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Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace



Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday February 4th, 2018 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. Last year 6,540 groups collected \$10,115,948.00. You are invited to drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 4th. Your donations will be given to the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. Help our neighbors in need by supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring.

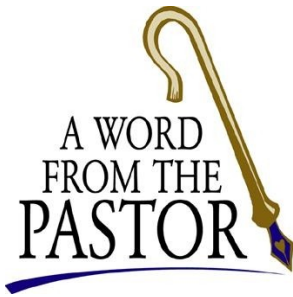


Congratulations to Salem UMC – Our 2017 Apportionments are Paid in Full!

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our sharing tree. We provided gifts for 14 children through the Sharing Center and 16 gifts for residents of Grand Prairie Nursing Home. Thank you to Jerry Meints for delivering the gifts to the Sharing Center and Keith & Connie Olsen for delivering the gifts to Grand Prairie.





A funny thing happened to me in 2017.

I had fallen into the habit, at my part-time job at Hope Council, of responding to coworkers who said such things as, “See you next week,” or, “Have a good weekend,” by saying, “That’s the plan!” I’m not sure why, but it seemed like an innocuous thing to say without having to think about it, so it became a stock phrase for me, carrying all the “meaning” of anything else we say automatically (“you’re welcome,” “gesundheit,” “no, I don’t think I was speeding,” etc.).

And then one Sunday, after struggling through church, I went to the hospital...

The night before, I had been mauled by a housecat...OK, *bitten* by a housecat...and the resultant tissue infection was fast and furious, to coin a phrase. I was reluctantly talked into going to Urgent Care, from where they moved me to the Emergency Department, and then whisked me away to a room after Rachel did her ventriloquist thing, where she spoke for me and agreed to be hospitalized. In retrospect, it was a good thing...the Infectious Disease specialist later told me in no uncertain terms that any substantial delay could have cost me my arm, if it didn’t just outright kill me.

Hearing something like that gets your attention. Well, it got *mine*, anyway. And, of course, a week-long hospital stay gives you plenty of time to think, as does all the time spent in the infusion lab for a couple weeks after discharge, getting IV antibiotics that give meaning to the phrase “doing something as though your life depends on it.”

First, it gave me fresh respect for medical science. Second, it made me think of how much hospitals had improved in the 40 years since my last stay. But mostly it made me think about the unintended underlying meaning of my casual “that’s the plan” response: we can make all the plans we want, but as likely as not, life is going to tear them up and give us something else. Maybe better than we planned, maybe worse, but certainly different...because much as we might like to think otherwise, we’re not in charge. At best we are on the Board of Directors of our lives, trying to make plans and influence the direction, but always subject to the actions of others and the whims of circumstance—and, of course, the guiding hand of the Chairman of the Board, trying to influence and help us respond and follow the path he intends for us. (And, no, I’m not talking about Frank Sinatra.)

This is where faith comes in, I realized. Not faith that everything is going to work out the way we want it. Not even faith that everything is going to work out for the best. But faith that *whatever* happens, God is with us; whatever happens, God will be there to show us that there is grace and mercy in even the worst of times. Faith in what’s to come is not faith that nothing bad will happen—but faith that whatever life throws at us won’t break us.

We say “Happy New Year,” but in our hearts we know that not every day, every moment of the new year is going to be happy...that’s not the world we live in. Nations are going to posture and try to intimidate nations, those we look to for leadership will not be perfect, society around us will continue to be inequitable as long as we are not committed to living into the Kingdom of God, and the everyday happenings of life will challenge us. And that’s OK, because we have our faith to help us through the uncertainty.

Here at Salem we live in a faith-filled community, and that is a blessing that can’t be measured. As we continue to do the things that make us who we are, we will also be trying out some new ministries in 2018, finding new ways to reach out in love and bring hope to our neighbors—that’s the plan. Finding out how those ministries will actually work, and how many lives they will touch and change...or even what new ministries may surface as we see new needs—that’s the future we can’t see coming. But with faith, grace, and love in our hearts, we know that 2018 will be another exciting and challenging year of being God’s people.

