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Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace

Welcome Our New District Superintendent



Rev. Forrest R. Wells has accepted the appointment of District Superintendent of the South East District. Please join us as we welcome him to the district. **Welcome Walk-in Reception** Sunday, July 15, 2018 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with a brief program and prayer time at

3:30 p.m. West Allis: First United Methodist Church 1574 S 76 St., West Allis, WI 53214 Refreshments will be served at this informal reception to which you are free to come and go according to your schedule. If your congregation wishes to bring a "district warming gift" for Rev. Forrest, please bring a gift that reflects the spirit of your congregation or community. Thank You!

Pastor Pamela's Leaving...



At the last Living Waters meeting, Pastor Pamela Garside Meyers announced that she would be stepping down from her position as of the end of June. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of the hard work and passion she put into her ministry with our youth, and wish her well as she embarks on the next leg of her journey.

To Youth and Parents

The VBS which had been planned for the last week in July has been canceled, and Living Waters will now be working to make it easier for youth to attend United Methodist Camps by assisting with 75% scholarships to camp--and if youth are still unable to attend due to financial hardship, we will arrange ways to help youth earn money toward paying the balance. For more information, talk to the pastor or contact the church office.

Church Office Closed

In observance of Independence Day the church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4



Dear Salem Family,

“How was Annual Conference?”

Since I got back from Annual Conference a couple of weeks ago, the question was asked of me several times. Never being afraid to go for the cheap laugh, I usually made some remark about the raw excitement that comes from being in a room with a couple of hundred other pastors, but I suppose it's time to talk about a few of the actual highlights. The following is by no means *everything* that happened, but reflects the things that I think would be of the most general interest; I hope you agree.

If you have been following the politics of the United Methodist Church—by which I mean the process of discerning policy and discipline and making decisions about how those are reflected in the life of the Church—you are probably aware that the UMC's stance on issues of human sexuality is conflicted to say the least. On the one hand, we embrace language that clearly recognizes the inherent rights of *all* people, regardless of sexual orientation, and affirm the fact that *all* are loved by God. On the other hand, the Book of Discipline has historically excluded some of those same people from getting married in the Church, or from serving as clergy, on the basis of their sexual orientation.

Attempts to change the Discipline to reflect the inclusive language used elsewhere have consistently failed, leading to some fairly vigorous disagreement within the Church and even outright resistance. While a certain amount of conflict and tension can be healthy for an organization, the feelings being engendered by this particular issue were *not*, and so it was decided that there would be a special General Conference in 2019 to address it. In the meantime, the Council of Bishops was asked to study and reflect on how to go forward, and then to make a proposal.

The formal recommendation is expected to be released during the first half of July, after translations have been finished and approved. (Remember, this is for the worldwide United Methodist Church.) Some of the highlights, though, are this (please note, language is mine):

The “One Church Plan” allows for the contextualization of human sexuality within the US and Central Conferences, essentially allowing for stances that reflect and honor the cultural standards and theological convictions of those conferences,

The plan removes restrictive language regarding the practice of homosexuality from the Book of Discipline

The plan includes language to insure that conferences will not be *forced* to ordain self-avowed, practicing homosexuals, or to perform same-sex weddings

As I understand it, the One Church Plan is a way forward that allows for discernment and change to take place at the Conference level (at least), and will move the Church forward, recognizing that Methodism is a broad tent that shelters many viewpoints and nurtures all who come to God in faith. You will have a chance to form your own opinion this Fall, when information and feedback sessions are held in the District. Watch for more information.

What else? Once again this year, I had the opportunity to sit in while the Youth Representatives made their presentation on Saturday night. This year the topic was “Generation Z”—who are they, how are they different, and what does it take to connect to them? There was too much to cover in the space I have left, but let's just say I'm ditching my MySpace page, and am going to take a look at the Twitter...

There was also a presentation on the new “Launch Out” initiative, but that is going to have to be a topic for another letter—there's too much to do justice to in the space I have left.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention that there was a sign at the Global Ministries table about a new Advance project you may know—Aid Africa's Children! The Advance number is #8110, and any and all local congregations are now invited and encouraged to donate to this worthy organization as it works to improve the lives of children in Africa. If you want to know more about it, ask our own Debbie Gilliam, who has been part of this organization from the ground floor.

So much information to share, and so little space...but I hope this gave you some idea of the highlights. Let me know if there's anything you want more information about, and I'll be happy to share. In the meantime—see you in church! Peace, Pastor Keith



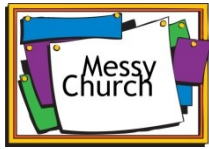
Ladies Night

A four-week session of Tai Chi will be starting on July 9th through July 30th at 5:45 p.m. in the church basement. Sandy Jacoby will instruct the Tai Chi at no cost. Afterward the class is invited to go to Sandlots for pizza and salad. A \$5.00 per meal donation is requested to cover the cost of food. A Sign-Up sheet is in the Narthex



Interested in Becoming a Member of Salem UMC?

New Member Classes will be held on Sundays, July 8, 15, & 22 following worship. See Pastor Keith if you would like to join our church family.



