



# MESSENGER

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2019

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

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Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> during our worship service. Please plan on joining us to celebrate and share communion with our confirmands.

The **Salem UMC All Committee Meeting** night will be held on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> with the All Committees meeting at 6:30 pm followed by Church Council at 7:00 pm.



### Shalom Center Soup Kitchen

Salem UMC has the privilege of serving at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. We are asked to provide four large pots of soup to serve the group. Monetary donations for the soup or milk are also appreciated. 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). If you can make a pot of soup or would like to help serve, you'll find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship area.



### Liturgists for May

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Corbin Bevry  
May 12<sup>th</sup>: Gloria Gill  
May 19<sup>th</sup>: Deb Gilliam  
May 26<sup>th</sup>: Jack Verhaalen



Dear Salem Family,

If you weren't in worship with us yesterday—and if you weren't, why weren't you?? You missed some terrific music from our Praise Power and Bell Choir musicians!—you didn't hear about some changes that are coming to Salem UMC, so I want to take this chance to fill you in.

Over the last year we had lifted up Pastor Anita Lang, her husband Robert, and their family several times in prayer, as Robert waged a long battle with cancer. We also prayed for them when Robert finally lost that battle in February. Subsequent to that, Pastor Anita made the decision to leave her appointment at Pleasant Prairie UMC, effective the end of February. Since then, our brothers and sisters at Pleasant Prairie have not had a pastor appointed to their church, but are relying on churches in the circuit for pastoral support when needed.

That is the background for the news that was shared in worship on Sunday.

Effective July 1, I will be serving as pastor to *both* Pleasant Prairie and Salem UMC. In United Methodist terms, our two churches will be “yoked,” and I will be appointed to a “two point charge.” (These are both terms you may hear to describe the arrangement—and if you've been a United Methodist for very long, you may be familiar with them already.) This will be the second two point charge in the Circuit—Pastor Yul is currently serving a similar appointment to Bristol and Wesley Chapel UMC. In my case, my appointment will still be considered a half-time appointment.

What does this mean? From a practical standpoint, the biggest change you will see is in our service time. Currently, both churches have worship at 9:30, and one of the discussions between the SPRCs, the District Superintendent, and me was how the times were going to be adjusted. It was determined that Pleasant Prairie is going to move their service time earlier, and Salem is going to move theirs to later (probably 10:15)—and I am going to have to learn to leave Pleasant Prairie almost immediately after worship, so I can make it to Salem on time! Or almost on time.

Beyond that, I will still be maintaining the same office hours at Salem, so you should not see much else in the way of change. Going forward, we will need to be aware of the need to coordinate event planning, such that I am not going to have to be in two places at once, but I think it also offers us a greater opportunity to be in shared ministries at some point.

In the end, this is just one more example of the true power of the United Methodist Church—the power of connection, and the willingness to share resources for the common good. This is my first two point charge, and I am looking forward to the challenges and to the opportunity to work with the people of Pleasant Prairie. I hope you're excited about this change, as well. If you have questions about it, drop me an email, or call me. You can also contact Ragnar Ouwerkerk, the Salem SPRC Chair, with any questions about how this is being implemented.

See you in church!  
Pastor Keith



### **Celebrating a May Birthday**

- Cassi Bossong (2nd)
- Kim Ouwerkerk (5th)
- Rebecca Franks (6th)
- Brad Gilliam (10th)
- Tom Reilly (13th)
- Tiffany Ouwerkerk (19th)
- Ronny Verhaalen (21st)
- Todd Schatzka (24th)
- Keith Olsen (26th)
- Kurt Eckberg (27th)
- Len Scanlan (31st)

### **Celebrating a May Anniversary:**

- Ed & Melanie Hartnek (1st)
- Tim & Danielle Lasco (15th)
- Len & Kay Scanlan (22nd)



### **Bristol UMW Invites You to an Annual Spring Gathering on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Please plan to arrive after 5:30 pm. Dinner will be at 6 pm. A program on Beekeeping will be presented by Len & Linda Browne. Please bring a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided.

