



**Everyone is invited to the  
Annual Christmas Party  
at Salem!**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 pm**

Come one, come all! Bring your family and friends! Hosted by our Salem UMW, we'll enjoy delightful music by the Civic Broadway Singers who will sing for us the songs of Christmas.

Come and enjoy food, Fellowship, and fun!

### News from Marie



A special thank you to all who came back and shared a treat and craft with us on Sunday, November 22, following worship. We loved having the chance to show you our church school area and talk with you over cookies and cake. Please feel free to come back and see what we are working on any Sunday! Salem is our foundation and we would love to get to know all of the members and friends of our congregation a little better.

Our church school classes have been busily working on this year's Christmas Program. We are looking forward to sharing the Christmas story and songs with the congregation on December 13th. Please plan to attend this special service as we enter into the holiday season. We then invite you to stay after worship for our annual brunch in the fellowship area. Please see the sign-up sheet outside the lounge for all the details and to reserve your spot. We ask that you bring a dish to pass. Dessert, beverages and place settings will be provided.



**Sunday, December 13th  
9:00 AM**

Everyone is invited to the annual Salem Children's Christmas Program! Come and share with the children in this time of preparation for the coming of our Savior. Please mark your calendars to be a part of this wonderful service.

Following worship, we invite you to join us for brunch in the fellowship hall. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex, outside of the lounge. Please sign up for a dish to pass. We look forward to seeing you in worship on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>!



### Christmas Shopping Childcare!

Let the Salem's Nurture Team make your Christmas shopping a little easier this year! If you would like to shop without the kids for a few hours just drop off your children at Salem's nursery on Saturday, December 5. We will be providing child care from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

### Winter 2015-16 Adult Bible Study:

"Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings"  
Begins Sunday, December 6, at 10:10 am

Join Pastor Jorge for this Bible-based and Christ-focused series that is an approved resource by the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. Grab a cup of coffee, some refreshments, and meet us in the Adult Classroom.



**The “Giving Tree”**  
 With your help, the Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County has served our community for 66 years. Last year alone, they coordinated giving to

4,600 children from 2,000 families in need. This year Salem is adopting 3 families in need. The “Giving Tree” is decorated, and we are counting on Salem’s generous support to assist these three local families in need during this Christmas season. We are proud and thankful of the past outpouring from Salem. Please consider taking an ornament off the tree again this year and help bring the joy of Christmas to a needy family in Waukesha. **Just remember to return your wrapped gift to Salem by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>!**

**Interfaith  
 Holiday Giving**  
*Celebrate the  
 Season of Joy*



Please consider taking a tag off the bulletin board and purchase the item listed! This includes various gift cards and stamps. Thank you for your continued support to enable 500 seniors and adults with disabilities to receive their Holiday Giving gifts! Remember to include activation slips. **Please bring in your items to Salem by Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>!**



**Next Food Pantry Sunday is December 13th**

Donating to the Food Pantry’s is a wonderful way to “give back” to the community. Please consider providing ongoing monthly support by: 1) Place your monetary donation in an envelope, label it “Food Pantry” and drop it in the collection plate. It will be sent to the Pantry and will allow them to purchase items like milk and eggs. 2) Take one of the colored “Take Me” cards from the pew holder. It lists common items that the Pantry needs monthly. Keep this card in your car with your shopping bags/coupons, and share one with a friend. 3) Use your coupons to buy 2 or more of an item. Donate what you can’t use. All of these options will help keep the Pantry’s shelves full.