Are You Finding That Life Can Be Messy? – Then Find Meaning in the Mess @ “Messy Church”! All Ages Welcome! Sunday, July 29th 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Trevor-

Wilmot Grade School on Hwy C in Trevor. Crafts, Games, Music, Bible Story, and a Meal! For more information: westoshamesychurchh@gmail.com or 262-945-9731

The Salem UMC All Committee Meeting night is taking a summer break. Meetings will not be held in July and August. The next meeting night is scheduled for Sunday, September 16th.



Noisy Offering

On the second Sunday of the month our kids take a Noisy Offering, collecting coins for that month’s Pennies for Mission designation. This month’s Noisy Offering will be on Sunday, July 8th. The money collected will go to Aid Africa’s Children.

Liturgists for July

- July 1: Todd Schatzka
- July 8: Ronny Verhaalen
- July 15: Sandy Jacoby
- July 22: Lisa Hufnagle
- July 29: Dorothy Moffat

Please contact Joanna Carlberg if you would like to read the scriptures on Sunday morning.



The “Messenger” Deadline is always the 15th of the month—please have all articles to the church office or send by email to jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com The deadline for the August newsletter will be on Sunday, July 15th.

Courage to Cope (C2C)

This new ministry provides help and support for families of those who are struggling with mental health disorders. C2C Group meetings are open to the public and will be held here at Salem from 6:00-7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month, starting July 18. 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

Men’s Breakfast on July 8

The Men in our Congregation are Invited to a Men’s Breakfast on Sunday, July 8th at 8:00 a.m. in the downstairs fellowship Hall. Come and start your morning with some good food and fellowship. Questions? Contact Tom Reilly, Ken Bevry, Corbin Bevry or Rick Carlberg.

Impact Community 8,000 Hour Challenge

The challenge is to do 8,000 hours of community service by the end of 2018. Be sure to fill out your Impact Community slip and drop it in the collection plate or return to the church office. We have passed our 2,000 hour mark – as of 6/24/18 we have done 2,487 ½ hours of community service! Good start – let’s keep it moving!

Hope Gardens

Hope Gardens is our community garden located just west of the church. Most of our produce is shared with the clients at The Sharing Center. To keep our gardens going we need volunteers willing to help after worship on Sundays and also during the week. Willing to help? Please let Ruth Perry know.



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays & Anniversaries (If yours is missing it means we don't have your birthday/ anniversary information in our membership program. Contact Jane Smith at 843-2525 or jsmith.sumc@wi.rr.com to get added to the list)

Celebrating a Birthday

- 4- Evan McNeal
- 7- Annalorraine Eckberg
- 11- Amy Franz
- 12 - Lisa Hufnagle
- 13 - Jacob Bixler
- 16 - Danielle Lasco, Thomas Verhaalen
- 22 - Teresa Leydens
- 24 - Jack Verhaalen
- 25 - Mackenzie Bevry, Scott Hermes
- 26 - Paul Schultz
- 27 - Nick Trombley
- 28 - Holly Greenhill
- 30 - Marty Stockwell
- 31 - Ken Bevry, Karin Kirsch

Celebrating an Anniversary

- 6 - Dick & Liz Schultz
- 11 - Brad & Debbie Gilliam
- 30 - Keith & Connie Olsen

Please Pray for the Following South East District Churches and Clergy

July 2 - July 8, Pleasant Prairie, their pastor Anita Lang, and their 54 members, Pleasant Prairie is located at 8405 104th Ave., Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158.

July 9 - July 15, Plymouth, TBS, and their 22 members, Plymouth is located at 5614 S County Rd H, Orfordville, WI 53576/Mailing address P.O. Box 331 Orfordville, WI 53576.

July 16 - July 22, Port Washington: Grand Avenue, their pastor Janet Hartzell, and their 173 members, Port Washington is located at 505 W Grand Ave., Port Washington, WI 53074.

July 23 - July 29, Racine: Casa de Dios, their pastor, Marino Chacon, and their 20 members, Racine: Casa de Dios is located at 745 Main St., Racine, WI 53403 (mail to c/o Racine First UMC).

July 30 - Aug. 5, Racine: Christ, their pastor George Kafer, and their 201 members, Racine:

Aid Africa's Children An Advanced Project

The Board of Global Ministries has approved Aid Africa's Children (#8110) as an ADVANCE project. Local congregations are now able to give to this worthy project through Wisconsin conference giving. Aid Africa's Children (ADVANCE #8110) www.aidafricaschildren.com) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of impoverished and mostly rural African communities by empowering them and assisting them with resources for food, clean water sources, access to healthcare and education. Deb Gilliam, a member of Salem UMC and board member of Aid Africa's Children is one of the founding members of Aid Africa's Children.

Aid Africa's Children is a non-profit organization which has been in existence since 2006. It is made up of dedicated and passionate volunteers and was incorporated two years after a Salem UMC sponsored mission trip to Pretoria, South Africa in 2004. At the time the volunteers were hosted by and worked with a large mission based church - Wesley Methodist -which served the poor and marginalized in both the city and rural areas. The group worked closely with ministries that focused on and cared for the poor, hungry and those suffering with HIV/AIDS, including the children orphaned from the AIDS pandemic there, as well as those who were in hospice.

