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During the month of September we have been praying for:

Alan Folger	Rob Fox
Alexey Hufnagle and family	Ron Haapala
Family of Betty Jones	Ronaldo Crowder
Andy Stockwell	Samantha Iding
Courage to Cope Group	Sandy Verno
Martin Stockwell	Steve Stupka
Don Kessel	Tami Crowder
Dorothy Heiss	Theresa Moffat
Family of Eleanor Hunter	Mental Illness Suffering
Family of Marge Merrill	Victims of Human Trafficking
Family of Emily Marigiano	Scott & Tami Hermes
Family of Helen Andrekus	Kay Scanlan
Helen Briggs	Shooting Victims
James Folger	Maureen Schmidt
Mary Lou Roe	Hurricane Dorian Victims
Milo Isaacson	Peyton Shanor
Ragnar Ouwerkerk	



Dear Church Family,

As I head into the final week of my preaching class through Course of Study, I want to thank you for responding to my request for questions and suggested sermon topics for the coming year—which was part of my homework for class, but has become a permanent part of my planning. I took all of your suggestions to heart, and can tell you that you'll be seeing them throughout the next year.

Some of the suggestions were ones you might expect (“What’s up with the Book of Revelation, anyway?”) and some were not (“If Joseph isn’t Jesus’ biological father, how is Jesus of the House of David?”), but when I look over all the responses, these things stand out:

The word “love” in one form or another appears at least ten times

The word “trust” appears four times

More than a dozen responses make reference to the communities in which we live

At least half a dozen responses have to do with acceptance—of one another, of others who are different from us, of strangers...

I think this is great—and not a surprise.

It tells me that in the midst of all the strife in the world today—all the conflict and the name calling, the outright hatred that we see flare up time and time again—the people of our faith communities are struggling to work against the flow. The people here have read and heard the words of Jesus, held them up as a measuring stick against the world as it is, and have found the world wanting. Wanting in love, wanting in trust, wanting in civility and justice and peace.

Knowing that, what is the appropriate response? To change the world, of course.

And we change the world by first changing ourselves—measuring ourselves against the very same words against which we measure the world, and finding where we have fallen short. Jesus preached a message of radical love, grace, and hospitality, encouraging us to understand and accept one another in ways that don’t come easy.

It’s easy to love and accept someone who agrees with you—and not so easy to love someone who is so obviously misguided as to disagree. It’s easy to be accepting of someone who looks and speaks like you—but a little more difficult for someone who looks different, speaks a different language, comes from a different culture, etc. There seems to be a deep impulse to classify “different” as “strange,” and “strange” as “dangerous,” whether it’s the result of thousands of generations of the genetic dance of human evolution, or the Fall of Humanity in the Garden of Eden.

In today’s world of immersive communication and the echo chamber of social media, those impulses are magnified—and only love, acceptance, and understanding can work against them. Once we have found those within ourselves, we then begin to share them in our immediate community—and “community” in this case includes the online communities of which we are each a part: resist the impulse to argue with someone who posts something you disagree with; don’t share, or respond to, posts that insult or degrade others; when the choice is between arguing and ignoring, ignore; when it’s between ignoring or uplifting, lift up; when the choice is between skipping over something because you know you disagree with it, or reading and trying to understand it, try to understand.

All of which is not to say that we should do nothing in the face of hatred or intolerance—Jesus wouldn’t have done that, either—but it is to say that we should choose our battlefields, and engage with love as the ultimate motivator. Silencing bigotry or hatred with a louder voice—even if it’s possible—still leaves it to fester. Instead, approach it with love and reason...and patience. It’s not a quick fix, which makes it unpopular in today’s world of instant gratification, but it *is* a permanent fix, when we can turn a heart to love and acceptance by engaging, educating, and modeling what we preach.

And this is the way the world is changed—one heart, one person, at a time.

See you in church!

Keith



We are happy to welcome our new church secretary, Regina McKillips. She brings years of office experience to SUMC. She also has a restaurant background.

Please take a few moments to introduce yourself and welcome Regina to our church family.



Men's Breakfast Sunday, October 13th

The men in our congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, October 13th 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. September pennies totaled \$63.87 and will be sent to the Kenosha Literacy Council. October pennies will go to Operation Smile Train.



Liturgists for October

- 6 - Chris Holmstrom
- 13 - Dylan Hartnek
- 20 - Gloria Gill
- 27 - Debbie Gilliam

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



Hope Gardens

Hope Gardens were very successful this year. On Sept. 15th, the total sent to the Sharing Center was over 300 pounds! They are very appreciative of anything we donate. Thanks to those who have adopted the beds and helped to maintain them. — Ruth Perry

Our **Safe Sanctuary policy** requires a criminal records check for all adults who work with our children. They are valid for 5 years. Request forms are available on the round table in the narthex. Please return the forms to Regina McKillips. She will lock them in the safe for Mindy.

Pleasant Prairie UMC News

Autumn is upon us! Pleasant Prairie UMC would like to let you know that on November 3rd, they will be hosting a Chili Supper and Silent Auction, as a fundraiser. Plans are still being assembled.
- Ann Bradshaw, PPUMC SPRC

Sunday School

Sunday School is 9:15 – 10:00 am.



