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Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace

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During the month of July we have been praying for:

Family of Bill Marshall & his co-workers
Family of Frank Andrekus
Family of Leonard Scanlan
Family of Pam Roe
Family of Phyllis Rabang
Family of Vros Miskovic
Alexey Hufnagle & his family
Candy and family
Hazel's daughter & family
Jaden Ouwerkerk
James Folger
Joanna Carlberg
John Neuroth
Kathy Hufnagle's brother & sister-in-law
Kelly & his wife in California
Morgen
People from northern Wisconsin
People traveling
People working in the heat and those marching in heat at
Bristol Progress Days
Ron Haapala
Rachel Hewitt
Sandy Verno
Steve Stupka
Theresa Moffat
California & gulf coast people experiencing severe weather

Dear Church Family,



Confession time: this is not the letter I sat down to write earlier this week. It's not even the letter I planned to write yesterday. But the thing is, sometimes you sit down at the laptop and that little voice in your head looks at what's coming out on the screen and says, "Really? That's what you're writing about?"

At which point the other voice in your head either tries to play it off casually, or—if you're smart—goes, "Oh yeah? What did *you* want to write about?" And then you've got yourself a letter.

So here's what I realized I had to write about: *It's a Wonderful Life*. Well, not literally, but what I want to throw out there is sort of like the old Christmas classic.

When you go through a process of "visioning," they sometimes ask you to do an exercise where you try to imagine what difference your church makes in your community. If the world were to wake up tomorrow morning and there was a smoking crater where your church used to be...how would it affect people? Or what if, George Bailey-style, your church had never been built? How different would your community be?

It can be instructive, so let's try it for a minute. Close your eyes, think about all the things we do throughout the year... and what would happen if we weren't doing them? Without even thinking very hard, I can come up with these:

- We let Boy Scouts, AA, and other civic groups use our facilities—so, no meeting places
- We raise money to support Sharing Center—fewer donations for those in need
- We raise money for Aid Africa's Children—important projects go unfunded
- We offer weekly worship—people are not being spiritually fed
- We offer Sunday School—children are not being educated about God
- We do Bible Studies—people have fewer chances to dig into the Bible
- We...well, you get the idea

What did you come up with? And whatever you can think of—you've fallen short in your imagination. I want to tell you something amazing.

Real life, no fooling, I've found out a couple of things in the last couple weeks, and I want to share them because they speak to the good that we do.

First, there's the Shalom-to-Home kits. Remember those? We—the Circuit churches out here in the county—have brought in enough supplies to equip dozens of families moving from the homeless shelter to their first home. Pleasant Prairie UMC has taken point on this and has done a phenomenal job managing the flow of these kits to the Shalom Center. If not for our combined efforts those families would be starting new lives without even the basics.

Second, through community program support, and the Mental Health Ministry at Salem, I have learned that we have positively impacted people—by providing resources and support, we know for certain that people who have struggled for years are now getting the help they need to live better lives. If that help wasn't there, the negative effects could have been catastrophic. And those are right here, in our back yard, in our own community.

What I am trying to say is—be proud! I know we have a tendency to look at the challenges—attendance, giving, stewardship, etc.—but we are still able to have a profound impact on our neighbors, near and far, even in the face of those challenges. When the Spirit is moving in us, we can do great things. So as we roll into the last month of summer, I invite you to think about what we could do next—and how you could help. Because there are other lives waiting to be changed.

See you in church!
Pastor Keith



Men's Breakfast Sunday, August 11th

The Men in our Congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, August 11th at 8:30 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.



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. July's pennies totaled \$114.01 and will be donated to Aid Africa's Children. August pennies will be donated to "The Sharing Center" for children's school supplies.



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>



Hope Gardens

Hope Gardens is finally starting to produce.. The beans, cucumbers, squash and more are going to the Sharing Center weekly. They are very appreciative of any thing we donate. Thanks to those who have adopted the beds and a special thanks to Bill Knigge for his help with the sprinkler and burning they scrap pile. If anyone has time to help spread some of the mulch around or pull weeds, that would be appreciated. Just see me or go do on your own. Thanks to all... Ruth Perry

Pleasant Prairie UMC News

The summer is rolling along, and Pleasant Prairie UMC would like to let you know about a few dates we have planned:

The 4th annual "Blessing of a Pet" will take place at the Pleasant Prairie church on Saturday, August 10 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. All pets of every shape and size are welcome. Blessings, certificates, and a light lunch will be offered free of charge to all.

On August 25th, Living Waters is sponsoring a light supper, hymn sing, and ice cream social at Hanson Park from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. See you there!

On September 7, Living Waters will be collecting items for the Textile rummage sale. All things should be stored in plastic garbage bags and delivered to PPUMC prior to the 7th. Check with your Living Waters representative for additional information.

On September 20th, the Shalom Center is hosting a fund raiser golf outing at Bristol Oaks Country Club. Sounds like fun for anyone interested. Details have been posted at Salem & Bristol.

On November 3rd, Pleasant Prairie will host a Chili supper and silent auction as a fund raiser. Plans are still being assembled.

Continue enjoying the summer!

Ann Bradshaw
PPUMC SPRC



Shalom Center Soup Kitchen

Salem UMC has the privilege of serving at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen on Thursday, August 29th.

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 help with the preparing of the soup or would like to help serve, you'll find the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship area.

Thank you, Deb Gilliam



Sunday School

Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 8th at a new time of 9:15 – 10:00 am.

Registration forms will be available soon. All ages are invited to join in. See you there!!



Liturgists for August:

Debbie Gilliam (4th)
Debbie Moses (11th)
Gloria Gill (18th)
Connie Bevry (25th)

**Westosha Community
Sr. Fellowship Time**

Wednesday, August 7th; 10 am

A Program on "Hansen's Ice Cream Parlor" will be presented by Adam & Kelly Hansen, Owners. Location is Wilmot United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. There will be free bingo and prizes. Call: 862-6366 for additional information.

Music Ministry

All choirs are currently on summer break and will resume in September.



**Silver Lake Clinic
Now Open!**

The Silver Lake Clinic is for everyone, including the underserved. It is part of KCHC - Kenosha Community Health Center. They provide Dental, Medical, and Behavioral care and accept State insurance, uninsured and all other insurances. They are a non-for-profit which also provides services for uninsured on a sliding scale with proof of income. The clinic is located behind the Dairy Queen in Silver Lake.

I have accepted a Dental Hygiene job with KCHC. I will be working at the Kenosha and at the Silver Lake Clinic as demand increases as it is a new clinic

Many of the senior citizens in our area could benefit from KCHC services along with anyone who have financial struggles. Being raised in the county it feels good to have services so close for those who need it. If you have questions please let me know. Thank you, Connie Bevry

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, August 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.

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.

Celebrating an August birthday:

Teegan McKinney (4th)
Michelle Bossong (5th)
Kyle Miskovic (9th)
Cathy Reilly (9th)
Melanie Hartnek (10th)
Jenny Egeland (12th)
Carley Jones (15th)
Jonathon McKinney (19th)
Kay Scanlan (21st)
Marsha Isaacson (22nd)
Linda Roberts (24th)
Alexey Hufnagle (27th)
Sue Grulich (29th)



Nick & Diane Trombley (3rd)
Pastor Keith & Rachel (3rd)
Jerry & Annette Meints (11th)
Tom & Cathy Reilly (13th)
Scott & Tami Hermes (22nd)
Todd & Lisa Schatzka (25th)

Westosha Sr. Community Center

August Already - Stop by Sundays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. starting August 4 for garden-fresh vegetables, home-made baked goodies, hand-made pizza (starting Aug. 11) and original and fun artisan pieces. Eat on site and take home veggies and beautifully crafted items purchased here.

Don't forget to try our new Walking Club or Book Club. This month's book is Drifters by David Rhodes. We meet to chat about the book on the third Monday of the month (August 19) at 11 a.m. We have pedometers for our walkers and goals and prizes for step-goals met. Walking Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Westosha Senior Center again is partnering with Kenosha Aging and Disability Resource Center to offer two special programs here at the Center. Healthy Living with Diabetes continues the remaining four of six classes on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Starting August 8th, Lighten Up! begins an 8-week session to teach how to take charge for a happier life. More info on joining both is available at our web-site.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	3
4 PPUMC Worship: 8:30 am SUMC Worship: 10:15 am	5	6 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	7 Hope Council: 11:30 am AA: 6:30 pm	8	9 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	10 PPUMC: Pet Blessing: 12-2
11 PPUMC Worship: 8:30 am Men's breakfast: 8:30 am SUMC Worship: 10:15 am	12 4-H: 6:30 - 8:30 pm	13 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	14 Hope Council: 11:30 am C2C: 6:00 pm AA: 6:30 pm	15	16 Big Book (AA) 6:00 pm	17
18 PPUMC Worship: 8:30 am SUMC Worship: 10:15 am	19	20 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	21 Hope Council: 11:30 am AA: 6:30 pm	22	23 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	24
25 PPUMC Worship: 8:30 am SUMC Worship: 10:15 am SUMC Vesper service: 5 pm	26	27 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	28 Hope Council: 11:30 am AA: 6:30 pm	29	30 Soup Kitchen Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	31

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: \$ 643.77



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



Impact Community—8,000 Hour Challenge

As of July 28th, we completed 2,847.5 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

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