Over the next five years Aid Africa's Children plans to complete a clean water project in the Tanzanian village of Ntemba where water shortage is critical. They will also offer support and assistance as needed for the Ntemba Village Women's Chicken Co-Op. This sustainable project empowers the women of the area and help them to earn an income to provide for their families. Also, in Matuschi, Zambia where AAC already built a primary school, they want to build a secondary school and vocational center to help with meeting the education needs of this growing rural community.

Prayer Corner

During the month of June we have been praying for:

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| Family of Doris Raditz | Don Kessel |
| Our Graduates | Len Scanlan |
| Safe journey for those who are traveling | |
| Family of Randall Volar | Spencer Mill |
| Chris Ozoro | Justin |
| Al Heiss | |
| Bill Knigge | |
| Dale Damrow | |
| Sandy McCormack | |
| Jordan Potter | |
| Refugees of the World | |
| Family of Nathan Walter | |





Youth Ministry Updates

At our June 12th Living Waters meeting, Pastor Pamela informed the Board of her decision to resign from her role as Living Waters Youth Pastor. She emphasized that this decision came after substantial introspection and prayer over a goodly period of time. She feels strongly that God is calling her to other tasks in other areas of ministry. In addition, she graciously reminded us that Living Waters is devoting considerable time, effort, and financial resources to youth ministry activities which, although tailored to the youth of our Circuit, are serving minimal numbers of children – thus resulting in a very high cost to benefit ratio. Certainly, the Board honors and respects Pastor Pamela's decision and future endeavors, and we appreciate her practicality and honesty in helping us to focus on how best to use the resources that Living Waters has to serve the physical, social, and spiritual needs of Kenosha County residents. We will continue to reach out and share God's love with all. We offer prayers and support for Pastor Pamela as she transitions her dedication and high energy to future ministry endeavors. She will remain on the Board of Living Waters to offer her expertise and insights to the Living Waters ministry.

As we further discussed youth ministry, we came to two conclusions.

We planned to offer Vacation Bible School this summer from July 30th thru August 4th. As of mid-June, the grim reality is that we have not had sufficient adult volunteers to mentor and deliver the program. In addition, very few children have registered for VBS or, for that matter, given verbal interest. For these reasons, we are cancelling the July/August VBS session. For upcoming years, we will research and analyze different formats of offering such a program. Many other programs are offered in one or two day sessions, weekend sessions, mini-camp sessions, and the like. We hope to learn from the experience of others so that we might offer programming that is conducive to the hectic schedules of today's youth.

Perhaps the highest level of interest and anticipation by youth focuses upon Christian Youth Camp activities. Youth have expressed their desires to attend camp experiences, often on a recurring annual basis. They cite the intensity of faith experiences that they gain from camp, as well as the on-going friendships and camaraderie that they build over time. However, some find it difficult to pay for the cost of camp. Living Waters wants to encourage youth to build their faith through camp experiences, and will work with interested youth to offer various forms of financial assistance to offset camp expenses. If there are youth in our Circuit who wish to attend Christian camps, please have them approach their Pastor for general counseling and financial assistance opportunities. Living Waters wants to encourage such faith building, often life changing opportunities.

Respectfully,

The Living Waters Board



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship @ 9:30 am	2	3	4 Independence Day - Church Office closed AA: 6-8 pm	5	6 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	7
8 Men's Breakfast @ 8 am Worship @ 9:30 am New Member Class following worship	9 Tai Chi @ 5:45 pm	10	11 AA: 6-8 pm	12	13 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	14
15 Worship @ 9:30 am New Member Class following worship Messenger Deadline	16 Tai Chi @ 5:45 pm	17	18 AA: 6-8 pm Loved Ones Group/ Hope Council 12 noon—5 pm C2C @ 6 pm	19	20 Big Book (AA) @ 8 pm	21
22 Worship @ 9:30 am New Member Class following worship	23 Tai Chi @ 5:45 pm	24	25 AA: 6-8 pm Loved Ones Group/ Hope Council 12 noon—5 pm	26	27 Big Book (AA) @ 8pm	28
29 Worship @ 9:30 am	30 Tai Chi @ 5:45 pm	31				



Pennies for Mission

Pennies for Mission is our ongoing project where all of the coins in the collection plate each month are given to a special mission. Since 1989 we have sent over \$36,000 to special missions. We are now “traveling” toward our 41st mile of pennies.

May Pennies: Westosha Senior Center (\$90.95)

June Pennies: UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) (\$44.26)

July Pennies: Aid Africa's Children

When you buy you donate to the Church's Mission

When you use 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- Joanne Fabrics – Kohl's – Kwik Trip – Little Ceasar – Lowes – Marathon – Meijer- Menard's – Mobile – Noodle & Company – Old Navy – Olive Garden – Panera – Pappa Murphy's – Pizza Hut – Red Lobster – Red Robin – Shell – Subway – Starbucks – Subway- Taco Bell – Target-Texas Road House- TJ Max- Walgreens – Walmart – Wendy's –Woodmans**

Total for 2018: \$651.02

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.

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