Lisa Hufnagle is looking for volunteers to help with the elementary class, which meets after the children's time, during the worship service.

High school and adults will be doing book studies. We are offering two this year. The first study on "Bad Girls of the Bible", will be at 9:15 am on Sundays. The other study, "Making Sense of Scripture", will start on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30 pm. This class will run for 9 weeks, Oct. 1-Nov. 26, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

If you are interested, please contact Tami Hermes 262-331-7228 / tami.hermes@ascension.org; so we know how many books to order.

Please join us! There is a Sunday school/study group for all ages!

Registration forms are on the round table in the fellowship area.

Women's and Children's Horizons

We hope that you will join us for the annual Awards Luncheon and Program. The guest speaker will be Dr. Kevin Fullin.

Victims of violence not only face barriers at home, but in our institutions, our courts, our hospitals, our police stations, because of gender bias. Dr. Fullin will challenge us to explore, "The Struts of Gender Inequality: Are you holding them up or tearing them down?"

The luncheon will be held Friday Oct. 18th from 11:30-1:30pm at Corteses Banquet Hall; 1300 Sheridan Road Kenosha, WI 53140.

For reservations call: 262-656-3500

Yorkville UMC Fall Pork Chop Dinner

Saturday October 12, 2019 - 3:30 to 7:00 pm
Call 262-878-2388 for more information

Bake Sales

The High School class is sponsoring two bake sales to raise money to offset the cost of attending a concert by Toby Mac. The bake sales will be held after church on Oct. 13 and Oct. 27. The class would appreciate donations of baked goods for these events. Donations of money would also be welcomed.

Music Ministry



Praise Power will practice on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. **Chancel choir** will practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

Handbells will practice on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Please come to sing and ring!



Upcoming Events:
Farmer's Market
Sundays July through October

Saturday October 5
Craft Fair and Paddock Lake Lions Club
Spaghetti dinner: 4-7 pm

Saturday December 7
Holiday Celebration
Paddock Lake Lions Club Books and More
Rummage Sale
The center is located on Hwy. C, east of Hwy. 45.
Call 262-891-3436 for additional information about these events.

Feed My Starving Children

The next date to pack food will be Saturday, Oct. 26th;
4:30 -6:30 pm; location is: 742 E. Park Avenue; Libertyville.
to sign up go to: <http://www.FMSC.org/join-group>
For questions, contact Gretchen Verhaalen

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, October 16th. 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, October 21st. The all Committees meeting is 6:30 pm, followed by Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

Celebrating an October birthday:

6th - Emily Rosin
11th - Alison Trombley Thurow
11th - Lisa Franz
13th - Brad Potter
14th - Gail Dodge
17th - Helen Briggs
21st - Nicolaas Ouwerkerk
26th - Dylan Hartnek
28th - Riley Potter
31st - Kayla Potter
31st - Steven Verhaalen



19th - Paul and Marci Schultz



Who says healthy can't be fun? All our healthy fitness programs capitalize on how fun FIT can be!

Fitness Activities:

Weight Loss Buddies: Mondays at 9 am
Chair Fitness: Mondays at 10 am
Walking Club: Tuesdays at 10:30 am
Tai Chi: Tuesdays at 2 pm
Chair Yoga & Meditation: Thursdays at 10 am
Lighten Up: Thursdays at 10 am
Walking Club: Thursdays at 10:30 am
Tai Chi—Beginners: Fridays at 2 pm

Line Dancing

Music and movement guarantee to improve mood health. All levels are welcome as Nancy Webster teaches Line Dancing. If you're having fun, you're doing it right! We meet on Fridays at 10 a.m. for this friendly fitness class.

The Center asks for a \$1.00 donation for each class with the exception of \$3.00 for the Tai Chi Class because it's lead by certified instructors.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	2 AA: 6:30 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm	3 Hand Bells: 7:00 pm	4 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	5
6 PPUMC Worship: 8:30 am Sunday School: 9:15 SUMC Worship: 10:15 am	7	8 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	9 AA: 6:30 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm	10 Hand Bells: 7:00 pm	11 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	12
13 Men's breakfast: 8:30 am PPUMC Worship: 8:30 am Sunday School: 9:15 SUMC Worship: 10:15 am	14 4H 6:30-8:30 pm	15 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	16 C2C: 6:00 pm AA: 6:30 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:30 pm	17 Hand Bells: 7:00 pm	18 Big Book (AA) 6:00 pm	19
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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 - Mobil - Noodles & Company - Old Navy - Olive Garden Panera - Papa Murphy's - Pizza Hut - Red Lobster - Red Robin - Shell - Starbucks - Subway- Taco Bell Target - Texas Roadhouse - TJ Maxx - Walgreens - Wal-Mart - Wendy's - Woodmans*
Total for 2019: \$ 981.64



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 Tuesday, October 15th. Please have all articles forwarded to the secretary at: salemumcsecretary@gmail.com - Thank you.



Impact Community—8,000 Hour Challenge

As of September 29nd, we completed 3,089 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 salemumcsecretary@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)