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With the official yoking of Pleasant Prairie and Salem UMC beginning July 7th, one of the adjustments each congregation has had to make is a change in worship time. Worship at PPUMC is moving up to 8:30 am, and at Salem UMC, it is moving back to 10:15 am.

During the month of June we have been praying for:

Family of Leonard Scanlan
Family of Uros Miskovic
Family of Pam Roe
Family of Dave Hansen
Family of Jerry Robinson
Family of Angela Zettner
The Coleman Family
The Goddard Family
Annual Conference attendees
Hazel Crowder
Lenora Boor
Mary Lou Roe
People in flooded areas
People struggling with mental illness
People traveling during the holiday weekend
People working outside in severe weather
Oklahoma City & area residents experiencing severe and damaging weather
Sandy
Stan Bochat & Family
Uncle Frank
Victims & survivors from Virginia Beach





Dear Church Family,

Well, I promised an update on Annual Conference when I last wrote to you, so it's time to deliver. But first, I need to cop to a bit of prejudice: just in case you don't already know, I am not a fan of meetings. While I understand they are a necessity, sometimes, I have an innate belief that there is some kind of inverse relationship between the number of people meeting and the odds of taking decisive action. In other words, they tend to be long on talk and short on takeaways—and when half the participants are people who talk for a living...well, you can just imagine.

That being said, Annual Conference is a great opportunity to network (if you will excuse the grammatical sin of using a noun as a verb), and a chance to see old friends. It is also a good platform for disseminating information, a chance to hear speakers we would probably never hear otherwise, the biggest Bible Study you'll ever be a part of and an annual refresher course on the intricacies of Roberts Rules of Order.

And, occasionally, a place where important decisions really are made. So, since I know there have been a lot of questions, let's move on to reviewing those decisions.

Probably the one issue foremost in everyone's mind was **Action Item 7** – A Resolution for Name Change of the Conference Strategy Board, which states that that, the name “Conference Strategy Board” shall be changed to “New Ministries Strategy Board” wherever it appears in the current Conference Rules and Policies.

I kid.

Of course, the topic on everyone's mind was how the Wisconsin Annual Conference was going to respond to the decisions about human sexuality made at the Special General Conference earlier this year. The most direct response to the decision came in **Action Item 12** – A Resolution the Wisconsin Annual Conference that condemns the adoption of the so-called Traditional Plan by the 2019 Special General Conference.

The resolution also stated that the Annual Conference apologizes for the harm that it has caused LGBTQ+ persons, their families, their friends, and the body of Christ, and affirmatively states that we believe “all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God,” and that no human being is incompatible with Christian teaching.

And, finally, the resolution further stated that no Wisconsin Annual Conference resources will be spent on background investigations, complaints, just resolutions, or clergy trials pertaining LGBTQ+ ordination and marriage. (This is not insignificant, by the way—a clergy trial can easily cost tens of thousands of dollars.)

I won't keep you in suspense—Action Item 12 passed. Overwhelmingly. Which is not to say that it passed without dissent—there is definitely a vocal minority within the Conference that backs the Traditional Plan—but when push came to shove, and people were asked to raise their hands for a vote, there was no doubt about the outcome.



So...where does that put us?

I know that I have been asked about whether Annual Conference would be considering a vote to disaffiliate (pull out of the General Conference), or whether some plan would be presented for individual churches to choose whether or not to disaffiliate, but there was almost no talk of that at this Annual Conference. Instead, the Bishop in his address about the current state of the Church, chose to take a more hopeful approach, amidst the pain.

Pastor's Letter Cont'd



It is his hope — and intent — that the Wisconsin Annual Conference will be able to discern a “Wisconsin Way”—some kind of theological umbrella that will allow churches, pastors, and congregations to coexist in spite of their stances on the Traditional Plan. This is not as simple as it might seem—not just a matter of using what a pastor acquaintance called the “holy 2x4” alongside the head and telling people to get along. It will take work, it will take good faith efforts and trust—and, in the end, it will be entirely worth it.

