



**Salem's Annual Praisefest  
Sunday, May 7, 9:00 AM**

Are you ready for our annual Praisefest at Salem? We will be celebrating all the gifts God has given to each of us! This special worship service will be filled with LOTS of music from our own Choir, Handbells, Recorders, and more! We will be celebrating Holy Communion as well. This service will lift your hearts and spirits as we celebrate together all that God has given us. You don't want to miss this service! Bring a friend!



**Native American Ministries Sunday, April 30th**

The United Methodist Church designates a number of Sundays throughout the year as opportunities for recognizing and supporting particular ministries. These are referred to as *Special Sundays* and most include an offering used to fund the work of these programs.

Sunday, April 30, is Native American Ministries Sunday. Reverend Michelle "Morning Star Spirit" Oberwise Lacock will preach. She has Lakota ancestors.

You will find an insert in your bulletin that includes an envelope for a monetary gift. Your gifts support Native American ministries within the annual conference. This offering provides scholarships for Native Americans attending approved United Methodist schools, and also develops and equips Native American rural and urban congregations, ministries, and communities. Your check can be made out to Salem UMC.



**Potluck at Salem!  
Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
following Worship**

Enjoy a delicious potluck lunch while getting to know Pastor Bill and his wife Jan! Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. ☺



**Confirmation Sunday:  
May 21**

Confirmation Sunday is a very special day in the lives of our young people. It's a day in which they affirm their faith and take responsibility for living as a member of the body of Christ. Salem will celebrate the Confirmation of our 2017 Confirmation class on Sunday, May 21, at 9:00 am. Being confirmed are Aaron Buxengard, Sydney Hernandez, and Cole Nease. We are so fortunate to be blessed with the gifts and graces of these fine talented young men who continue their journey of faith as members of our congregation.



**From the Outreach Ministry Team**

Thank you, Salem, for your wonderful outpouring of support for our missionary, Paul Webster. Combining the "Pie for Paul" and the Easter Offering, we collected \$1,287.00 to send to Paul. This was the first year we had a "Pie for Paul" Day, and we feel it was a success! We hope you all enjoyed the pie of your choice. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let a member of your Outreach Team know. Again, thank you for your generosity!  
Becky Henderson, Gladys Roszkowski, Carol Becher, Jim Tonz, Deb Oswalt

## Renewable Electric Energy

At the Salem Church Council meeting on April 17th, council members voted to move forward with plans to provide Salem UMC with 100% renewable electric energy for our church building. The trustees are looking into which of several renewable energy programs will best serve us. We had enough volunteers step forward at the council meeting who are willing to pay the difference (for renewable electricity vs. what we use now) for a 12-month period. Once we commit to one of the renewable energy programs, more details will be available. (We will continue to heat our church with natural gas, as the boilers require this fuel.) Watch for information for how you can participate!



### What is Rising Sun Camp?

Have you heard of Rising Sun Camp? It is a United Methodist Camp for children ages 10-14 who have one or both parents incarcerated. The camp takes place at Camp Lucerne; this year it will be July 9-14. The registration cost to campers is only \$5.00, and round trip bus transportation from Madison and Milwaukee is provided. Thirty campers are accepted on a first come, first served basis. In order to keep this camp experience affordable for the campers, please consider a monetary donation. Checks can be made to the Wisconsin Conference UMC Treasurer with "Rising Sun Camp Fund No. 7783" in the memo line. Mail your check to:

750 Windsor Street, Suite 104

Sun Prairie, Wisconsin 53590-2149

For more information about the camp, please contact Afi Dobbins at [adobbins@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:adobbins@wisconsinumc.org) ☺



### Ingathering 2017

The Wisconsin Annual Conference is being held June 16th through June 19th in Middleton, Wisconsin. This year's theme is "One with Christ." Pastor Bill Church and Betty Henderson will attend. One of the many highlights at the conference is the "Ingathering" event, in which donations are accepted for the Midwest Missions Distribution Center (MMDC).

#### *What is Midwest Mission Distribution Center?*

MMDC is a disaster relief facility located on an 8-acre campus, 4 miles south of Springfield, Illinois. The Center provides opportunities for individuals and groups from all walks of life, denominational backgrounds, abilities, and ages, to help provide disaster relief, education and medical supplies to those in need locally, nationally, and internationally. MMDC provides a "hands on" mission experience. For those receiving the supplies, we are bringing hope that someone somewhere loves them.

Watch for more information from Outreach! We will begin collecting monetary donations and items in May for this important event at the Wisconsin Annual Conference.



