19) \_\_\_\_\_

Guide Team

Pastor Keith Hewitt Stan Bochat  
Kyle Miskovic Jane Smith  
Connie Bevry Mindy Smouse  
Rick Carlberg Kim Ouwerkerk  
Alexey Hufnagle

Finance Committee

Chairperson: Kathy Hufnagle  
Co-Chairperson: Rose Knigge  
Lay Leader: Rick Carlberg  
Church Council Chpn: Marci Schultz  
Treasurer: Melanie Hartnek  
Financial Secretary: Marsha Isaacson  
Trustee representative (appoint their own)  
At Large Member: Carley Bevry

Secretarial Fill Ins

Linda Roberts  
Annette Meints

SCRIP Coordinators

Mindy Smouse Joanna Carlberg

Weekly Offering Counters

Evelyn Kessel Linda Roberts  
Jerry Meints  
Alternate: Ruth Perry Mandy Dodge

Memorial Committee: Chairperson:

-(17) Linda Saffell  
-(18) Holly Greenhill  
-(19) Dorothy Moffatt  
- a Trustee representative

Worship Committee

Pastor Keith Hewitt  
Music Accompanist Stan Bochat  
Hand Bell Choir Director Alexey Hufnagle  
Choir Director: Kyle Miskovic  
Greeter Coordinator Tom Reilly  
Liturgist Coordinator Joanna Carlberg  
Nursery Coordinator  
Sanctuary Decoration Kay Scanlan  
Liz Schultz  
Linda Roberts

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson: Ragnar Ouwerkerk  
-(17) Debbie Gilliam  
-(17) Ragnar Ouwerkerk  
-(18) Grace Merrill  
-(18) Gail Dodge



# 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Worship</b> @ 9:30 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3 Boy Scouts</b> @ 7 pm	<b>4 AA: 6-8 pm</b> <b>Praise Power</b> @ 6:30 pm <b>Choir</b> @ 7:30 pm	<b>5 Hand Bells</b> @ 7 p.m.	<b>6 Al-Anon</b> @ 7 pm <b>Big Book (AA)</b> @ 8 pm	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Worship</b> @ 9:30 am <b>Sunday School</b> @ 10:45 am	<b>9 4-H</b> @ 6:30 pm	<b>10 Boy Scouts</b> @ 7 pm	<b>11 AA: 6-8 pm</b> <b>Praise Power</b> @ 6:30 pm <b>Choir</b> @ 7:30 pm	<b>12 Hand Bells</b> @ 7 p.m.	<b>13 Al-Anon</b> @ 7 pm <b>Big Book (AA)</b> @ 8 pm	<b>14 McCormack Family/ Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>15 Men's Breakfast</b> @ 8 am <b>Worship</b> @ 9:30 am <b>Sunday School</b> @ 10:45 am <b>Confirmation at Salem @ 12 noon</b> <b>All Committees</b> @ 6 pm <b>Church Council</b> @ 6:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17 Boy Scouts</b> @ 7 pm	<b>18 AA: 6-8 pm</b> <b>Praise Power</b> @ 6:30 pm <b>Choir</b> @ 7:30 pm	<b>19 Hand Bells</b> @ 7 p.m.	<b>20 Al-Anon</b> @ 7 pm <b>Big Book (AA)</b> @ 8pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Worship</b> @ 9:30 am <b>Sunday School</b> @ 10:45 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Boy Scouts</b> @ 7 pm	<b>25 AA: 6-8 pm</b> <b>Praise Power</b> @ 6:30 pm <b>Choir</b> @ 7:30 pm	<b>26 Hand Bells</b> @ 7 p.m.	<b>27 Al-Anon</b> @ 7 pm <b>Big Book (AA)</b> @ 8pm	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Worship</b> @ 9:30 am <b>Sunday School</b> @ 10:45 am	<b>30</b>	<b>31 Boy Scouts</b> @ 7 pm				



## 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 \$34,000 to special missions. We are now “traveling” toward our 39<sup>th</sup> mile of pennies!

November Pennies: UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) (\$61.26)

December Pennies: The Shalom Center (\$33.40)

January Pennies: Souper Bowl of Caring

### 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 2016: \$1,879.37**

### 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)