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Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday February 3, 2019, 100 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. All of the money we collect will be donated to the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. Last year \$8,144,929.00 was collected nationwide. You are invited to drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 3rd. Please help our neighbors in need by supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring.



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our Sharing Tree and Coats for Kids. We provided 12 gifts for children and 9 Coats for Kids through the Sharing Center. In addition, we provided 30 gifts for residents of Grande Prairie Health and Rehab. Thank you to Gail Dodge and Marsha Isaacson for delivering the gifts to Grande Prairie Health and Rehab. Also, thank you Keith and Connie Olsen for delivering the gifts to the Sharing Center.

The Salem UMC All Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 21st with All Committees meeting at 6:30 pm followed by Church Council at 7:00 pm.



Dear Salem Family,

If you were with us in worship this week, you know that we celebrated the Epiphany—the day on which we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus Christ by recapitulating the journey of discovery undertaken by the Magi, or Wise Men. As you recall, they had seen celestial evidence of the birth of a new king, and set out to find him, and after a long journey they arrived in Bethlehem and found Jesus, whom they immediately knew to be the one they were searching for. The evidence—the sign in the sky, ancient Scripture, and whatever they experienced in the physical presence of the child—convinced them that they had found someone very special indeed, the fulfillment of promises made from ancient times, the Son of God and the hope of the world.

As we start out a new year, and look back at the old one, I thought it would be fun to consider what the Magi would experience today if they were to go in search of Jesus. After all, Jesus is no longer present on the Earth—the Gospels tell us he ascended back to the Father long ago. If the Magi of old were to go in search of the physical manifestation of Jesus today—maybe to do one of those “then and now” selfies for their Facebook page--they would be out of luck no matter where or how diligently they looked.

Or would they?

Or maybe they would find him right here, in Salem. Let me run through the past year for you, because we might find something there. In 2018 we:

- Welcomed two new members to the Salem family
- Celebrated two weddings
- Performed two baptisms
- Helped families and loved ones say goodbye at four funerals
- Launched a new mental health ministry serving the people of the community
- Sent multiple groups to Feed My Starving Children, packing in excess of 50,000 meals for children around the world
- Helped fund a project to bring a reliable supply of fresh water to a village in Africa
- Sent volunteers to the Shalom Center to serve dinner four different times
- Supported our youth in collecting and assembling kits for the Shalom to Home project
- Grew hundreds of pounds of fresh produce in Hope Gardens, for those in need in our community
- Provided winter coats for nine children in need
- Shared gifts with children from the Sharing Center and seniors at Grande Prairie
- Reached out to the community with a production of “The Twelve” at Easter
- Continued to support the outreach efforts of Messy Church in the community
- Celebrated the joy of our faith with three—count ‘em, three!—music ministries
- Documented more than 4700 hours of community service by members of the Salem family

And the great part about this list is that so many of these ministries are organized and coordinated by different people, following their passion for something God has set before them and equipped them to do.

And there are even more, but with so many things happening, so many people doing God’s work, some will be forgotten in the moment.

So maybe the Magi, if they were to journey to Salem, would not find a divine child wrapped in swaddling clothes (and, yes, I know I’m mixing my Gospel stories), but they *would* find Salem UMC. And they *would* find a family of people who don’t necessarily share DNA, but do share a passion for reaching out and serving in Christ’s name--people who in a thousand different ways are living out his message...and if you ask me, that’s a pretty good way to describe a manifestation of Christ in our world.

I think the Magi would be happy with what they found, don’t you? I can’t wait to see what comes next.

See you in church!
Pastor Keith



Shalom to Home Cleaning Supplies Starter Kits

Our high school youth gathered donations from family and friends and packaged 14 bathroom kits and cleaning kits for the Shalom Center. Thank you to our students and Sunday School teachers for your commitment and enthusiasm.



Sunday School for All Ages

You are invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:45 am. All ages are invited to join in...see you there!!



Prayer Concerns

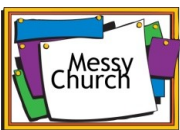
During the month of December we have been praying for:

- Family of Tyler Harden
- Family of Madeline Kim
- Tom Reilly
- Ashley
- People traveling during the holidays
- Brad Gilliam
- Lexi Hermes
- Ronnie & Family
- Colton Greenhill
- Erline Ouwerkerk
- Marlene Miller
- People from Anchorage Alaska
- Paula Geisler
- Linda Roberts



Liturgists for January

- January 6th: Annette Meints
- January 13th: Debbie Gilliam
- January 20th: Nancy Webster
- January 27th: Gloria Gill



Join us for "Messy Church" on Sunday, January 27; 4-6 pm.