Have a blessed new year—and I’ll see you in church!

Pastor Keith



Men's Breakfast on January 21

The Men in our Congregation are Invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, January 21st 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.

Are You Finding That Life Can Be Messy? – Then Find Meaning in the Mess @ “Messy Church”! All Ages Welcome! Sunday, January 28th 4:00 –



6:00 p.m. at Trevor-Wilmot Grade School on Hwy C in Trevor. Crafts, Games, Music, Bible Story, and a Meal! For more information: westoshamessychurchh@gmail.com or 262-945-9731

Westosha Community Senior Fellowship Time

Wednesday, January 3rd 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

Save the date

Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 1:00 PM at our church. That is when we will have a circuit pot luck meal. In addition to the meal we will have games for all generations, such as Bible Trivia. More details to be announced.

The Salem UMC All Committee Meeting night will be held on Sunday, January 21st with All Committees meeting at 6:00 p.m. followed by Church Council at 6:30 p.m.

The Church Office will be closed on New Years Day, Monday, January 1

Caring Ministry

Everyone is blessed with gifts and talents that can be used to further the mission of the church. In 2018 several members of Salem will be starting a Caring Ministry, which will initially involve visiting those who can't make it to worship, but could evolve over time into something more. Do you think this might be one of *your* gifts? Would you be interested in working with other members to visit those in need of fellowship and connection?

If you think this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact either the church office or Pastor Keith (jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com or pastorkhewitt@gmail.com). For more information, you can talk to Pastor Keith, Debbie Gilliam, or Annette Meints



Music Ministry

Do you love music? Would you like to be a part of our Music Ministry? You are invited to join our choirs – one, two or all three! Praise Power practices on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Hand Bells practice on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Impact Community 8,000 Hour Challenge

The challenge is to do 8,000 hours of community service by the end of 2017. A lot of our members are not turning in their community service hours – be sure to fill out your Impact Community slips and drop it in the collection plate or return to the church office. Help us to reach our goal by the end of the year!! As of 12/24/17 we have reported 5,672 hours of service. Keep up your good works!!

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 14th The money collected will go to Souper Bowl – The Shalom Center Soup Kitchen.



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 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
- 31 – Jared Franz

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

Jan. 1-7, Lake Geneva: La Resurrección, their pastor Ana Luisa Mayorga de Chacon, and their 81 members, Lake Geneva: La Resurrección UMC is located at 912 Geneva St. Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

Jan. 8 – 14, Lake Mills UMC, their pastor Edwin Vargas, and their 356 members, Lake Mills UMC is located at is located at 271 E Prospect St, Lake Mills, WI 53551.

Jan. 15 – 21, Little Prairie UMC, their pastor Duane Goetsch, and their 34 members, Little Prairie UMC is located at N9515 Palmyra Rd., Palmyra, WI 53156.

Jan. 22 – 28, Menomonee Falls: Emmanuel Community, their pastors Graham West and Douglas Clement, and their 579 members, Menomonee Falls UMC is located at N84 W16707 Menomonee Ave. Menomonee Falls, WI 53051.

Jan. 29 – Feb. 4th, Mequon UMC, their pastor Timothy O'Brien, and their 213 members, Mequon UMC is located at 11011 N Oriole Lane 20W, Mequon, WI 53092.

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 February newsletter will be on Monday, January 15.

Liturgists for January

- January 7: Kathy Hufnagle
- January 14: Travis Verhaalen
- January 21: Megan Greenhill
- January 28:: Annette Meints



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

Youth News

January 7th – Youth Group at Wesley Chapel 5-7 pm

January 14th – Youth Group TBD – Pamela May be out of town.

January 21st – Youth Group at Wesley Chapel 5-7 pm

January 28th – Youth Group meet at MESSY CHURCH 4-6 pm at Trevor Wilmot School

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Have you visited our SUMC website, Salemflamesofgrace.com? 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.

