



November 2019 MESSENGER

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Reaching Out With God's Love and Grace

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

Alexy Hufnagle and Family	Morgan E.
Amanda Merrill	Peyton Shanor
Dick Schultz	Ragnar Ouwerkerk
Erin Mays	Ralph Moses
Family of Emily Marigliano	Rob Fox
Family of Helen Andrekus	Ron Haapala
Family of Betty Jones	Samantha Iding
Fred Mill and Family	Samantha Ludford
Harlyn Albert Family	Sandy Verno
Helen Briggs	Scott and Tami Hermes
Janis Marks	Stanley R.
Jessica Saylor	Steve Stupka
Kay Scanlan	Veronica Darling
Martin Stockwell	Victims of Human Trafficking
Maureen Schmidt	Victims of Shootings
Melanie Hartnek	Teens with Mental Illness
Milo Isaacson	Those who have no support
Mindy, Kathy and Lisa	Those who serve the church



Dear Church Family,

I just got off the phone from a very interesting conversation with my son. Interesting *and* frustrating...and I think there may be a lesson to be learned from it. Let me tell you about what happened.

First, as I say in so many sermons, let's look at the context. The car Andrew drives has been having some temperature issues—namely engine temperature that goes from cold to hot and back again at the drop of a hat, and no heat. He made arrangements to take it in to a local shop to be diagnosed before work, today, and I've been keeping my fingers crossed that whatever the fix is going to be, it won't cost too much. In parallel with that, over the weekend Andrew asked me for contact information for a couple of funeral homes with which I've worked, because a friend's family recently experienced a loss, and he wanted to help them with information. So I provided him with a couple of names and numbers.

That's the context.

This morning, shortly after going to the garage, Andrew calls and says something I don't quite catch (OK, I maybe wasn't quite paying attention), and then says words that trigger red lights and warning bells in my brain: "—they were telling me, but it was just so overwhelming that I gave them your number and said they should call you."

Now I'm seeing dollar signs, and mechanics standing around the open hood shaking their heads mournfully. "What??" I look at my watch. "Did they even take time to check it out?"

Andrew replies, somewhat irritated, "What? Yes, but there's just so much for them to figure out."

At which point another warning bell goes off, and I ask, "What did you say, at the beginning?"

And when he repeats what he said at the beginning, of course, I realize the call was *not* about the car, but about his friends, struggling to navigate through arrangements for their loved one...

Now, I would like to blame his iPhone, for a bad microphone; or Verizon, for their indifferent cell coverage in our area; but the truth is I only have myself to blame: I had not truly listened to the entire conversation, and what I did hear I filtered through the lens of my own concerns and preconceptions, to the point where I was responding in ways that were inappropriate, to things that had not been said.

When my kids were small, I listened better—it was a survival skill, as not paying attention to questions like, "Is it OK to use a fire extinguisher on the microwave?" was dangerous. And professionally, I'm still pretty good at listening. But in other ways, I'm realizing I could do better, and I plan to.

But all this makes me wonder, how much conflict do you suppose occurs because we don't always actually *listen* to what another person is saying? How often do we just hear what we're expecting to hear—and because we "know" what the other person is saying, we're just thinking about how we're going to respond? How much of the divide between different groups in society today is fed by our conviction that each group knows how the other thinks, so there's no point in listening to what they have to say?

When we are told to love one another as we love ourselves...is the first step to that, maybe, as simple as listening—truly *listening*—to what the other has to say? Perhaps so, as listening can lead to understanding, and understanding to acceptance.

It seems like it would be worth a try, don't you think?

See you in church!

Peace,
Pastor Keith

Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference is scheduled for Tuesday
December 17th, 2019 at 6:30 pm.



It will be here at our church.



Men's Breakfast Sunday, November 10th

The men in our congregation are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Sunday, November 10th 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. October pennies totaled \$42.36 and will be sent to Operation Smile Train. November pennies will go to Women and Children's Horizon.

Liturgists for November



3rd Lisa Franz
10th Lisa Hufnagle
17th Sandy Jacoby
24th Annette Meints

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

Swedish Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, November 10th
8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Swedish American Club
7002 30th Avenue
Kenosha Wisconsin
Adults \$8.00 Child \$5.00
Sponsored by Sigurd Lodge 30

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.

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 Boys 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.

Shalom to Home Update

This past month marked the one year anniversary of the participation in the Shalom to Home program. During that time, the five Methodist churches of circuit 14 (plus Wesley in Kenosha), have donated 138 kits to the Center. This equated to a total of 49 homeless families whom we have helped re-start their lives after leaving the Center. This is a feat that we can all be proud of.

However, we should not rest on our laurels, for the need is great. We have committed to meeting the needs of the entire program which has anticipated to be about sixty clients, per year. Please join us as we look forward to continuing our efforts to help change, forever, the lives of the less fortunate. -Jim Lura and Ann Bradshaw

The Daniels Family Funeral Homes

After the loss of a loved one, the approaching season may leave many people feeling sad and lonely. The staff at The Daniels Family Funeral Homes is offering a program to help people deal with managing grief called, "Experiencing the Holidays after a Loss"

The date is Sunday, November 17th at 1:00 pm at Schuete-Daniels Funeral Home in Burlington. Please see our bulletin board, for more information, or call 262-878-3434

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 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!



Holiday Celebration/Paddock Lake Lions Books & More Rummage Sale!

Saturday December 7th from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

The center is located on Hwy. C, east of Hwy. 45. Call 262-891-3436 for additional information about these events.

The Sharing Tree

We shall be participating in The Sharing Tree this year and we hope to have the tree up around Thanksgiving.

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, November 20th. 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, November 18th. The all Committees meeting is 6:30 pm, followed by Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

Celebrating a November Birthday:



3rd - Evelyn Kessel
4th - Bill Knigge
5th - Ruth Perry
5th - Jordan Potter
6th - Tami Hermes
13th - Connie Bevy
15th - Christine Holmstrom
15th - Alexis Hermes
16th - John Roberts
23rd - Joanne Simonitsch
23rd - Colten Greenhill
27th - Gretchen Verhaalen
28th - Madeline Rosin



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 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	2
3 PPUMC Worship: 8:30 am Sunday School: 9:15 SUMC Worship: 10:15 am	4	5 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	6 AA: 6:00 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:00 pm	7 Hand Bells: 7:00 pm	8 Big Book (AA): 6:00 pm	9
10 Men's breakfast: 8:30 am PPUMC Worship: 8:30 am Sunday School: 9:15 SUMC Worship: 10:15 am	11 4-H 6:30-8:30	12 Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm	13 AA: 6:00 pm Praise Power: 6:30 pm Choir: 7:00 pm	14 Hand Bells: 7:00 pm	15 Big Book (AA) 6:00 pm	16
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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, so far, for 2019: **\$ 950.47**



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



Impact Community—8,000 Hour Challenge

As of November 3rd, we completed 3,286.5 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 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)