Every year, Annual Conference has a theme, and this year's theme—chosen *after* the Special General Conference—was “The Wilderness.” It was chosen because the Conference and the Church have entered a wilderness time in our journey—whether it is the wilderness through which the Israelites wandered after Egypt, figuring out where God's call was taking them; or the wilderness that Jesus was taken to after baptism, to face the temptations of the world. Either is an apt description, because in this time of trial we are tasked with finding our way forward through this unknown territory—and we are also tasked with setting aside worldly ways, so that we can interact with each other and with the world around us in holy ways.

The thing to remember, in either case, is that there *is* an end to the wilderness—a destination. It is not the time for precipitate action or hurtful rhetoric, or even using this as an excuse to turn our backs on the Church in general. It is certainly not the time to allow the good that the Church does in society to be affected by internal conflict. (Some churches are withholding apportionments in protest—and, in so doing, depriving important ministries of financial support.)

Instead, it's a time to remember that people of good faith can hold differing views; that Church institutions are, in the end, human institutions subject to error and correction; and that if we open ourselves to letting the Holy Spirit work within us, we can discern new possibilities in even the most challenging circumstances.

Something new is coming. Something good that God will cause to blossom from this time of trial. Let us, as people of faith, dedicate ourselves to being a part of it.

See you in church!
Keith

Pleasant Prairie UMC News

Pleasant Prairie UMC is looking forward to some new beginnings as we welcome Pastor Keith Hewitt and a closer relationship with Salem UMC. July 7 at 8:30 a.m. will be the official start of this association.

We would like to thank the many lay speakers as well as Pastor Forrest Wells, our District Superintendent, who have filled our pulpit so graciously, interestingly, and effectively for the last three months. The return of Pastor Joyce Rinehart for Easter Sunday was also a Blessing.

Many other individuals continued to help us run our church business. Linda Dowell and Florence Bohn made sure we had bulletins each Sunday and did many other secretarial duties. Jerry Wells and Rose Gingerelli have trimmed and pulled countless weeds to keep our grounds beautiful. Sandy Betz has made sure our grass has been mowed and our hospitality has been provided on several occasions. Gail Johnson has paid our bills in a timely fashion. These are but a few of the many church members who have assisted us during this time of transition.

Our mission efforts have also been progressing. MarylIn Zirbel has gathered the food donations and delivered them to the Sharing Center. Jim Lura and Ann Bradshaw continued their collection and delivery of the Shalom to Home kits to the Center. On May 29th, they delivered their 84th kit. Many thanks to the Circuit churches, as well as Wesley on 60th, for making this extraordinary witness possible.

Lastly, Ann and Jim represented our congregation at the Wisconsin Conference in Green Bay June 15-17. A report will be made during worship on June 23rd. Have a happy and safe holiday!

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Congratulations to Grace Merrill on her retirement from the EMS at the young age of 85! She has hung up her stethoscope, after working many years to help train people in EMS. She also was part of the Wisconsin EMS to help improve EMS through the State of Wisconsin. The EMS Community will miss her. Thank you Grace, for your many years of dedication and commitment!

THANK YOU

God Bless You

The Family of the late Leonard Scanlan, Jr. would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has shown us kindness in prayers, thoughts, and deeds during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, visits, phone calls, consolation, food, flowers, and other gestures of compassion and love have been uplifting. A special thank you to the women in our church family who provided coffee cake and desserts for the luncheon. *May God richly bless each of you!*



News from The Westosha Senior Community Center

We would like to announce a new program at the Westosha Senior Community Center. A biweekly walking club! Starting in July, we will meet on Tuesday and Thursday of every week at 10:30 am. An informal meeting regarding the walking club will be held on Tuesday, July 2nd at 10:30 am. If you are interested in healthy activity, finding new friends and enjoying nature, please join us in this new endeavor. A flyer with additional information is on the bulletin board in the Salem Church's fellowship area.



Men's Breakfast Sunday, July 14th

The Men in our Congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, July 14th 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.

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, July 17th. 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.



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. June's pennies totaled \$69.87 and will be donated to UMCOR. Pennies for July will be donated to "Aid Africa's Children."