**THANK YOU SALEM!**

**Update on “Imagine No Malaria”**

To date, United Methodists have raised just over \$68 million of our \$75 million goal. We’ve reached 90% of our goal! We’re almost there! Help us reach \$75 million by making a donation and make a difference in the life of a child, adult or family. **Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> is “Giving Tuesday”**, and is a huge opportunity for United Methodists to begin the holiday season by giving, instead of receiving. Starting at midnight on that day, the first \$1 million given through the Advance will be matched - which makes it the perfect time to donate to Imagine No Malaria. To make an online donation on December 1<sup>st</sup>, visit: <http://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/>

**Thank You!**

On November 6, we were invited to help Pastor Jorge and Rosy celebrate their birthdays with a El Salvadorian dinner at Salem. The food was prepared and served by the Mayorga family. Pastor Jorge and Rosy entertained us with guitars and singing, and we were able to raise \$790.00 for our Endowment Fund. What a fun night, and the proceeds will benefit our own ministries at Salem! Thank you for your support as a congregation, and special thanks to Pastor Jorge, Rosy, and their family for the delicious meal and entertainment!



The family of George Luthé would like to thank you for all your prayers and warm thoughts. You have prayed for this man without ever meeting him. You have sent him cards as well. I assure you he is in his heavenly home is a much better place. Thank you for your love.  
 Maggie & Ken Bringa

**Flowers for the Altar**

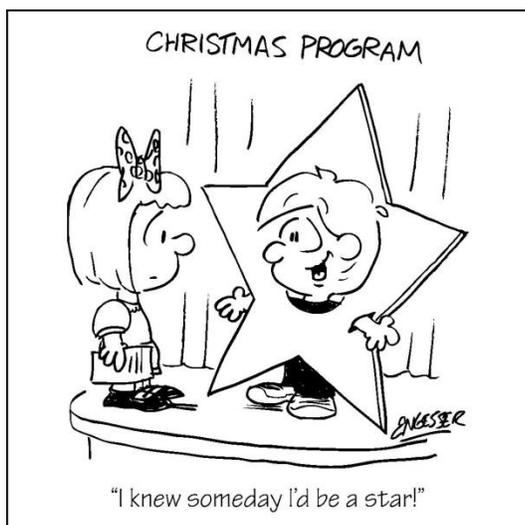
The 2016 Flower Chart will be posted soon on the kiosk. Flowers are a wonderful way to add beauty to our altar, and it is a way to either honor someone or remember someone special to us. Sometimes we don't sign up because we don't know how to get the flowers to church or how to place them on the altar before service on Sunday. Bonnie Stuempfig and Donna Reichert prepare the sanctuary for worship each week, and they would encourage you to give them a call if you need this service. They can arrange to either meet you at church or purchase the arrangement for you at a price acceptable to you. Watch for the chart to be posted in early December.

**Get to know**  
*Our newest member!*

In December, we will welcome a new member to Salem! Brian Fischer's mother, Mary Frances Fischer (nee Glick), will join our Salem family. Brian shared the following information about his mom. You'll see she is quite an interesting person!

- Mary was born on June 15, 1921 (she is 94 years old!)
- Grew up during the Great Depression in southern Illinois
- Graduated from the University of Illinois (math major)
- Married to Ned E. Fischer (deceased) on October 6, 1943
- 2 children (Brian and Dian), 6 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren
- Worked much of her adult life with Ned in the family architectural and engineering business (bookkeeping, financial affairs, etc.)
- Formerly lived in Brookfield, Wisconsin (until 1967) and was a member of Brookfield United Methodist Church for many years, until it closed and merged with Peace United Methodist Church
- Currently resides in her own home (with full-time caregivers) on Lake Nagawicka
- Mary is a crossword puzzle whiz, enjoyed waterskiing until she was about 88 years old, travelled the world with her husband, and enjoys her vegetable garden
- Please add the following information to your directories:

Mary F. Fischer  
 2556 Woodland Park Drive  
 Delafield, WI 53018  
 Telephone: (262) 646-2647  
 Birthday: June 15



*THIS MONTH'S*  
**birthdays**

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| December 4 | Sue Guenther       |
| 5          | Samari Monterrey   |
| 6          | Jacques Crusan     |
| 9          | Mario Monterrey    |
| 10         | Harriet Young      |
| 10         | Lydia Kelley       |
| 11         | Bonnie Stuempfig   |
| 13         | Jeff Jinkins       |
| 15         | Jessica Tomaszczak |
| 16         | Marie Broege       |
| 16         | Liz Scrima         |
| 20         | John Huebner       |
| 22         | Sheryl Crusan      |
| 24         | Ed Padgett         |
| 25         | Abby Mitchell      |
| 27         | Jenny Tonz         |
| 28         | Gary Rongstad      |
| 29         | Julie Mitchell     |
| 31         | Betty Henderson    |



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| December 6  | Malachi 3:1-4<br>Luke 1:68-79<br>Philippians 1:3-11<br>Luke 3:1-6       |
| December 13 | Zephaniah 3:14-20<br>Isaiah 12:2-6<br>Philippians 4:4-7<br>Luke 3:7-18  |
| December 20 | Micah 5:2-5a<br>Luke 1:47-55<br>Hebrews 10:5-10<br>Luke 1:39-45         |
| December 27 | 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26<br>Psalm 148<br>Colossians 3:12-17<br>Luke 2:41-52 |

## Serving Salem in December

### **Sunday, December 6**

Greeters: Paul & Carol Becher  
Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez  
PowerPoint: John Klopp  
Worship Leader: Bonnie Stuempfig  
Liturgists: Isaac Chapin & Ruth Teschner  
Children's Time: Kim Newton  
Serving Communion:  
Flowers: Ralph & Sue Yont  
Refreshments: Ralph & Sue Yont

### **Sunday, December 13**

Greeters: Dave & Penny Feller  
Acolyte: Zachary Buxengard  
Worship Leader: Christmas Program  
Liturgists: Carol Becher & Donna Reichert  
Children's Time: Christmas Program  
Flowers: Aaron & Nathan Broege  
Refreshments: Christmas Program Brunch

### **Sunday, December 20**

Greeters: Bill & Sandy Pardoe  
Acolyte: Maddi Loppnow  
PowerPoint: Harriet Young  
Worship Leader: Kim Newton  
Liturgists: Cole Cochran & Steve Broege  
Children's Time: Marie Broege  
Flowers: Poinsettias  
Refreshments: Mildred Walsh

### **Sunday, December 27**

Greeters: Rob & Gladys Roszkowski  
Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard  
PowerPoint: Paul Becher  
Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch  
Liturgists: Harriet Young & Marlys Tesch  
Children's Time: Marie Broege  
Flowers: Poinsettias  
Refreshments:



## *Christmas Bible Quiz*

1. Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
2. True or False: Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus because they were following a star.
3. What form of transportation did Mary and Joseph use to get to Bethlehem?
4. Which book in the Old Testament had the most to say about the birth of Christ?
5. Who told Joseph the baby's name was to be Jesus?
6. Can you list 5 names of Jesus found in the Bible? (Including Old Testament prophecies)
7. What are the meanings of the names *Jesus* and *Emmanuel*?
8. The shepherds and the wise men went to see Jesus. Which group followed a star and which group went to find the baby because an angel told them where to look?
9. What did the angels sing to the shepherds?
10. When the shepherds went looking for Jesus, what was the sign they were to look for?
11. How many wise men or kings or magi came to see Jesus?
14. What are the three gifts which are mentioned being given by the wise men?

### **Answers:**

1. Caesar Augustus.
2. False.
3. The Bible does not say. It was an 80 mile trip for them. Artists often depict them riding a donkey.
4. The book of Isaiah.
5. An angel in Matthew 1:21.
6. Jesus, Emmanuel, the Christ, Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
7. Jesus means "Savior", and Emmanuel means "God with us".
8. The shepherds followed the instructions of the angels. The wise men followed the star to find the place where Jesus was.
9. The angels praised God with these words: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
10. A baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
11. The Bible does not say how many wise men there were. Tradition says there were three because of the three gifts. It is very likely there were many more than just three.
12. Gold, frankincense and myrrh.