There will be games, music, crafts, a Bible Story and a meal. This month's theme is: "Jesus the Physician." Location is Trevor-Wilmet Grade School on Hwy C in Trevor. All ages are welcome! For more information: westoshamessy-church@gmail.com or 262/945-9731.



Men's Breakfast January 13th

The Men in our Congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, January 13th at 8:00 am in the downstairs fellowship Hall. Join us and start your morning with some good food and fellowship. Questions? Contact Tom Reilly, Ken Bevry, Corbin Bevry or Rick Carlberg.



Celebrating a January birthday:

- 6 - Julisa Sand
- 8 - Mel Miller
- 9 - Helen Andrekus
- 11- Ragnar Ouwerkerk
- 16 - Peter Verhaalen
- 19 - Rose Knigge
- 19 - Dayna Hartnek
- 26 - Jane Smith
- 31- Jared Franz

Courage to Cope (C2C)

Courage to Cope provides help and support for families of those who are struggling with mental health disorders. C2C Group meetings are open to the public and are held here at Salem from 6:00-7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month. This month's meeting is on January 16th. If you are interested, please join us—or if you know someone who is caring for a family member or loved one who is struggling with a mental health disorder, please pass the word on to them.



Shalom Center Soup Kitchen

Salem UMC has the privilege of serving at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen on Thursday, January 31st. We are asked to provide 4-5 large pots of soup. Please see Debbie Gilliam, if you would like to make soup. For monetary donations, mark your contribution "soup" and drop it in the collection plate. The process of making sandwiches and serving takes about 2 1/2 hours sometime between 2:00 and 5:45 pm (depending on which you choose to help with; soup, sandwiches or serving). The center handles the cleanup. If you would like to make an "Impact on Your Community," sign up on the Soup Kitchen serving sheet posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship area.



Music Ministry

Want to share your musical talents?

We have three choirs waiting for you to join!

- Praise Power meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
- Hand Bell Choir meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm

We Got The Grant!

Thanks to the Wisconsin UMC Foundation, we have been able to drastically reduce the cost for renting buses and riding together to YOUTH 2019.

The details will be coming once the registration website is set up. Cost is \$50 per rider; departing on July 10th and returning on July 14th (from Sun Prairie Conference Office). Early bird registration ends on the last day of January. You will need to register for the event and book your hotel separately from this transportation. Check those details out at www.youth2019.com.

Sharon Cook, Coordinator of Camp, Retreat, and Age-Level Ministries - Wisconsin Conference UMC

Feed My Starving Children



On Wednesday, December 26th, thirty of Salem's family and friends packed 50,760 meals (235 boxes) for Feed My Starving Children. The meals were sent to feed children in Haiti.

The food for these meals was purchased at a cost of \$11,167.20. It's amazing that all of this money was donated! Thank you to all!

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 13th and will be donated to The Shalom Soup Kitchen.

December pennies totaled \$58.60 and were donated to "Goodfellows – Kenosha Christmas Charities."

Aid Africa's Children

Update from Debbie Gilliam, Community Relations Aid Africa's Children



Rebecca Schwuchow, Dr. Diane Gerlach and I (all Board members of Aid Africa's Children non-profit organization) traveled to Mvimwa Abbey in Tanzania, East Africa in 2016. We worked with the monks, who served the poor in the villages near the Abbey. We also worked at the medical clinics, explored the area and met with the elders of the village and the people to discuss their most important needs. Our group witnessed their daily struggle to gather enough water for drinking, cooking and sanitation and hygiene for their families. Water sources are very scarce especially during the long droughts. Many times the women and children had to walk miles to gather water. Aid

Africa's Children made the promise to the people to help procure a stable and ample water source and began working diligently to raise funds for this worthy and essential cause.

This was the beginning of "The Water Project." The project utilizes the collection and storage of rainwater from the two rainy seasons (both the short and long rainy season). The system has a series of gutters that are connected by pipes to large collection tanks which serve as reservoirs to store the water. Six tanks, each holding 5,000 liters of water, have been installed at the St. Placidus Mvimwa Primary School. This school serves children of the residents of the nearby Ntemba Village and is run by the Benedictine Monks of Mvimwa Abbey. The people of Ntemba village are now able to come to the school to gather water for their families. They are rejoicing and very excited for this "gift of water". The work is nearly completed with a few more tanks yet to be hooked up.

We also met with the women of Ntemba village and asked how AAC could help them with their children and at the same time empowering these people who have a very difficult life. Thus, the start of the "Ntemba Village Women's Chicken Co-Op Project"! They now have a chicken house and are raising over 100 chickens! The eggs from the chickens help feed their families and are also sold at their markets to make money to pay for their children's school fees. Our group formed a close bond with these women who see us as their sisters from America! This project has been going since December of 2016; however, they still occasionally need our assistance with feed and medicine for the chickens.

