



# MESSENGER

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## Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace

### Sunday School



We will be celebrating our Sunday School Study Groups with a Year End Wrap Up/Awards Party on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.

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### Feed My Starving Children

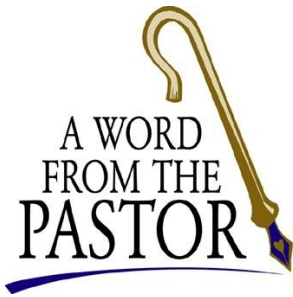
Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children which are then shipped to distribution partners. FMSC meals have 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, 6 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](mailto:Gretchen@wi.rr.com)



### Confirmation Celebration

You are invited to a circuit wide confirmation celebration on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at Salem UMC. We will have a simple meal of Spaghetti/Pasta and Salad as part of this celebration. We will accept free will donations to help offset the cost of the meal. A signup sheet will be available so we can have a rough estimate of how many members, friends and family will be attending so we can have enough food and enough places at the table for everyone.

And be sure to join us on for worship on Sunday, May 21st at 9:30 a.m. as Salem UMC's Confirmation Students are confirmed.



Dear Salem Family,

*It's just a jump to the left  
And then a step to the right  
With your hands on your hips  
You bring your knees in tight*

If you are of a certain age, you might recognize the lyrics to “Time Warp”—probably the biggest song to come out of the cult classic *Rocky Horror Picture Show*. People who’ve never even seen the movie (like me!) have probably encountered the song somewhere in their life, and as I was looking ahead to May it seemed oddly appropriate.

The Revised Common Lectionary—the weekly liturgical “menu” that provides a selection of Scriptures to be considered each week throughout the year—does a curious thing in this Lectionary cycle: after Easter, it enters into a kind of time warp.

With Palm Sunday, the Passion, and the Resurrection celebrated and behind us, it would seem like the logical path in the New Testament readings, anyway, would be to plunge into the early days of the church—before it was a church, really, but was just a movement within Judaism. Instead, we find ourselves presented with a series of readings from earlier in the Gospel of John. (This will be the last we see of John for awhile, by the way—Matthew is already in the on-deck circle, warming up for the summer.) In these readings, we are witness to several teachable moments between Jesus and his disciples.

Why is that? Well...dramatically speaking, nothing much is happening between the Resurrection and the Ascension (as if those weren’t enough!). Given that, it would seem that the designers of the Lectionary chose to use this narrative lull to let us pause, take a breath, and soak in what it means to be a follower of the risen Christ—specifically, by offering us a series of moments when Jesus first instructed the disciples, then made a promise to them:

“Believe in God, believe also in me...I will come and take you to myself.”

“If you love me, keep my commandments...Because I live, you will live also.”

and so on.

These teachings are a good reminder for us that beliefs—like actions—have consequences. We believe in a risen savior, and a God who loved us so much that he was willing to do the unthinkable to save us. More than that—God was willing to do the unthinkable just for the *chance* to save us...because God’s first gift to us was the ability to say no and turn away, and God loves us too much to take that gift away, even if we use it to break his heart. Since we believe that, what are the consequences? What does that belief require of us?

What does being the recipient of such wondrous love mean for how we should love others? And, maybe just as important a question, what does God’s wondrous love for you mean for how you should love and respect yourself? After all, God’s love and grace is like the rain—it falls on *everyone*.

Consider the above questions your homework for this season of Easter—and let’s make it an open book assignment.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Keith



Community Garden

## Hope Gardens

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.

## 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 4/23/17 we have reported 1,925 ½ hours of service. We're on our way!

## Liturgists for May

May 7: Nancy Webster  
May 14: Annette Meints  
May 21: Debbie Gilliam  
May 28:



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, May 21<sup>st</sup> with All Committees meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed by Church Council at 6:30 p.m.

## Confirmation Schedule

**Confirmation runs from 12:00 until 1:30**

\*\*April 30: Confirming our Baptism, Faith Statements, Begin to Plan Confirmation Celebration (Salem)

\*\*May 7: Membership Vows, Using Our Spiritual Gifts, Faith Statements and confirmation Celebration Planning (Wesley Chapel)

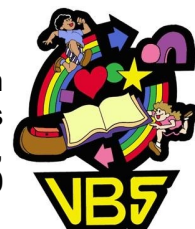
\*\*these sessions are optional since they were not included in the original schedule but are highly recommended

May 20: Confirmation Eve Celebration at Salem 6-8 p.m.

May 21: Confirmation Sunday

## Mark Your Calendars for VBS

Hero Central (Discover Your Strength in God!) Vacation Bible School is coming to Salem UMC – Monday, July 31 – Friday, August 4 from 9:00 a.m. – noon.