It's a boy

Mark and Missy Dodge are happy to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Alexander Dodge. Matthew was born on June 21st and weighed 9 lbs 4 oz. This is the Dodge's first son and was welcomed home by his two older sisters. Congratulations to the Dodge Family!

Stan and Summer Bochat welcomed the birth of their son, Stoltan Jude Bochat on June 23rd. Stoltan weighed 8 lbs, 2 oz and was 21" long. Congratulations Stan and Summer!



Liturgists for July

7th: Amanda Bossong
14th: Bill Knigge
21st: Nancy Webster
28th: Steven Verhaalen

Please contact Joanna Carlberg if you would like to serve as liturgist.



Westosha Community Sr. Fellowship Time

Wednesday, July 3rd – 10 am

Join us for a program on "Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Senior Services" by Rebecca Johnson, Benefits Specialist. Free Bingo and Prizes. Location is Wilmot United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall; 11425 Fox River Road, Wilmot. For additional info: Call 862-6366.



Celebrating a July birthday:

Marie Booher (3rd)
 Evan McNeal (4th)
 Amy Franz (11th)
 Lisa Hufnagle (12th)
 Jacob Bixler (13th)
 Danielle Lasco (16th)
 Thomas Verhaalen (16th)
 Theresa Leydens (22nd)
 Jack Verhaalen (24th)
 Scott Hermes (25th)
 Mackenzie Bevry (25th)
 Paul Schultz (26th)
 Nick Trombley (27th)
 Holly Greenhill (28th)
 Martin Stockwell (30th)
 Ken Bevry (31st)
 Karin Kirsch (31st)

Celebrating a July Anniversary:

Dick & Liz Schultz (6th)
 Brad & Deb Gilliam (11th)
 Keith & Connie Olsen (30th)



Women and Children's Horizons

"Slice Out Abuse " Golf Outing

Thurs., July 18th

11 am registration & lunch

12 pm shotgun start

Kenosha Country Club

Open to men and women golfers. Awards and dinner will follow golf. Cost is \$160 per golfer / \$60 dinner only. For more info: contact Lori Hanson at WCH: 262-656-3500 or register at: wchkenosha.org.

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.



Hope Gardens

The beds are all planted. Things were stalling for awhile, but with the help of the rain we are now getting, we'll see some progress.

Beds were adopted by the Meints, Hufnagles, Knigges and the Ouwerkerks. Thanks so much for your help. The potatoes Dylan and Evan planted are really looking good too. There is always work that can be done in a garden so if want to help just contact me and I can meet you there or tell you what to do. Thank you, Ruth Perry.



VOLUNTEER

The Sharing Center, Inc. welcomes new volunteers to help with the variety of services we provide. We need anyone with a smile on their face looking to make a difference. Volunteering is one of the best ways to feel connected to your community

There currently is a need for Volunteers in these areas: pantry prep, pantry distribution, pantry restock and client intake. Hours vary between 9 am and 5 pm and are approximately 2-1/2 shifts.

If you are interested in volunteering, no prior experience is necessary and basic training will be provided. The only thing we ask for is a friendly, helpful attitude.



Labor of Love Music Festival

September 1, 2019

New Munster Ball Park

New Munster, WI

It's our 10th Anniversary and we are going ALL OUT! We believe that we have once again secured some of the best musicians whose fiddles, banjos, mandolins and more, will grace our stage. So, come prepared to dance and clap along to the finger picking styles that this years music festival is guaranteed to provide. All proceeds from t-shirts, concession, and raffle sales go to support Suicide Awareness and Prevention organizations.

For more information on Labor of Love, please head over to our website —<https://www.justliveinc.org>


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.

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	3 Hope Council: 11:30 am AA: 6:30 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm	4 Office Closed 	5 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	6
7 Worship: 10:15 am Note new time	8 4-H: 6:30 - 8:30 pm	9 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	10 Hope Council: 11:30 am AA: 6:30 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm	11 Hand Bells 7:00 pm	12 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	13
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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: \$ 428.96



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 Monday, July 15th. Please have all articles forwarded to the secretary at: salemsecretary@gmail.com - Thank you.



Impact Community—8,000 Hour Challenge

As of June 30th, we completed 2,365 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: 10:15 am - effective July 7th

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