



# MESSENGER

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

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### **Change in Salem's Worship Time**

With the official yoking of Pleasant Prairie and Salem UMC beginning this coming July, one of the adjustments each congregation has had to make is a change in worship time. Effective July 7, worship at PPUMC is moving up to 8:30 am, and at Salem UMC, it is moving back to 10:15 am. Looking ahead to the fall, Sunday School at Salem will be from 9:15-10:00 am. If you have any questions, please let us know.



### **From Pleasant Prairie UMC**

The members of PPUMC are looking forward to being part of a two-point charge led by Pastor Keith Hewitt beginning July 7, 2019. Pleasant Prairie will be holding Sunday morning worship time at 8:30 am.

We are also planning to hold a "Blessing of the Pets" and a "Chili Supper" this year. Dates will be announced soon. In addition, several of us plan to visit Salem's special activities. We believe this will be an opportunity to spread Christian fellowship in Kenosha County. We will enjoy getting to know all of you!

Blessings to all of you,  
Ann Bradshaw  
SPRC Chairperson



Dear Salem Family,

Changes are coming, but before we touch on that I want to invite you to take a few moments to think about the first Disciples, and what they were experiencing some 50 days after the Resurrection. It may be instructive.

By any reckoning, it would be fair to say they were emotionally battered. They had ridden the roller coaster with Jesus, from parades to persecution; he had been snatched away from them, miraculously returned, and then taken away again—this last time with some cryptic words about sending a comforter, and some seemingly nonsensical instruction to go out and teach the whole world...a pretty tall order for a handful of blue collar types who had shown no particular aptitude for anything but *not* understanding what he was trying to teach them for three years. Add to this the constant danger of being sold out and turned over to the authorities, and you get a pretty good idea of what life was like for a 1<sup>st</sup> Century Disciple.

And yet, God chose this very moment...this *exact* moment...to conjure up the words of Isaiah 43:19: “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland.” (NIV)

With the followers of Jesus at perhaps their lowest ebb—certainly at their most vulnerable and confused—God chooses to shake them out of their funk by changing their world...by changing *them*. The promised Comforter arrives, and it's more than just a Comforter—it is a prodigious pouring out of God's Holy Spirit on these men and women. Scholars believe there might have been as many as 100 to 150 gathered there, and in a single glorious moment they are suddenly awash in the energy and spirit of God.

And thus the Church was born—though it would not even think of itself as a separate body for many decades, until reality forced them to own the fact that they had separated themselves from the religion of their childhood. What followed the miracle of Pentecost was a pageant of struggle and sacrifice, and an ever-growing Christian community that would, against all odds, actually spread across the world...just as Jesus had instructed them to do.

Without drawing too close a parallel, I would like to suggest that the United Methodist Church today finds itself in a position not unlike the earliest Christians. Emotionally battered by conflict within the Church, uncertain of the future, looking ahead and trying to discern *some* kind of positive outcome...we do not fear the sudden pounding on the door that means betrayal, but we do have a collective sense of waiting for the other shoe to drop.

But it's important to remember that when that shoe *did* drop for the Disciples, it was nothing like they expected. It was, instead, a surprising moment of power and grace that pointed the way to a future they could not discern through the darkness shrouding their thoughts and dreams. And once that moment happened, they became part of this “new thing” that God was sculpting in the midst of their own despair.

Maybe I'm just caught up in Pentecost, but I am choosing to believe that the United Methodist Church is approaching that kind of moment now. We may not be able to discern it, any more than the Disciples gathered in Jerusalem could imagine a day when their descendants had carried the Gospel to every continent...but I believe it's coming. And like any great moment of change and discovery, it is likely to be discomfiting—but that will just mean that our preconceptions and expectations are being stretched to fit a new reality.

In the meantime, the important thing is to not let our hearts be troubled, but to fill them with the joy that comes from serving God by serving our neighbors, from honoring God by honoring God's creation, and from reflecting the love of God by loving *everyone*—including (and maybe especially) those we disagree with. It is not the time to turn inward and fret, but to turn outward and open our hearts and doors.

Lest you think we've forgotten about it, I want to coin a phrase today: all change is local. For us, the most obvious change coming is that we're moving worship to 10:15, starting July 7, due to yoking with Pleasant Prairie. But look for even more changes to follow—new groups, new Bible Studies, new possibilities, and who knows what else? Stay tuned and come to church for more info this month!

So, that's what's happening now. Annual Conference is being held in Green Bay later this month, and I expect to come back with more information to share—about what's happening, and about exciting new initiatives that are taking place, as well. But 'til next time, keep the faith.

See you in church!

Peace,  
Pastor Keith



### **Celebrating a June Birthday:**

Jim Smith (14th)  
Rick Carlberg (22nd)

### **Celebrating a June Anniversary:**

Jim & Marcia Folger (7th)  
Don & Evelyn Kessel (9th)  
Jared & Amy Franz (10th)  
John & Linda Roberts (13th)  
Kathy Hufnagle & Mindy Smouse (19th)



We would like to welcome Marie and Ken Booher who are moving back to the area. They have returned from Texas and will be living in Burlington until they move to Salem in the fall. Please be sure to welcome them back when you see them in church.

