



# MESSENGER



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***Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace***

## Thanksgiving Service

A Joint Circuit 14 Thanksgiving Service will be celebrated on Sunday, November 18th; 7:00 pm at Pleasant Prairie United Methodist Church, 8405 – 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pleasant Prairie.

**Office Hours: 9 am—12 pm  
Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri**

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### The Sharing Tree is Coming !! Sunday, November 25

*Because Christ was an unconditional gift to us,  
we share with others.*

Our Sharing Tree provides gifts for local children and for residents of Grand Prairie Nursing Home. Help us show the spirit of love and caring to those in need by taking part in our “Sharing Tree”. Select an ornament or ornaments from the tree. Then on the clip board found under the tree, *sign your name next to the corresponding number on the front of the ornament.* This is our way of identifying who has each ornament. Please attach your ornament or ornament number to the gift you purchase so we know who the gift is intended for. Children’s gifts should be returned unwrapped, but a donation of gift bags or wrapping paper and tape for the gift would be appreciated. Gifts for the nursing home residents should be returned in a gift bag. Regular wrapping paper is sometimes difficult for the elderly to open. All gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 9th.

### Annual Church Conference

The Joint Circuit 14 Annual Church Conference will be held at Salem UMC on Tuesday, December 18th at 6 pm. 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. Plan to join us on the 18th for a time of decision making and worship.



Dear Salem Family,

It rained last night.

In case you missed it, we had quite a storm—wind, rain, lightning and thunder...the kind of weather that seems to haunt us around Halloween. I was at my other job, down in Kenosha, when the storm started, so I had a pretty good view of it out the office window.

And all I could think about was this client who had been in the office on Monday.

This person had asked to use the phone to call the Shalom Center, hoping to find a place to stay for the night. I could only hear one end of the conversation, but it was enough to stick with me. When asked what they were doing for shelter right now, the client said, “Most nights I sleep down by the lake. Sometimes I’ll sleep in the doorway at the library. It’s usually one or the other.”

The short of it is, Shalom Center didn’t have a bed, nor did they anticipate any vacancies over the next few days. That meant this person would be spending at least a few more nights down by the lake, or sleeping in a doorway...and that was all I could think about while I was watching the rain pour down last night. “I hope \_\_\_ found a spot out of the weather,” I said to a colleague, who just shook her head, knowing the reality.

Thinking about this person today, in the sunshine, made me remember another person who was in our office earlier this year—a similar plight, but this person had been homeless for longer, and was literally crying, talking to a caseworker, saying, “I just can’t take another night outside!”

There was no shelter for them, either, that night.

And I can’t shake the feeling that I’ve failed *two* people, now, months apart—even after I had a chance to learn from my first failure. *How* to help, I don’t know. I know from past experience that motels are reluctant to rent a room to someone if it’s paid for by someone else—but to be fair, I didn’t even try to do that for either of them. I know I don’t have room for them at my house—nor would I have felt comfortable inviting either in, given what I know (and don’t know). I know a lot of ways I *couldn’t* and *didn’t* help...

But I also know I should have. Somehow. These people are my neighbors, and Jesus was pretty clear in telling us how we should treat our neighbors, wasn’t he? Maybe there are creative ways I could actually help, instead of just regretting what I didn’t do. I’m sure there are ways that society could help, if we could stop all the bickering and name calling long enough to find solutions instead of ginning up conflict. And maybe that will happen, if enough people realize all the other nonsense we get caught up in isn’t actually getting us any closer to solving the problems we say we’re trying to fix.

I hope this election cycle will help get us on the track to finding solutions. I think it can, if we use our votes wisely. I have faith in that, if we will decide to work together on the future, instead of immediately worrying about how to win the next election. There are too many serious problems facing too many people—too many *neighbors*—for us to ignore. We can do better.

Our neighbors are counting on it.  
See you in church!

Pastor Keith

## Prayer Corner

During the month of October we have been praying for:

Adam Roeck  
Baby Amelia (and her Mother)  
Carol James  
Christine Gonzales  
Helen Briggs  
Ingrid  
Jane Smith  
Jen & Kregg  
Joel Smith  
Kevie  
Family of Marj Couri  
Family of John Roe  
Mallory Rainy  
Marty Stockwell  
Pastor Keith  
Randy Chelf  
Richard  
Richard Sabel  
Rich Overzet  
Scott Walter  
Suzie Greenhill  
William Gilliam



## Men's Breakfast November 11th

The Men in our Congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Join us for "Messy Church". There will be games, music, crafts, a Bible Story and a meal.** This month's theme is: "Luke 17, Jesus heals the ten Lepers. A Story of Thankfulness."

