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Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace

Introducing Our New Music Director of Choirs

SPRC is pleased and excited to announce Jennifer (Jenny) Hoffman will be joining us September 1st to serve as Music Director of Choirs. In her role Jenny will continue to develop the adult chancel choir and will grow and develop the children's choir. Jenny has also expressed excitement about the opportunity of planning and directing special programs throughout the year for our children and youth. Jenny attained her Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago IL. Formerly serving as the Musical Director at Catholic Central High School in Burlington WI, Jenny directed and managed over 17 plays ranging from South Pacific, and Footloose to Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Godspell. Jenny presently serves as General Music Teacher providing instruction for K-8 at St. Alphonsus Grade School in New Munster, WI. She has been teaching private voice lessons from her home for 22 years and recently expanded her studio to Waterford High School where she has been instructing lessons there as well. Jenny brings a wealth of experience to us and we so look forward to the gifts she will share.



Ready for an exciting new year of Christian Education?

Sunday, September 9th is Sunday School Kick Off at Salem UMC!

Start the morning by joining us for worship at 9:30 a.m. – then find out what is in store for the new Sunday School year, beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Music Night Returns!

Come one, come all, it's time for MUSIC! Salem's music groups will begin practicing on Wednesday, September 5th. You are encouraged to return to - or join - one, two, or all three groups. Rehearsal for Praise Power will begin at 6:00, Bells will meet at 7:00, and the Choir (welcoming new director Jenny Hoffman) will practice at 8:00. Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!





The Vine

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15: 5, NIV)

Salem - Let Us Rise Up and Build!

Nehemiah 2:9-18 is a great account of Israel's return to the Land of Milk and Honey and the rebuilding of Jerusalem. We who serve God in the local church share with these Israelites similar motives, similar goals, similar challenges and a similar formula for success. God recorded this account of ancient Israel's history for the purpose of instructing and inspiring us to commit and engage our efforts in service to God.*

The book opens with Nehemiah developing a burden for Jerusalem. He gains royal authority from the king to go and rebuild the walls and restore the city to its former glory. He rallies the people and stands strongly against those who oppose this great work of God.

The one of the significant phrases is found in verse 18 *“Let us rise up and build.”* Each part of this periscope is a key element for Christian success and a formula for any great endeavor.

I. *“Let Us”*

Conviction – They heard and accepted the Word from the Lord. To accomplish anything important for God, one must be motivated by a conviction within. If there is no inner burden or passion, the challenges of the task will prove too difficult. There must be something real on the inside.

Cooperation - It is a team effort. It involves working together toward a common goal. The work requires many hands. The group shares a vision and passion for the work God has called them to do. Others are not invited or welcomed if they do not share the love, devotion and loyalties that the people committed to this task share together.

Teamwork does things that can't be done by just one person - big things; better outcomes; goals are reached faster.

II. *“Rise Up”*

Challenge - It's an uphill climb. It will require work. It will require more than average effort. This is not a walk in the park. It is not work that can be done in a day. It is a challenging and demanding task that will require great energy and effort from all involved.

Commitment - Rising up demands staying with it until it is finished - anyone can start something, but only those who are truly committed will finish.

Courage - Rise up against the opposition. Rise up against the weariness of the flesh. Rise up against the attitude of complacency. Rise up against the threat of failure. Rise up against the threat of injury or death.

III. *“And Build”*

Construction - It is ongoing work that builds upon others' work. Layer upon layer of stones must be placed in an organized and effective manner. Areas of work must be overseen and coordinated so the right outcome is achieved.

Planning –wise planning can save many hours of labor.

Preparation – Some work cannot be done until other work is done first. Sometimes you have to remove something before you can add something. Sometimes you have to undo something before you can do it right. Sometimes the best way forward is a step or two backward. These steps can be identified as – removal to rearrangement, which leads to revival.

Performance – Someone has to do the actual work.

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The Vine cont.