**The next Church Council and All Committees meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 16th. All committee meeting is 6:30, followed by Council meeting at 7 pm.**



### **The Westosha Senior Community Center**

#### *Offering Camaraderie and Support:*

- All seniors are invited to attend the center. Need not be a member to participate.
- Computer open usage lab daily in office anytime 9 am – 4 pm Three 3 laptops are available.
- Free senior weekly distribution of breads and bakery from Pepperidge Farm, Panera, Festival Foods and Cafe every Wed. and Thurs.
- Speakers, wellness, educational and recreational events.
- Hosts Inter-generational events.
- AARP Tax assistance in February to April.
- Senior Benefits Specialist consultations.
- Sip & Swipe classes for tablet usage training

Location:  
19200 93rd St.  
Bristol, WI 53104

### **Feed My Starving Children**

Our first FMSC for this year is scheduled for Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>; from 2-4 pm. Twenty-five spots are booked. You can sign up at URL: <https://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=NDNW4Y>.

The Join code is: NDNW4Y

Thank you, Gretchen Verhaalen



Children finished this season's Sunday School with awards and ice cream floats on Sunday, June 2nd.

Sunday School will resume in September.



### **Hope Gardens**

Hope Gardens is our community garden, where we grow produce and donate to the Sharing Center or to people who are in need. Last year, we were able to donate almost 400 pounds of produce to the Sharing center!

Dillon, Evan and Ruth planted two beds of potatoes. Grace and Ruth planted a bed of green beans and will also be planting cucumbers.

Jerry & Annette Meints planted tomatoes, Bill & Rose Knigge planted onions, Rags & Kim Ouwerkerk will be planting a mixed vegetable bed. Mindy, Kathy and Lisa Hufnagle have planted yellow squash, butternut squash and zucchini.

All of the beds have now been adopted. Thanks to all who have stepped up to help!

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Ruth Perry at: [raperry1940@gmail.com](mailto:raperry1940@gmail.com) or 262-537-8192.



### **Liturgists for June**

Gloria Gill (2nd)  
Kathy Hufnagle (9<sup>th</sup>)  
Dylan Hartnek (16<sup>th</sup>)  
Connie Bevy (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Jaden Ouwerkerk (30<sup>th</sup>)

Contact Joanna Carlberg if you would like to serve as liturgist.



## Men's Breakfast Sunday, June 9th

The Men in our Congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, June 9th 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.

**From Wisconsin Conference: Ongoing 2017 Flood Recovery** - On Friday June 7th and Saturday June 8th we are in need of volunteers to sand drywall, prime drywall, scrape floors, etc. Working from 9am to 4pm. Lunch will be provided. There is a big push to get the kitchen ready for cabinets as homeowners have been without a kitchen for 2 years. We need to get the floor scraped, tile in, the walls sanded a final time, primed, sand texture applied, and painted. Let me know if you can join us, I will then give you the address. Lynnette Jordan, Asst. Disaster Response Coordinator - Wisconsin Conference; United Methodist Church: [Lynnette.jordan0707@gmail.com](mailto:Lynnette.jordan0707@gmail.com) / 262-370-0707

### 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 Wednesday, June 19th. 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.



### 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
  - Hand Bell Choir meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm
- Chancel Choir will be on summer break and resume in September.



## During the month of May we have been praying for:

- Family of Allen Stevens
- Family of Byron Biehn
- Family of Daniel Nicklas
- Family of Jeff Cummings
- Family of Jim Marcile
- Family of Roy Franks
- Family of Heather Brandimore
- The Goddard Family
- Colton Greenhill
- Chris Holmstrom & her Mom
- Delores Fink
- Gene
- Harold Burgess
- Ken I.
- Colton Greenhill & Friend
- Mary Lou Roe
- New Graduates
- Overdose victims
- Penny Sovlak
- People from Walworth County
- People from Oklahoma City and area
- People traveling during Memorial Day holiday
- Rachel Hewitt
- Ralph Myers
- Sharon & David Byrne
- Sandy K. Jacoby's Mom
- Steve & Donna Seeker
- Theresa Anderson
- Victims and survivors of the Waukegan plant explosion
- Youth & adults suffering from mental illness



### Noisy Offering

On the second Sunday of each month, our kids take a Noisy Offering, collecting coins for that month's Pennies for Mission designation. May's pennies totaled \$49.12 and will be donated to The Westosha Senior Center. Pennies for June will be donated to UMCOR.

# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship: 9:30 am  Sunday School Awards & Floats 10:45 am	3	4 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	5 Hope Council: 11:30 am AA: 6:30 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm	6 Hand Bells: 7:00 pm	7 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	8
9 Men's breakfast: 8 am Worship: 9:30 am	10 4-H: 6:30 - 8:30 pm	11 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	12 Hope Council: 11:30 am AA: 6:30 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm	13 Hand Bells 7:00 pm	14 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	15
16 Worship: 9:30 am	17	18 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	19 Hope Council: 11:30 am C2C: 6:00 pm AA: 6:30 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm	20 Hand Bells: 7:00 pm	21 Big Book (AA) Gathering in downstairs fellowship hall: 5:30 - 10 pm	22
23 Worship: 9:30 am	24	25 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	26 Hope Council: 11:30 am AA: 6:30 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm	27 Hand Bells 7:00 pm	28 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	29
30 Worship: 9:30 am						

## 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 - Joann 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 2019: \$ 362.36



## 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 salemsecretary@gmail.com. The deadline for the June newsletter will be Saturday, June 15th.



## Impact Community—8,000 Hour Challenge

As of June 2nd, we completed 1,936 hours of service . We continue to challenge you in 2019. There are many things or acts of kindness you do that would be of service to the community: working on Hope Gardens, working at the Westosha Community Center, supporting a fund-raiser, driving a shut-in to the doctor, grocery store or church, serving at the Soup Kitchen 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, or email your hours to salemsecretary@gmail.com.

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

Worship: 9:30 am (beginning Sunday, July 7th: new time is 10:15 am)

Sunday School: 9:15 - 10:00 am (Sept. - May) note new time