Date: Sunday, November 25th, from 4-6 pm at Trevor-Wilmot Grade School on Hwy C in Trevor. All ages are welcome! For more information:



## 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!!



## Hope Gardens

We are winding down and cleaning up the gardens for this year. It has been a good year and we were able to donate over 375# of food to the Sharing Center from our garden. We also had some pumpkins for the Sunday School program to decorate.

It takes a lot of work to keep the ten beds going and could not have done it without the help of the Potter family and others who came out to help. Thank You to all...

More help needed if we are going to keep this going into next year. The beds need repairs, the soil needs revitalizing, mulch needs to be moved around along with some major cleanup around the garden area.

This also takes money, so maybe think of donating a few dollars every once in awhile.

Thanks again for those who helped this year..

Any suggestions for next year please see me or Brad and Rebecca Potter.

- Ruth Perry



In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd.

## Westosha Community Senior Fellowship Time Wednesday, Nov. 7th; 10 am

A program on "Shalom Center" will be presented by Lynn Biese-Carroll, Executive Director. Free Bingo and prizes. Location is Wilmot United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 11425 Fox River Road.

## 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 November 21st. 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.



## Thank You

Thank you to *Ruth Perry*, the *Potter Family* and everyone else who helped with Hope Gardens this summer. This season, almost 400 pounds of produce were delivered to the Sharing Center to help feed our neighbors in need.



## Hanging of the Greens

You are invited to join us on Sunday, November 25th following worship as we prepare our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided!

## 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, November 11th. The money collected will go to Women and Children's Horizon.



## 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

You are invited to join one, two or all three!

## Feed My Starving Children

I have set up our third FMSC for the year. Our goal was three a year, but got a little off schedule! There's still time for a last one in December, though: Weds, Dec 26 from 12-2 pm. I have booked 30 spots and will get more if needed. I am inviting boy scouts again as well. The address and info are below. The link is <https://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=PDYDNX> and the join code is PDYDNX.

Thanks!

Gretchen Verhaalen



## Shalom Center Soup Kitchen

Salem UMC has the privilege of serving at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen on Thursday, November 29th. We are asked to provide the soup. If you would like to donate for the soup, just mark your contribution "soup" and drop it in the collection plate.

In addition we make enough sandwiches for everyone to take home 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 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. That is a very tiny gift of your time to provide so much for so many. If you would like to make an "Impact on Your Community," sign up on the November 29th serving sheet posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship area – or call the church office at 843-2525 to get your name on the list.

- Debbie Gilliam

**The Salem UMC All Committee Meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, November 11th. (was Nov. 18th). All committees will meet at 11:30 am followed by Church Council at 12:00 pm.**



## Celebrating a Birthday in November

- 3-Evelyn Kessel
- 4-Bill Knigge
- 5-Ruth Perry & Jordan Potter
- 6-Tami Hermes
- 10-Debbie Gilliam
- 13-Connie Bevy
- 15-Chris Holmstrom & Alexis Hermes
- 16-John Roberts
- 23-Joanne Simonitsch & Colten Greenhill
- 27-Gretchen Verhaalen
- 28-Madeline Rosin

If your birthday or wedding anniversary is missing, it means we don't have your information in our membership program. Please contact Rose Knigge at 843-2525 or [salemumc@wi.rr.com](mailto:salemumc@wi.rr.com) to have your dates added to this list.



**Salem Family and Friends**  
**Are you up to a challenge?**

**The Sharing Center** is western Kenosha County's Resource Center and Food Pantry located in Trevor, Wisconsin. The mission of the Sharing Center is to provide basic needs and empower people in their transition to independence. Providing a helping-hand to those living in our community by providing an emergency food pantry, hygiene supplies, clothing, household items, winter outerwear, school supplies, employment resources, and so much more!