If we do not put one rock upon another, we will never build a wall. If we do not plant seeds, we will not see the fruit of a harvest. If we do not put up a fight against sin, we will never see a victory. If we do not work cooperatively with others we will never accomplish anything.

*"Be strong, and let us fight bravely for our people and the cities of our God. The LORD will do what is good in his sight."
1Chronicles 19:13 (NIV)*

Gospel Application:

- Jesus came to us with royal authority.
- Jesus came seeking our welfare.
- Jesus came to restore us to a previous blessed state.
- Jesus courageously stood against those who opposed God's work of restoration.
- Jesus wants to rebuild your life.

This will require:

- Removal of sin and its guilt
- Rearrangement of your values and priorities
- Revival of your inner Spirit.*

Will you allow Jesus to start a work in your life?

Will you trust him to build you into something strong and beautiful for the glory of God?

Let us, Salem UMC family, build something for God. Let us pool our resources to bring glory to God through our church. Let's all give of our time, talents and treasures to serve Christ by serving one another and reaching out to the lost in Jesus name.

May each one of us who God has called to be a part of Salem United Methodist Church echo with these Israelites of old who said, "LET US RISE UP AND BUILD.

Portions adapted from Bethel Ministries

Pastor Clarissa

*At Salem UMC, we make no
apology for strong preaching,
sound doctrine and devotion to the Trinity.*



Movie Night – Sunday September 23rd

Living Waters Ministries has planned its next "Movie Night" event for the families and friends of Circuit 41. On Sunday evening September 23rd, we will feature *The Ultimate Gift*, a contemporary story of a billionaire oil baron who must decide how to bequeath his fortune to his self centered, shallow, and spoiled family members. After observing a glimmer of something special in his grandson, the wealthy family patriarch devises a series of tasks and learning events that his grandson must complete in order to obtain his inheritance. This family film, distributed by FoxFaith Movies, will share a unique insight into the treasured gifts of friendship, work, family, laughter, dreams, giving, gratitude, forgiveness, and love. Stars include James Garner, Brian Dennehy, Drew Fuller, and Abigail Breslin.

Please bring your family and friends to join us at 6:00 PM on Sunday evening September 23rd at Salem UMC. We have the generous privilege of using Salem's big screen and surround sound system. We will view *The Ultimate Gift* and conclude with a brief discussion of the film's themes and Christian values. As always, the film, popcorn, and **Living Waters** bottled water are free. We hope to see you there.

Confirmation Class



Confirmation Classes to Begin in September

Calling all 7th & 8 Grade Students – Circuit Confirmation Classes will begin in September. Circuit 41 (Salem, Bristol, Wesley Chapel, Pleasant Prairie & Wilmot) will be holding joint Confirmation Classes on two Sunday afternoons a month with the location of the classes rotating among the circuit churches, schedule to be announced. There will be a Student/Parent Orientation on Sunday, September 9 at 2 p.m. at Bristol UMC. Please contact Jane Smith at 843-2525 or jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com if you want to take the next step in your faith journey by becoming a member of Salem UMC.

Needed – Leaders to Co-Teach Confirmation Classes

Would you be willing to assist our circuit pastors in guiding our students on their confirmation faith journey? Classes will be held twice a month on Sunday afternoons, location rotating between the circuit 41 churches. You would be sharing teaching with other church leaders so your presence would not be required at every session. A Confirmation Leaders meeting will be held on Saturday, September 8 at 10 a.m. at Bristol UMC. A sign up sheet for leaders can be found in the fellowship area or contact Jane Smith at 843-2525 or jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com to become a part of this important team.



You're Invited!

>Welcome Event for Our New District Superintendent, Rev. Deborah Thompson

The Metro Districts' Committee on Superintendency cordially invites all pastors and church members in the region to attend the Worship and Fellowship Event welcoming our new district Superintendent, Rev. Deborah Thompson, to the Metro Districts

Date: Sunday, September 16

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Host Church: Community UMC, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove, WI 53122

The courtesy of a reply by Monday, September 10, is requested, to help the committee in their plans for space and refreshments. Please contact the Metro office by phone (414-271-5080 or 888-645-7888) or email metro@wisconsinumc.org to respond or ask any questions.

