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## Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace

### Update from Salem's SPRC

Great News! – Clarissa LaFaye Griffin Martinelli has been appointed as our pastor. She will provide worship and spiritual leadership to our congregation and our community effective August 1, 2012. Her first Sunday with us in the pulpit is August 5<sup>th</sup>. Please come join us in welcoming her home!



### Introduction to Pastor Clarissa Martinelli

Clarissa LaFaye Griffin was born on August 3, to Reverend Willie F. and Emma L. Griffin of Bainbridge, Georgia. Her father retired from active ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church after fifty years of faithful service in 2009. She has two brothers. After completing high school, she enlisted in the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsmen. After completing her bachelor degree in public health she received an officer commission in the United States Navy Medical Service Corps. After serving nearly twenty-five years in the United States Navy, she retired as a highly decorated naval officer with the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Martinelli enjoyed tours throughout Asia, Australia, Alaska, Hawaii and the United States.

Clarissa completed her undergraduate degree at California State University East Bay, Hayward, California; masters of public health from TUI University, Cypress, California and is completing her masters of divinity degree at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois.

Reverend Clarissa Martinelli is an ordained iterant deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal denomination.

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Reverend Martinelli has a passion for youth and believes that as adults we should love them as God loves all Creation. She believes that in loving our youth we should be kind, compassionate, forgiving, slow to anger, patient and willing to embrace the calling God has placed in their lives. Carefully listen to our children. Hug them and encourage them to reach for the stars. Smile and laugh a lot. Take time to have fun together and treasure the time spent together.

Long before she had the vocational title of Lieutenant, pastor, or Reverend, she was simply a woman named Clarissa. Our Lord heard her prayers not because she had a title or connections, but because she was *God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for her to do (Ephesians 2:10)*; an ordinary woman, with a name that was known to God and a life that mattered to God. She was simply a woman saved by grace that Jesus loved. She still is.

As you remember Pastor Clarissa's humanity do not forget her calling. Jesus has called Clarissa to pray with you, to look to Jesus with you, work with you, open the Bible to you, and to walk with you through triumph and tragedy. She has received gifts and talents from God that are uniquely suited to help you grow in your love for God and humanity and be great stewards to the environment and all Creation. She will need the same prayers, encouragements, comforts, counsels and forgiveness that anyone else in Salem's church family needs.

What a marvelous team the grace of Jesus will empower us to become! As a pastor and a people, the throne of the Savior's grace and purpose awaits us.

Reverend Clarissa Martinelli has been married to Martin Martinelli for over twenty-nine years and they have four young adults, Marissa, Biancha, Sophia and Nicolas.



**Celebrate with Our New Pastor**

Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> we will welcome our new pastor, Clarissa Martinelli. Come to worship at 9:30 a.m. (don't forget to find your name tag – there will be a lot of new faces for Pastor Clarissa to get to know). Following the worship service you will have a chance to become better acquainted with Pastor Clarissa and her husband Martin and daughters Biancha & Sophia at a pot luck luncheon in the downstairs fellowship hall.

*Greet our new Pastor and family*

Plan to bring one of your favorite family recipes to share – a sign up sheet can be found in the upstairs fellowship area.

**The All Committee Meeting Night will not be held in August. The next scheduled meeting night is Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**



**Save the Date!**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> is**

**Sunday School Kick Off at**

**Salem UMC!**

## Shalom Center Soup Kitchen



Salem UMC has the privilege of serving at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen on Thursday, August 30. We make soup, enough sandwiches for everyone to take with after dinner and serve a hot meal provided by the Shalom Center to as many as 125 people or even more sometimes. The whole process takes about 2 1/2 hours some time between 2:00 and 5:30 p.m. (depending on which you choose - soup or sandwiches or serving). There is no cleanup. The center handles that. That is a very tiny gift of your time to provide so much for so many. We also donate money to the Soup Kitchen for milk – just mark your contribution “MILK” and drop it in the collection plate. If you would like to help make an “Impact on Your Community” on August 30<sup>th</sup> sign up on the sheet found on the information board in the fellowship area – or call the church office at 843-2525 to get your name on the list.



### Salem UMC's Hope Community Gardens

Eight raised beds have been built and filled by the parsonage. For those interested in volunteering (no experience required), adopting a partial or full bed, or donating needed supplies or excess vegetable plants through the season, please contact Charis Mitchell at 262-586-9192 or charis.r.mitchell@gmail.com. Harvested produce will go to volunteers who work the gardens, those in the community who are in need, and the Sharing Center in Trevor. There are also plans for workshops to be held at the church through the growing season on topics including gardening basics, cheese making, bread making, or canning of pickles, jams, or applesauce. Workshop topics, dates, and times will be announced on the church website as they are set. Further information will be up soon on the church website, [www.salemflamesofgrace.com](http://www.salemflamesofgrace.com).