*We challenge our Salem family to help make an impact by donating a canned good or non-perishable item each week through the end of December. Look for our "can goods & non-perishable" wooden bin at church.*

**When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed." -Maya Angelou**

**Youth Winter Retreat**

The youth winter retreat is scheduled for Jan 11-13, 2019. Youth in High school will be supervised by the WI Conference Camp staff and Middle School Youth will need to come with a chaperone. The cost is \$100 for youth and \$40 for Chaperones.

At this point I am planning on going, especially if we have youth from FUMC. Heather from Wesley UMC, Pastor Justin and I have not discussed the retreat or travel arrangements yet as I have just learned the dates and passed them along to them as well.

As I get more information about plans for Kenosha youth attending and travel plans I will share.

- Pamela Garside-Myers



**Movie Night**  
**Friday, November 30th**

Adult and kids join us Friday, November 30th at 6 pm to see the "The Polar Express"! Location is the downstairs fellowship hall. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you there!



**Impact Community**  
**8,000 Hour Challenge**

The challenge is to do 8,000 hours of community service by the end of 2018. Be sure to fill out your Impact Community slip and drop it in the collection plate or return to the church office. We are edging toward our 4,000 hour mark – as of 10/31/18, we have completed 3,816.5 hours of community service!

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

Nov. 5 – Nov. 11, Greenfield: So Beautiful Korean, their pastor Sung-Keun Kim, and their 38 members, Greenfield: So Beautiful Korean is located at 4275 112<sup>th</sup> St., Greenfield, WI 53228.

Nov. 12 – Nov. 18, Hartford: First, their pastor Stephanie Taylor, and their 465 members, Hartford: First is located at 738 W Monroe Ave., Hartford, WI 53027.

Nov. 19 – Nov. 25, Hebron, their pastor Karen Klatt, and their 38 members, Hebron is located at N2349 Country Rd D, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538.

Nov. 26 – Dec. 2, Jackson: Still waters Community, their pastors Lori Lossie and Andrew Jones, and their 629 members, Jackson: Still waters Community is located at 3617 Scenic Rd. PO Box 406, Jackson, WI 53037



**Liturgists for November**

- Nov. 4: Jaden Ouwerkerk
- Nov. 11: Kenzie Bevry
- Nov. 18: Mindy Smouse
- Nov. 25: Nancy Webster

**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](mailto:salemumc@wi.rr.com).  
 The deadline for the November newsletter will be Thursday, Nov. 15th



# NOVEMBER

## 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Hand Bells: 7 pm	2 Big Book (AA): 8 pm	3
4 Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School: 10:45 am	5	6 Boy Scouts: 7 pm	7 AA: 6-8 pm Loved Ones Group: 12 pm Hope Council: 1:30 - 4 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm	8 Hand Bells: 7 pm	9 Big Book (AA): 8 pm	10
11 Men's Breakfast: 8 am Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School: 10:45 am All Committees Mtg: 11:30 am Church Council: 12 pm	12 4-H: 6:30 pm	13 Boy Scouts: 7 pm	14 AA: 6-8 pm Loved Ones Group: 12 pm Hope Council: 1:30 - 4 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm	15 Hand Bells: 7 pm  Messenger Deadline	16 Big Book (AA): 8 pm	17
18 Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School: 10:45 am  Circuit Thanksgiv- ing service at Pleasant Prairie UMC at 7 pm	19	20 Boy Scouts: 7 pm	21 Loved Ones Group: 12pm Hope Council: 1:30 - 4 pm AA: 6-8 pm C2C: 6 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm	22 Happy Thanksgiving  Church office closed	23 Church office closed  Big Book (AA): 8pm	24
25 Worship: 9:30 am Sunday School: 10:45 am	26	27 Boy Scouts: 7 pm	28 AA: 6-8 pm Loved Ones Group: 12pm Hope Council: 1:30 - 4 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm	29 Serving at the Shalom Soup Kitchen: 2-5:45 pm  Hand Bells: 7 pm	30 Big Book (AA): 8pm  Kids & Adults movie night; <i>Polar Express</i> 6 pm	



## 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 \$36,000 to special missions. We are now “traveling” toward our 41<sup>st</sup> mile. In October, we collected \$47.71, which was donated to “Operation Smile Train.” November pennies will be donated to the Women’s and Children’s Horizon. Pennies for December will be donated to Goodfellows—Kenosha Christmas Charities, Inc.

## 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](mailto: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: \$ 1,088.80

## 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).

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Worship @ 9:30 am

Sunday School @ 10:45 am (Sept.—May)