

## Wisconsin Annual Conference 2017

The Wisconsin Annual Conference is being held June 16-19 in Middleton, Wisconsin. This year's theme is "One with Christ." Pastor Bill Church and Betty Henderson will attend. On Sunday, June 18th, Certified Lay Speaker Judy Schimpf will give the message during worship.



We'll be having a Church Work Day (morning, actually!) on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am until Noon. Please plan on coming to help spruce up our church grounds

and interior. We'll appreciate your help, even if you can only come for an hour or two!

## Outreach Ingathering Project

You can reach out to disaster victims by providing Personal Dignity Kits to those in need. A kit includes hand towel, washcloth, bar of soap, shampoo, deodorant, comb, nail clippers, razor, toothbrush and toothpaste.



Last year, through UMCOR relief, over 30,000 of these kits were distributed from the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. They went "just around the corner" and also nationally and internationally. Due to the agency's buying power, they are able to supply these kits valued at \$14 for only a third of the price.

What a bargain and no shopping for you! Just make your check to Salem UMC with "Ingathering" in the memo or mark your envelope if donating cash. Thank you so much.

**Don't miss the June 11 deadline!**



## Healing Service at Salem June 4, 7:00 pm

Pastor Bill will be leading a Healing Service at Salem on Sunday, June 4th at 7:00 pm. Those who minister spiritual healing are channels of God's love. God does not promise that we shall be spared suffering but does promise to be with us in our suffering. Trusting that promise, we are enabled to recognize God's sustaining presence in pain, sickness, and injury. A Service of Healing is not necessarily a service of curing, but it provides an opportunity in which healing can happen. The greatest healing of all is the reunion or reconciliation of a human being with God. When this happens, physical healing sometimes occurs, mental and emotional balance is often restored, spiritual health is enhanced, and relationships are healed.

## Sarah Circle

The June meeting of Sarah Circle will be brunch at Christina's Restaurant on Delafield Street in Waukesha. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7th.

Sarah Circle will not meet the months of July and August, but we will meet again the first Wednesday of September at 10:00 a.m. If you have questions about Sarah Circle, which is part of United Methodist Women, call Donna Reichert at 262-547-1192.



### Salem's Knitting/Crocheting Ministry

This one of the beautiful afghans made by our Knitting/Crocheting Ministry Team. Several Salem members and friends have been the recipients of afghans and prayer shawls that were handmade by these talented gals: Betty Henderson, Becky Henderson, Sandy Pardoe, Carol Becher, Peggy Barnes, Margee Klecker, Linda Chivers, and Gail Dustin. Thank you, and keep up the beautiful work!

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship met on May 12th and discussed the first chapter in the book, The Rock Speaks: Ten Lessons Based on 1st Corinthians 10:4, by Cindy Steinbeck. They were pleased to have Pastor Bill join them. We will next meet Saturday, June 11th at Perkins restaurant to discuss Chapter 2, "Sand". Book copies are available if you would like to join them. Please contact Gary Wollenzien, 262-542-1275.



### Worship Ministry Team

The Worship Ministry Team will be meeting at the church on Wednesday, June 21st at 6:00 pm. Pastor Paola will be joining us. We also plan on those involved in any part of worship services to join us.



### FAITH ALIVE!

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. Pastor Paola is also a leader for one of the weekends. Please consider this unique experience! Please pick up a brochure on the kiosk. Scholarships are available. Please speak with Pastor Bill or Pastor Paola.

### BINGO at Linden Grove

On Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 pm, our United Methodist Women will be hosting the Bingo Party at Linden Grove. All members of Salem are welcome to help with this event! Starting Sunday, June 4, there will be a sign up sheet on the kiosk for participants to sign. Your arrival time should be around 2:00 pm. Also, prizes are needed and can be placed in the basket marked BINGO in the narthex. Prizes such as used stuffed animals, longer necklaces, bracelets, kleenex, and tic tacs are some ideas.

### Thank you

We thank all of our Salem friends for lovely cards of well wishes, calls and meals prepared while Gerry has been in treatment for cancer. We appreciate all of the prayers offered and feel blessed by them. A topic of discussion often has been, "where have you seen God today?" We see the hand of God everyday as we deal with this disease and associate with so many who also rely on the grace and mercy of our God.  
-Gerry and Donna Reichert

## *A letter from our future Pastor:*



***For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.***  
-Jeremiah 29:11

Dear friends at Salem UMC,

I thought it could be helpful to share some information about me before I meet you in person. I was born and grew up in Italy, and I am 5th generation Methodist. (No, not all Italians are Catholic!) My great-great-grandfather founded the first Methodist Church in Italy. Both my father and grandfather were Methodist ministers.

I received my calling to ministry as a teenager during a powerful worship service in a youth church camp. During my twenty-seven years of pastoral work, I have experienced moments of deep discouragement and uncertainty, but I have never doubted that God called me to ordained ministry. His Spirit never left my side throughout all the highs and lows of my years of service.