### Impact Community – 5,000 Hour Challenge

As a congregation we are challenged to do 5,000 hours of community service by the end of the year. If everyone can do at least 1 or 2 hours of volunteer service a week it will quickly add up. An Impact Community slip can be found each week in your bulletin. Impact Community slips can also be found on the SCRIP table in the fellowship area. Fill it out and drop it in the collection plate on Sunday or return to the church office. As of 7/22 we have given 1,833.75 hours of service to the community.



### Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering is the second Sunday of the month – This month's

Noisy Offering will be on Sunday, July 8 – all money collected will go for our July Mission – School Supplies for area children through the Sharing Center

### Westosha Community Senior Fellowship Time

**Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

Program by Piano Students of Diane Olson

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)

### Salem UMC's Website



[Salemflamesofgrace.com](http://Salemflamesofgrace.com), the website for SUMC, is burning bright, packed with info 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 sites such as committee updates and events, or for your comments or corrections, please let Sandy Jacoby know at [skjacob6@gmail.com](mailto:skjacob6@gmail.com) or Joanna Carlberg at [jcarlberg@wi.rr.com](mailto:jcarlberg@wi.rr.com).



### Greeters Are Needed for Sunday Mornings

*greeters*

Would you like to spend a few minutes before Sunday worship welcoming fellow worshipers to Salem UMC? Please contact Tom Reilly (843-3823) to set a date.

# Thank You!

Salem United Methodist Congregation – Our family is humbled by the generosity your church showed us & continue to throughout Mike's illness & the benefit auction. There are so many folks to name we can't list them individually, from desert donations, to food servers, organizers, monetary gifts and all the spiritual and emotional support you have shown to our family & especially our mother Ruth. Your continued prayers for Mike to get a heart transplant will be greatly appreciated. The kindness your church showed us was Christ-like love – Praise Him – The Perry family

### **Cleaning God's House**

Volunteers are needed to help keep God's House clean and inviting for all who come here. If you would like to sign up to do some weekly cleaning (vacuuming, tile floors, restrooms, collecting the garbage) Call the church office (843-2525), send an e-mail to [jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com](mailto:jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com) or sign up on the sheet found on the information board in the fellowship area.



### **August 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**

- 5 – Michelle Bossong
- 7– Kate Haapala
- 9– Cathy Reilly
- 10 – Melanie Hartnek
- 12 –Jenny Egeland
- 15 – Carley Bevry
- 16 – Mark LaMeer
- 20 –Elaine Rust
- 21 – Kay Scanlan, Lorne LaMeer
- 22 – Marsha Isaacson
- 24 – Linda Roberts
- 25 – Frank Long
- 27 – Alexey Hufnagle
- 29 – Sue Grulich

#### **Celebrating an Anniversary**

- 3 – Nick & Diane Trombley
- 11 – Jerry & Annette Meints
- 13- Tom & Cathy Reilly
- 18 – Dave & Cathie Johnson
- 22 – Scott & Tami Hermes
- 25 – Todd & Lisa Schatzka
- 31 – Frank & Peggy Long

**Pastor's Emergency Fund** is in need of donations. Please mark your gift "Pastor's Emergency Fund" and drop in the offering plate or send to the church office.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	4
5 Worship @ 9:30 am Welcoming Pot Luck Luncheon for Pastor Clarissa and her family following worship	6	7 Al-Anon 10 a.m.- noon	8	9	10 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	11
12 Worship @ 9:30 am	13	14 Al-Anon 10 a.m.- noon	15 Messenger Deadline	16	17 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	18
19 Worship @ 9:30 am	20	21 Al-Anon 10 a.m.- noon Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	22	23	24 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	25
26 Worship @ 9:30 am	27	28 Al-Anon 10 a.m.- noon Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	29	30 Shalom Center Soup Kitchen beginning @ 2 pm	31 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	



## Pennies for Mission

Pennies for Mission is our ongoing project where all of the coins dropped in the collection plate are sent to various missions. Each month a special mission is designated to receive that month's offering. Begun in 1989 we have now completed 33 miles of pennies and are currently working on mile 34.

June Pennies: Kenosha Literacy Guild (\$49.33)

July Pennies: Mike Perry

August Pennies: School Supplies through the Sharing Center

### 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](mailto:msgmgs@gmail.com). The following SCRIP gift cards are on hand at church and available for your immediate purchase:

**BP Shell Speedway Culvers Wendy's Subway Bristol 45 Diner Lakeside Sentry  
Woodmans Gordon Food Service Marketplace Kohl's Target JC Penney Olive Garden**

**Total So Far for 2012: \$1,488.16**

### 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.

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Worship @ 9:30 a.m.