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 October newsletter will be on Saturday, September 15.

You are Invited to a Regional Celebration Welcoming Bishop Jung to Wisconsin!

There will be one Welcoming Celebration held in the Metro Region: Sunday, October 14, 2012 from 3:00 -5:00 pm at the Fifth Avenue UMC, 323 S. Fifth Avenue, West Bend, WI 53095

The celebration will begin with a time of worship and a time for Bishop Jung to share about himself and his vision for the future as he begins his service as a bishop in Wisconsin. The rest of the time will be spent , meeting, greeting, and enjoying food and fellowship.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung comes to Wisconsin from Chicago, where he served for eight years as Resident Bishop of the Chicago Area (Northern Illinois Conference). He was assigned to serve the Wisconsin Conference at the 2012 Jurisdictional Conference held in Akron, Ohio, in July of this year. Prior to his election as a bishop, he served congregations and as a district superintendent in the Wisconsin Conference.

Bishop Jung is married to Rev. Im Jung, a clergy member of the Wisconsin Conference on Extension Ministry, and they have two adult sons.

Please join in the celebration!



Basic Lay Speaker Course to be Held at Salem UMC

Salem UMC will be hosting a Basic Lay Speaker Course on September 22 & 29 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. This is a foundational course that lays the framework for leadership in preaching, story telling, stewardship, youth ministries, caring ministries and many more areas. New members, current members, and all leaders, including lay members to annual conference, lay leaders, committee members, teachers, lay servants and aspiring lay servants, and mission-lovers are encouraged to attend. There are no fees for the course but you will need to purchase a required book (available from Upper Room, Cokesbury or Amazon) To register go to www.discipleconnection.org. – Todays Disciple Salem 09-22-12.

Salem UMC will need church representatives to act as hosts for the two Saturdays the course is being held. If enough people are willing to help you would not need to be here the whole time – you could share the responsibility with others. Are you willing to donate a few hours on the 22nd or 29th ? Contact Jane Smith at 843-2525 or jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com



ANNUAL MEETING Annual Church Conference

A Joint Church Conference will be held at Salem UMC on Sunday, October 21 at 4 p.m. Each congregation in the circuit (Bristol, Wesley Chapel, Wilmot, Pleasant Prairie and Salem) will be hearing reports for their individual churches and each congregation will vote individually on items concerning their respective churches. Join us on the 21st for a time of decision making, worship and fellowship.



The next All Committee Meeting Night will be held on Thursday, September 20 beginning with a Shared Dinner at 6:45 p.m., Committee Meetings starting at 7:00 p.m.



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 30th 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.

Westosha Community Senior Fellowship Time

Wednesday, September 5th @ 10:00 a.m.

Program: “Myofascial Release and Related Exercises” by Shawna Freels of Radiant Path

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)

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 8/19 we have given 2,357.5 hours of service to the community.



Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering is the second day of the month – This month’s Noisy Offering will be on Sunday, September 9th. Money collected will go for our September Mission – Women’s & Children’s Horizons. through the Sharing Center



Christy Hansen has given permission to share this letter with the congregation)

A Letter for Pastor Clarissa

There are so many wonders in this world that God has given us and this morning in church I was reminded of one, one of my favorites. As I kept looking at her I kept envisioning a particular necklace that I have. To me it is one of the most precious gems that there are, the black pearl. It is totally unusual in color and strength and it catches your attention. It takes command. As it moves around your neck the opalescence of the rainbow will not be missed.

As I watch Pastor Clarissa and listen to her speak with passion I connected with her emotion. I love analogies and can so relate to them. When she speaks, there is a glow that ascends her very being. She exudes with love and enthusiasm, just for the sake of being. How absolutely wonderful is that? She makes us want to try harder to make the world a better and somewhat unusual place.