I graduated from the theological seminary in Italy. I was also blessed with the opportunity to study at the McCormick seminary in Chicago where I received a Master in theology. In 1996, I married a Wisconsinite and pastor, John Hobbins. After our ordinations, we served congregations in Italy and had our first child, Giovanni. Giovanni is a creative designer, lives in Atlanta, and just became engaged.

In 1993, we moved to Madison so that John could go back to school. I never thought I would be a pastor again, but God surprised me with a renewed calling, first to youth ministry, and then to full time ministry at Bethany UMC in Madison. During that time, our second child was born, Elisabetta, who just graduated from Johns Hopkins. She will start medical school in a year and is taking a gap year to serve with a non-profit called Medical Missionaries in Haiti.

In 1999, I received a calling to a new church start in Waunakee at Crossroads UMC. It was a wonderful, uplifting, and exhausting experience. After building the actual church building with so many committed and amazing people, I got the biggest surprise of all: a new baby girl. Anna is going to be a freshman at Waukesha West High School in Waukesha this Fall!!

After Crossroads, I was called to the Family Church, another new church start, where I served for the past 12 years. I have been blessed in creating a ministry for families with many gifted and faithful people.

Now a new chapter begins, and I can't wait to see what God has in the store for us. I look forward to meeting all of you very soon, and discovering your passions and your vision for Salem UMC.

Blessings,  
Pastor Paola

*Pastor Bill's last Sunday as interim minister is July 16, and Pastor Paola will be in the pulpit starting July 23. We look forward to Pastor Paola becoming a part of the Salem family!*

## *Treasurer's* CORNER

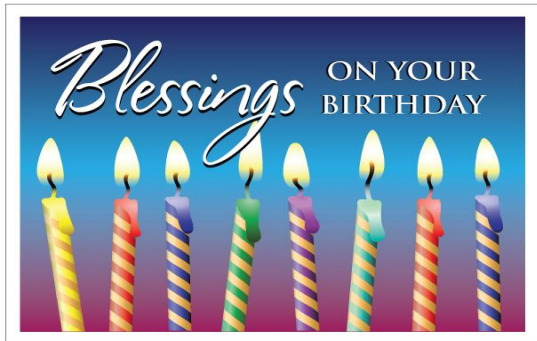
### **Treasurers Corner**

Operating income for the first four months of 2017 has slightly exceeded expenses.

However, remember that we currently are not paying any Pastoral expenses for health insurance, pension, or housing allowance, so this is somewhat misleading. Apportionment payments are current. Large extra expenses coming up include a quarterly insurance payment. New shingles for the garage roof are also in the planning stage.

With the arrival of Pastor Paola, the additional expenses for health insurance, pension, and housing will resume. Thank you for your timely contributions and please remember Salem as we enter the busy summer season. Feel free to ask me any questions.

-Kermit Bohning



### June Birthdays

June	7	Harriet Marks
	11	Jim Tonz
	12	Marc Loppnow
	12	Gloria Rongstad
	12	Jose Agpoon
	15	Mary Fischer
	17	Paula Cooley
	24	Patrick Tonz
	25	Nathan Broege



#### June 4

Acts 2:1-21  
 Psalm 104:24-35b  
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
 John 7:37-39

#### June 11

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4  
 Psalm 8  
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
 Matthew 28:16-20

#### June 18

Genesis 18:1-15  
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
 Romans 5:1-8  
 Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

#### June 25

Genesis 21:8-21  
 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
 Romans 6:1b-11  
 Matthew 10:24-39

## Serving Salem in June

### Sunday, June 4

Greeters: Bob & Bonnie Stuempfig  
 Acolyte: Isaac Chapin  
 PowerPoint: Paul Becher  
 Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch  
 Liturgist: Ruth Teschner  
 Children's Time: Judy Schimpf  
 Flowers:  
 Refreshments:

### Sunday, June 11

Greeters: Terry & Sue Risc  
 Acolyte: Seth Hernandez  
 PowerPoint: John Klopp  
 Worship Leader: Kim Newton  
 Liturgist: Sheryl Crusan  
 Children's Time: Pastor Bill  
 Flowers: Rob & Gladys Roszkowski  
 Refreshments: Greg & Kim Newton

### Sunday, June 18

Greeters: Brian & Eileen Fischer  
 Acolyte: Zachary Buxengard  
 PowerPoint: Harriet Young  
 Worship Leader: Harriet Young  
 Liturgist: Vicki Nease  
 Children's Time: Bill Pardoe  
 Flowers:  
 Refreshments:

### Sunday, June 25

Greeters: Brian & Debbie Campbell  
 Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez  
 PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien  
 Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning  
 Liturgist: Marlys Tesch  
 Children's Time: Bill Pardoe  
 Flowers:  
 Refreshments:

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**  
**SALEM IS HEREBY IN NEED OF**  
**VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS**  
**FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP TIME AFTER**  
**WORSHIP. SEE THE KIOSK TO SIGN UP.**  
**WE HAVE MANY OPEN DATES! 😊**