## Men's Breakfast on May 21<sup>st</sup>

The Men in our congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the downstairs fellowship hall. Come and start your morning with some good food and fellowship. Questions? Contact Ken Bevry, Corbin Bevry, Rick Carlberg or Tom Reilly.

## 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!

## Prayer Corner

During the month of April we have been praying for:

- Joan
- Bill Collins
- Alexey Hufnagle
- Tiffany Ouwerkerk
- George Williams
- Al Sommers
- Victims of Terrorist Attacks
- Cari Tipsword
- Family of Maureen Wawzyniak
- Summer Roberts
- Geraldine Outman
- Marsha
- Family of Renee Peterson
- Family of William "Pete" Haapala
- Catherine Hams
- Family of Josh Hams
- Waukegan Teachers
- Florence Keise
- Susan Sokolski
- Family of Jeanie Lewis
- Don Murillo
- Darrel Hill
- Jim Smith





## May 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

- 2 – Cassi Bossong
- 5 – Kim Ouwerkerk
- 10- Brad Gilliam
- 13 – Tom Reilly
- 19 – Tiffany Ouwerkerk
- 21 – Ronny Verhaalen
- 23 –Sandra Baird
- 24 – Todd Schatzka
- 26 – Keith Olsen
- 27 – Kurt Eckberg
- 29 – Luke Andrekus
- 31 – Len Scanlan

### Celebrating an Anniversary

- 1 – Edward & Melanie Hartnek
- 15 – Tim & Danielle Lasco
- 22- Len & Kay Scanlan

## 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, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The money collected will go to Hope Gardens.



## 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).

## 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](http://WIUMCamps.org).

## Westosha Community Senior Fellowship Time

**Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

A Program on "Mother's Day Craft" by Elaine McMillin

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:

May 1- 7: Beloit: Henderson, their pastor Eduardo de la Cruz, and their 85 members, Henderson is located at 727 Henderson Ave. Beloit, WI 53511.

May 8 – 14: Beloit: River of Life, their pastor David Carlson, and their 311 members, River of Life is located at 2375 Prairie Ave. Beloit, WI 53511.

May 15 – 21: Bristol, Wesley Chapel, their pastor Yul Kwon, and their 64 members, Bristol & Wesley Chapel are located at 8014 199<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bristol, WI 53104 (PO Box 296).

May 22 – 28: Brookfield: Peace, their pastor Scott Walters, and their 226 members, Peace is located at 12860 W North Ave. Brookfield, WI 53005.

May 29 – June 4: Brown Deer, Ellen Rasmussen (7-1-2017), and their 242 members, Brown Deer is located at 5736 W Brown Deer Rd. Brown Deer, WI 53223

**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 June newsletter will be on Monday, May 15.**



# 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	3 AA: 6-8 pm <b>Praise Power</b> @ 6:30 pm <b>Choir</b> @ 7:30 pm	4 <b>Hand Bells</b> @ 7 p.m.	5 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	6
7 <b>Worship</b> @ 9:30 am <b>Sunday School</b> @ 10:45 am <b>Confirmation/ Wesley Chapel</b> @ noon	8 4-H @ 6:30 pm	9 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	10 AA: 6-8 pm <b>Praise Power</b> @ 6:30 pm <b>Choir</b> @ 7:30 pm	11 <b>Hand Bells</b> @ 7 p.m.	12 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	13
14 <b>Worship</b> @ 9:30 am <b>Sunday School</b> @ 10:45 am	15	16 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	17AA: 6-8 pm <b>Praise Power</b> @ 6:30 pm <b>Choir</b> @ 7:30 pm	18 <b>Hand Bells</b> @ 7 p.m.	19 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	20 Kirsch/Fellowship Hall: 1:30-3 pm <b>Confirmation Cele- bration</b> 6-8 pm
21 <b>Men's Break- fast</b> @ 8 am <b>Worship/ Confirmation</b> @ 9:30 am <b>Sunday School</b> @ 10:45 am <b>All Committees</b> @ 6 pm <b>Church Council</b> @ 6:30 pm	22	23 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	24 AA: 6-8 pm <b>Praise Power</b> @ 6:30 pm <b>Choir</b> @ 7:30 pm	25 <b>Hand Bells</b> @ 7 p.m.	26 Big Book (AA) @ 8pm	27
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## **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 39<sup>th</sup> mile and are now “traveling” toward our 40<sup>th</sup> mile of pennies!

April Pennies: Operation Smile Train

May Pennies: Hope Gardens

### **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 Sentry- Meijer- Gordon Food Service – Woodmans Kohl's- Target Menard's- JC Penney- Walmart – Walgreens - Bath & Body Works- Tinseltown Cinemark**  
**Total for 2017: \$459.19**

### **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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Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

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