



January 2020
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Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace

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During the month of December, we have been praying for:

Alexy Hufnagle
Annette Haapala
Bob Hill
Courage To Cope Group
Diana Volar
Dr. Mark Boarini
Family of Bill Stevens
Family of Elaine Gubetta
Family of Jeff Terry
Family of Helen Briggs
Family of Ryan Clark
John King
Hayley Stubblefield
Janis Marks
Jessica Saylor
Jodi Isaacson Garcia
Joe & Tammy Schwartz
Lenora Boor
Lori Miskovic

Mary Lou Knigge
Maureen Schmidt
Melanie Hartnek
Mike Nelson
Mindy, Kathy & Lisa
Ron Haapala
Rob Fox
John Baldauf



Dear Church Families,

It's 2020!

Even if I couldn't see a calendar, I would know that we've come into a brand new year: there's no more Christmas music on the radio, one of the channels on Spectrum is carrying their annual *Twilight Zone* New Year's marathon, and Facebook is abuzz with people talking about their New Year's resolutions. And, sure, the beginning of the year marks an obvious time for making resolutions—basically promises to yourself to make changes in your life. I hope, if you are so inclined, that you are able to make and keep those promises and bring about positive changes in your life—more power to you! (When I've made resolutions, I've usually run aground by Valentine's Day—but that's another story...)

What I'd like to propose this year, though, is that you consider working to make a positive change in someone else's life.

Though it can be hard to see, we have a homelessness issue out here in the County. According to a recent article on *West of the I*, there are at least a couple of hundred people in the County who are not stably housed—either they are couch surfing, in jeopardy of losing their housing, or are “literally homeless” (without a place to stay). These latter people may be sleeping outside, in cars, or in some other environment not thought of as a home. Now, we might say, logically, that a couple of hundred people is just a small fraction of the tens of thousands of people living here—but whether it's many or few, we must still be concerned about their plight.

We should have no illusions—the “fix” for the homeless situation is complex. For instance, there is a need for emergency housing (I've encountered it a number of times in my work as a pastor), but there is also a need for *affordable* housing, and some who are attempting to address homelessness see that as the central problem: it's hard to be stably housed when you're earning minimum wage of around \$1200 a month, and your rent is \$850—one financial blip (cutback in hours, illness, sudden unplanned expenses), and the situation moves from being precarious to catastrophic.

The good news is that there are people talking about this problem now—but I think the conversation needs to be more comprehensive, more imaginative, and needs to involve even more community members. As Christians in general, living out our call to justice and mercy, we are definitely encouraged to be part of the solution, and I'm hoping that some members of our own church families might feel called to be part of this discussion here in our own back yard.

Right now this is a very amorphous undertaking, but as people become involved, and as we enter into discussion with others in the community, I'm hoping that we can start to fill in the outlines of not just *what* needs to be done, but *how* it might be done, and what role we can play in it. If you would be interested in meeting to discuss being part of planning this ministry, please let me know. The best way is to email me at pastork-hewitt@gmail.com, so I can collect names and have a mailing list for communicating when we will have meetings.

I hope you will consider it prayerfully—I am sure that our church family can have an impact on this issue, if we want to.

See you in church—and Happy New Year!

Pastor Keith

Shalom Center Soup Kitchen

Our turn at The Shalom Center Soup Kitchen is Thursday January 30th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, so please sign up.



Men's Breakfast Sunday, January 12th

The men in our congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, January 12th 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.

A decision as to whom we will be collecting for each month will be decided in the near future.



Liturgists for January

Sandy Jacoby-5th
Mackenzie Bevry-12th
Gloria Gill-19th
Megan Greenhill-26th

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

Salem Church Office Hours 2020

The church office has new hours as of January 1st, 2020.

Hours will be: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:
9:00 am-1:00 pm

Closed Tuesday and Friday

Pastor Keith's hours will remain the same

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 Smouse.

Sunday School

Sunday School is 9:15 – 10:00 am.



We need Elementary and Middle school teachers for the second half of our Sunday school year. Thus far, the new format has worked out super and is not overwhelming to anyone. PLEASE HELP-SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE FELLOWSHIP TABLE.

News from Pleasant Prairie UMC

The members of our congregation would like to wish everyone a blessed and Happy New Year. We look forward to our first Church council meeting of the year, on January 22nd, 2020.

Shalom To Home Update

The commitment of the six Methodist churches to supporting the Shalom to Home program remains alive and well. We are proud of our accomplishments. During the past year we have assembled and donated a total of 150 bath, kitchen and cleaning kits. Overall, since we began supporting the program in the Fall of 2018, we have delivered a total of 174 kits. This means that 58 previously homeless families have felt our love and concern as they leave the Center, to begin their lives anew. We thank you for your continued support and we hope that as we begin the new year, you will feel a sense of pride in knowing that you have truly touched the lives of those in need. "For in-as-much-as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto Me."

Program coordinators-Jim Lura and Ann Bradshaw

Dare to Be "Moving On" One Night Event for Women

Thursday January 23rd 2020 at 7:00 pm at The Riverside Theatre in Milwaukee. Early Bird tickets for 10 or more @ \$23.99-\$33.99 must be reserved by Thanksgiving. Carpool from church will be available. All ages welcome. Talk with Kim Ouwerkerk for more information.

No Regrets Men's Conference

Saturday, February 1st - 8:30-4:00. It is hosted by Kenosha Bible church and will be a power-packed message from six national speakers with live breakout sessions. \$25.00 Early Bird Special (continental breakfast & lunch included). Carpool from the church will be available. Contact Ken Bevry with questions.

Archwood Assisted Senior Living

This facility is at 25025 75th St. in Paddock Lake and is opening early 2020. Check out their website at:

info@archwoodseniorliving.com

They are taking reservations now.

262-234-0015



Music Ministry

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

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



Rebecca Potter	1/01
Julissa Sand	1/06
Mel Miller	1/08
Ragnar Ouwerkerk	1/11
Peter Verhaalen	1/16
Rose Knigge	1/19
Dayna Hartnek	1/19
Jane Smith	1/26
Jared Franz	1/31



ANNUAL VALENTINES DAY PARTY!

Saturday, February 8th, 2020

Time: 11:30 am

For more information and reservations, please contact them at 262-891-3436



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.

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, January 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.

JANUARY 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PPUMC Worship: 8:30 am Sunday School: 9:15 am SUMC Worship: 10:15 am		Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	1 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
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SCRIP CARDS

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 is: 1,350.84



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 Wednesday January 15th. Please have all articles forwarded to the secretary at:

saalemumcsecretary@gmail.com - Thank you.



Impact Community—8,000 Hour Challenge

OUR GRAND TOTAL FOR 2019 is 3,971.5 hours. We continue to challenge you in 2020.

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 fundraiser, 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 saalemumcsecretary@gmail.com.

Keith Hewitt, Pastor

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Pleasant Prairie Worship: 8:30 am

Salem Worship: 10:15 am

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

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