Prayer Corner

During the month of December we have been praying for:

- Ed Hartnek
- Nancy Beguhn
- Curt Nelson
- Families of shooting victims in Twin Lakes
- Laren Fry
- Josh Fause
- Family of Shirley Daniels
- Terrel Moore & family
- Family of Michou Hujik
- Wayne Palmer
- Mari Piscapo
- Peyton Shanor
- Those affected by California wildfires
- Helen Barrett
- Laura Keppel
- Safe journey for all who are traveling
- Family of Charles Pflueger
- Gale Oldenberg
- David Zirbel
- Alexey Hufnagle



Salem United Methodist Church 2018 Leadership

Church Council:

Chairperson:

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

Education Task Group: (including Education Chairpersons and teachers)

Education Chairpersons:

- Connie Bevry
- Mindy Smouse
- Sandy Jacoby
- Lisa Hufnagle

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson: Ragnar Ouwerkerk

- (18) Grace Merrill
 - (18) Gail Bixler
 - (19) Keith Olsen
 - (19) Todd Schatzka
 - (20)
 - (20)
- Lay Leader: Rick Carlberg

Lay Leadership Committee:

Chairperson: Pastor Keith Hewitt

- (18) Sue Grulich
- (18) Kim Ouwerkerk
- (19) Chris Holmstrom
- (19) Cathy Reilly
- (20)
- (20)

Trustees Chairperson – (elect their own)

- (18)
- (18) Ken Bevry
- (19) Jeff Bixler
- (19) Ron Verhaalen
- (20)
- (20)

Secretarial Fill Ins

Linda Roberts

Annette Meints

SCRIP Coordinator

Mindy Smouse

Finance Committee

Chairperson: Kathy Hufnagle

Co-Chairperson: Rose Knigge

Lay Leader: Rick Carlberg

Church Council Chpn:

Treasurer: Melanie Hartnek

Financial Secretary: Marsha Isaacson

Trustee representative (appoint their own)

At Large Member: Carley Bevry

Fund Raising Committee

Gail Dodge Debbie Gilliam Grace Merrill

Linda Roberts Hazel Crowder

Memorial Committee:

Chairperson:

- (18) Holly Greenhill
- (19) Dorothy Moffatt
- (20) Jane Smith
- a Trustee representative

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

Guide Team

Pastor Keith Hewitt

Stan Bochat

Kyle Miskovic

Jane Smith

Connie Bevry

Mindy Smouse

Rick Carlberg

Kim Ouwerkerk

Weekly Offering Counters

Evelyn Kessel

Linda Roberts

Jerry Meints

Alternate: Ruth Perry

Mandy Dodge

Worship Committee

Pastor

Keith Hewitt

Music Accompanist

Stan Bochat

Hand Bell Choir Director

Kim Ouwerkerk

Choir Director:

Kyle Miskovic

Greeter Coordinator

Liturgist Coordinator

Joanna Carlberg

Nursery Coordinator

Sanctuary Decoration

Kay Scanlan

Liz Schultz

Linda Roberts



2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year!!	2 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	3 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm Choir @ 7:30 pm	4 Hand Bells @ 7 pm	5 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	6 McCormack Family Fellowship hall all day
7 Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 10:45 am Activity Group Planning after Sunday School	8 4-H @ 6:30 pm	9 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	10 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm Choir @ 7:30 pm	11 Hand Bells @ 7 pm	12 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	13
14 Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 10:45 am	15 Messenger Deadline	16 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	17 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm Choir @ 7:30 pm	18 Hand Bells @ 7 pm	19 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	20 4-H Science Day All Day
21 Men's Breakfast @ 8 am Worship @ 9:30 am Sunday School @ 10:45 am All Committees @ 6 pm Church Council @ 6:30 pm	22	23 Boy Scouts @ 7 pm	24 AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power @ 6:30 pm Choir @ 7:30 pm	25 Hand Bells @ 7 pm	26 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	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 39th mile and are now “traveling” toward our 40th mile of pennies!

November Pennies: AID Africa's Children (\$48.13)

December Pennies: Women's & Children's Horizons

January Pennies: Souper Bowl – The Shalom Center Soup Kitchen

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: \$1,381.28

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)