As with the necklace she captures your attention and it will not be wavered, it is far too precious. So as best I can as time goes on I hope to become better friends with her and her family. God has given us a rare chance to again have someone special in our lives. There is always a reason for everything that happens. Already she has given much joy to my family and our prayers were answered when they announced she would be guiding our faith. Sometimes faith is hard to hang on to, but every day is only twenty-four hours away which leads us to every Sunday, only six days away. Knowing that I have that strength to come to and knowing she is there every day saying a prayer for us, makes us invincible.

So when I am not with her I will take this precious gem and tuck her away within the safety of my heart, the same way I tuck away my precious black pearl necklace and hold it as the treasure that is a true gift from God.

Always with Love, Christy (Amber & George)



September 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

- 11 - Marlene Curtiss, Cole Andrekus
- 19 - Lauren Bostanche
- 20 - Lisa Schatzka
- 21 - Annette Meints
- 24 - Joanna Carlberg, Travis Verhaalen
- 27 - Marci Morey, Brienna Bostanche

Celebrating an Anniversary

- 3 - Ragnar & Kim Ouwerkerk
- 12 - David & Sandra Baird
- 14 - Kevin & Rose Kerkman
- 20 - Mark & Debbie Andrekus



Salem UMC's Website

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 skjacoby6@gmail.com or Joanna Carlberg at jcarlberg@wi.rr.com.



Share Your GiftsWould you like to spend a few minutes before Sunday worship welcoming fellow worshipers to Salem UMC? Volunteer to be a greeter - contact Tom Reilly to set a date.

Would you like to be a part of the worship service by reading the scriptures or leading the joys and concerns? Contact Pastor Clarissa or Jane Smith

2013 Budget Item Deadline

The Finance Committee has requested that all budget items to be included in the Salem UMC 2013 budget be submitted to the committee by Monday, October 1.



A special thank you to Josh Wang for filling in this summer as our Sunday morning accompanist at Salem UMC. Your gift of music was enjoyed by all and very much appreciated.



Salem UMC's Hope Community Gardens

Eight raised beds can be found next to the parsonage. Interested in helping with the gardens? 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. For updates on garden related projects - check the church website, www.salemflamesofgrace.com.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship @ 9:30 am	3 Labor Day— Office Closed	4 Al-Anon 10 a.m.- noon Boy Scouts @ 7 p.m	5 Praise Power @ 6 pm Hand Bells @ 7 pm Choir @ 8 pm	6	7 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	8 Schultz//FH 11 am—4 pm Confirmation Leader Training at Bristol UMC @ 10 am
9 Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 10:45 am Confirmation Student/Parent Orientation at Bristol UMC @ 2 pm	10 4-H @ 6:30 p.m.	11 Al-Anon 10 a.m.- noon Boy Scouts @ 7 p.m	12 Praise Power @ 6 pm Hand Bells @ 7 pm Choir @ 8 pm	13	14 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	15 Messenger Deadline
16 Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 10:45 am SS Teacher Meeting following SS	17	18 Al-Anon 10 a.m.- noon Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	19 Praise Power @ 6 pm Hand Bells @ 7 pm Choir @ 8 pm	20 Shared Dinner @ 6:45 pm All Committee Meeting @7:00 pm	21 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	22 Basic Lay Speaker Class 8:30 am—2:30 p.m.
23 Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 10:45 am <hr/> 30 Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 10:45 am Perry/FH 1-5 pm	24	25 Al-Anon 10 a.m.- noon Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	26 Praise Power @ 6 pm Hand Bells @ 7 pm Choir @ 8 pm	27	28 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	29 Basic Lay Speaker Class 8:30 am—2:30 p.m.



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.

July Pennies: Mike Perry (\$129.15)

August Pennies: School Supplies through the Sharing Center

September Pennies: Women's & Children's Horizons

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

Total So Far for 2012: \$1,709.23

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.

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Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m.