RSVP to Gail Burgess by Sunday, May 5th.



### **Art & Craft Contest and Show / Luncheon Sunday, May 19th**

For additional information call 262-891-3436 or see website: westoshaseniorcenter.com



### **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. April's pennies totaled \$96.88 and will be donated to "Hope Gardens". This month's pennies will be collected on May 12th and will be donated to the "Westosha Senior Center"

### **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

### **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!

This year, there is a lot of maintenance and work needed:

- grounds require cleaning up
- brush pile needs to be burned and the remaining mulch spread
- the boards on beds need to be repaired or replaced
- beds require cultivating and prepared for planting

We are looking for help in the planting and care of the beds (weeding, watering); then harvesting and finally delivered to the Sharing Center or a charity of your choice. All of this takes time and labor.

A suggestion is that several individuals or a family adopt a bed to plant, maintain and harvest. A bed could be planted with only one vegetable to cut down on labor. This would be a good project for a family to do together and teach the aspect of donating.

We have some funds available for this project, but donations are always appreciated.

I will be in the gardens after church on Sundays. Anytime you can work out to meet me in the gardens or stop yourself and work on a project would be appreciated. Join us as we look over the opportunities to help your church and community.

You can contact me directly at:

[raperry1940@gmail.com](mailto:raperry1940@gmail.com) or 262-537-8192 or phone the church office: 262-843-2525.

- Ruth Perry

## 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



## 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!!

## “Shalom to Home” Kitchen Kits

The kits are designed to meet the kitchen needs of individuals moving out of the Shalom Center in Kenosha and into their own homes. Our circuit was short two kits for this Shalom to Home ministry. After reaching out to our congregation asking for help, I am happy to share that the kits have been completed!

Thank you to those of you that stepped up to help in this very important ministry.

- Rick Carlberg

## 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, May 15th. 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.



## Men's Breakfast

May date —TBD

The Men in our Congregation are invited to a Sunday Men's Breakfast, which is held in the downstairs fellowship Hall at 8:00 am. Join us and start your morning with some good food and fellowship. Watch our Sunday Announcements for the May date. Questions? Contact Tom Reilly, Ken Bevry, Corbin Bevry or Rick Carlberg.



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

**During the month of April  
we have been praying for:**

Rachel Hewitt & her sister, Rose  
Steven Bartlett  
Amy Franz  
Families of Vincent, Mary and Michael Rizzo  
Mary Lou Knigge  
Joe Schrandt  
Ron Haapala  
CHS band  
“We Met Him” cast and crew  
Family of Richard Gossling  
Doug Funk  
Penny Soula  
All Graduates  
Family of Heather Brandimore  
Theresa Anderson  
Gene  
Harold Burgess  
Ralph Myers  
Ken I.  
Overdose victims and those suffering from mental illness



**In observance of Memorial Day the  
church office will be closed on  
Monday, May 27.**



## Relay for Life Challenge

Wilmot UMC has partnered with Calvary UCC to form a Relay for Life team for the past several years. This year Relay for Life will be at Wilmot High School

from 5 pm on Friday, May 17 through 1 am on Saturday, May 18. The purpose of the event is to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

At the Relay for Life event, we remember loved ones lost to cancer. It is a team event in which team members take turns walking around a track. Each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps.

Wilmot and Calvary would like to challenge your congregation to join us in this fight. A great way to do that would be to form a team and join us at this event.

Additional information is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship area. Also, if you have questions, contact Doris Carnahan from Wilmot UMC.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Hope Council: 11:30 am AA: 6:00 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm	2 Hand Bells: 7:00 pm	3 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	4
5 Worship: 9:30 am Confirmation Sunday School: 10:45 am	6	7 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	8 Hope Council: 11:30 am AA: 6:00 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm 4-H Cake deco- rating: 6-7:30 (downstairs fellow- ship hall)	9 Hand Bells: 7:00 pm	10 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	11
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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 - 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: \$ 288.23



## 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 Wednesday, May 15th.



## Impact Community 8,000 Hour Challenge

As of April 28, we completed 1,554 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, 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

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