After giving this update at our December 23rd worship service, I had a table full of African items available for people to purchase for donation to raise funds these two projects. SUMC congregation very generously donated; and a total of \$730.00 was raised!! A heartfelt thank you to all who donated for these AAC projects ...You are truly making a difference in the lives of these people!!

Salem United Methodist Church 2019 Leadership

Church Council:

Chairperson: Annette Meints
Lay Leader: Rick Carlberg
Education Chairperson: (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: Kim Ouwerkerk
Youth Member to Annual Conference: Makayla Ouwerkerk
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
Payton Shanor
Sandy Jacoby

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson: Ragnar Ouwerkerk
(19) Keith Olsen
(19) Sue Grulich
(20) Grace Merrill
(20) Gail Bixler
(21) Marty Stockwell
(21) Amy Franz

Lay Leader: Rick Carlberg

Lay Leadership Committee:

Chairperson: Pastor Keith Hewitt
(19) Kim Ouwerkerk
(19) Chris Holmstrom
(19) Cathy Reilly
(20) Rennae Talbert
(20)

Trustees Chairperson (elect their own)

(19) Evelyn Kessel
(19) Ken Bevry
(20) Jeff Bixler
(20) Todd Schatzka
(21) Bill Knigge
(21) Jerry Meints

Secretarial Fill Ins

Linda Roberts
Annette Meints

SCRIP Coordinators

Mindy Smouse

Finance Committee

Chairperson: Kathy Hufnagle
Lay Leader: Rick Carlberg
Church Council Chairperson: Annette Meints
Treasurer: Melanie Hartnek
Financial Secretary: Marsha Isaacson
Trustee representative: (appoint their own)
At Large Member: Ron Verhaalen

Fund Raising Committee

Gail Dodge Debbie Gilliam
Grace Merrill Linda Roberts
Hazel Crowder

Memorial Committee:

(20) Debbie Gilliam
(21) Joanna Carlberg
(21) Connie Olsen
(21) Kay Scanlan
a Trustee representative

Communion Stewards

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

Guide Team

Pastor Keith Hewitt
Kyle Miskovic Rose Knigge
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: Ian Huddleston
Hand Bell Choir Director: Kim Ouwerkerk
Choir Director: Kyle Miskovic
Praise Power Director:
Greeter Coordinator:
Liturgist Coordinator: Joanna Carlberg
Nursery Coordinator:
Sanctuary Decoration: Kay Scanlan
Liz Schultz
Linda Roberts



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Loved Ones Group: 12 pm Hope Council: 1:30 - 4 pm AA: 6-8 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm	3 Hand Bells: 7 pm	4 Big Book (AA): 8 pm	5
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SCRIP

When you purchase 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: *Amazon - Applebee's - Arby's - Bath & Body Works - BP - Bristol 45 Diner - Buffalo Wild Wings - Burger King - Cabela's - Cheddar's - Chili's - Chipotle - Tinseltown - Cinemark - Cousin's Subs - Cracker Barrel - Culvers - Dunkin Donuts - Festival Foods - Gordon Food Service - IHOP - JC Penney - Joanne Fabrics - Kohl's - Kwik Trip - Little Caesars - Lowes - Marathon - Meijer - Menard's - Mobile - Noodle & Company - Old Navy - Olive Garden - Panera - Papa Murphy's - Pizza Hut - Red Lobster - Red Robin - Shell - Starbucks - Subway - Taco Bell - Target - Texas Road House - TJ Max - Walgreens - Wal-Mart - Wendy's - Woodmans*
Total for 2018: \$ 1,530.06



Salem UMC's Website

Have you visited our SUMC website, 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 or Joanna Carlberg at jcarlberg@wi.rr.com.

The "Messenger" Deadline is always the 15th of the month. Please have all articles to the church office or send by email to salemumc@wi.rr.com. The deadline for the February newsletter will be Tuesday, the 15th.



Impact Community

8,000 Hour Challenge

We completed 4,728 hours of service as of December 31st and continue to challenge you going into 2019. There are many things or acts of kindness you do that would be of service to the community: driving a shut-in to the doctor, grocery store or church, serving at the Soup Kitchen, shoveling snow for a neighbor or taking food to a sick friend. Just a few things you may have done and are not aware that these acts of kindness would count towards our community challenge. Please continue to fill out the Impact Community slip and drop it in the collection plate.

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Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Wednesday

Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday School: 10:45 am (Sept. - May)