### Attention Graduates!

On Sunday, June 4th, we will be honoring our High School, Technical School, and College graduates during worship. If you or someone you know from Salem will be graduating this year, please contact the church office. We don't want to miss anyone! Please let us know the graduate's name, high school or college they are graduating from, and also the type of degree (for example, bachelor or masters, etc.). Email the church office at: [office@SalemOnTheHill.org](mailto:office@SalemOnTheHill.org)



## How Would You Describe YOUR Faith?

Do you question how your faith impacts and informs your daily living? Do you wonder how your faith calls you into the world? If that's the case, you are invited to join others with similar questions in a two-year journey called *Faith Alive!* It is an active and involved study about understanding our spiritual gifts, defining our ministry and service, exploring the relationship of the Bible and faith, and integrating faith into the workplace and daily living. *Faith Alive!* consists of six sessions, three weekends each year (from Friday night to noon on Sunday), over the course of two years. All sessions are held at the Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center in Wautoma, WI. The next session begins in September 2017. Amy Manns and Joan Callen just finished their two-year *Faith Alive!* experience. Bill Pardoe also has attended the program. Please consider this unique experience! Scholarships are available.



Did you know that Salem UMC purchases annual licenses so that we can legally use copyrighted material? Licensing protects everyone, and it honors the artists and publishers who create music and video.

The CVLI (Video license) allows the following:

- Pastors can use selected movies to illustrate sermon points.
- Sunday schools and Youth Groups can view the latest videos.
- Educational classes can use videos for teaching and training.
- Churches can host special event movie nights

The CCLI (Music license) allows the following:

- Efficient, cost-effective solution for legal compliance
- Store and project song lyrics
- Print songs
- Create arrangements
- Translate songs
- Record services
- Duplicate and share commercial audio recordings
- Post live recorded service music to the Web or church podcast



Reverend Paola Benecchi will become our full-time pastor in July! She will be in the pulpit beginning on July 23, 2017. Pastor Paola wanted to share with us the plans she has for Salem's Worship Themes during her first few weeks!

## Salem UMC Worship Themes July/August 2017

When I think about Love, I think about a Table. Our lives are getting too busy to find time to sit around the table with family and friends. Join us as we discover how the table is a powerful symbol in the Bible and how the table can help form and maintain relationships and community.

### July 23

The table God prepares for us  
Psalm 23

### July 30

Who's coming for dinner?  
Genesis 18:1-10

### August 6 (Holy Communion)

Share a table, share a life  
Luke 22:7-20

### August 13

At the table with Jesus  
Luke 5:27-32

### Life God's Way

Jesus has much to say about God, the human heart, the future, life, anger, love, and everything that matters. We will be digging into the wisdom and truth hidden in his parables to help us overcome what keeps us from being the people God designs us to be.

### August 20

Overcoming growth barriers  
Matthew 13:1-23

### August 27

Overcoming resentment  
Matthew 20:1-16

### September 3 (Holy Communion)

Overcoming pride  
Luke 15:11-24



### May Birthdays

- May 2 Isabella Loppnow
- 3 Nick Tonz
- 9 Nancy Mueller
- 15 Sarahi Monterrey
- 17 Kathy Jensen
- 19 Debbie Campbell
- 20 Isaac Chapin
- 20 Abigail Buxengard
- 21 Bonnie Wojcik
- 22 Ashley Scrima
- 25 Sydney Hernandez
- 26 Kyle Callen
- 26 Cole Cochran



#### May 7

- Acts 2:42-47
- Psalm 23
- 1 Peter 2:19-25
- John 10:1-10

#### May 14

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- 1 Peter 2:2-10
- John 14:1-14

#### May 21

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20
- 1 Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21

#### May 28

- Acts 1:6-14
- Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
- 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
- John 17:1-11

## Serving Salem in May

### Sunday, May 7

- Greeters: Paul & Bonnie Wojcik
- Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez
- PowerPoint: Harriet Young
- Worship Leader: Bonnie Stuempfig
- Liturgist: Lenny Hernandez
- Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
- Flowers: Dick & Marlys Tesch
- Refreshments: Ken Bringa

### Sunday, May 14

- Greeters: Ralph & Sue Yont
- Acolyte: Cole Cochran
- PowerPoint:
- Worship Leader: Maggie Bringa
- Liturgist: Carol Becher
- Children's Time: Pastor Bill
- Flowers:
- Refreshments:

### Sunday, May 21

- Greeters: Ken & Judy Schimpf
- Acolyte: Chase Hernandez
- PowerPoint:
- Worship Leader: Ken Schimpf
- Liturgist: Sydney Hernandez
- Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
- Flowers: Lenny & Karen Hernandez
- Refreshments:

### Sunday, May 28

- Greeters: Kermit & Pat Bohning
- Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard
- PowerPoint:
- Worship Leader: Judy Schimpf
- Liturgist: Peggy Barnes
- Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
- Flowers:
- Refreshments:

