



Salem United Methodist Church

Growing Together on the Journey with Christ

A note from Pastor Paola

***In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.***

Natalie Sleeth
United Methodist Hymnal # 707

This is one of my favorite hymns. Perfect for this season. It captures the greatest promise of all times: in God we can see signs of new life blossoming out of any darkness and despair. Even in the midst of Good Friday we can have a glimpse of Sunday, Easter Sunday.

I just traveled back from Thomassique, one of the poorest towns in Haiti. My daughter Betta works there in a clinic supported by Medical Missionaries.

The first day I was there, I became completely overwhelmed and crushed by the living conditions: no running water, no electricity, not even latrines. The water from the wells in town is undrinkable. The land is dry during this season, so no fruits or vegetables are available. No roads. Shacks in place of homes. I thought I saw poverty in my life, but nothing could ever prepare me for what I saw in Thomassique. I felt the impulse to run away.

Then something happened. Instead of running away, I began visiting families with Betta and Wilner, a local Haitian

man who is the Assistant Director of the child malnutrition program that literally saves lives of children. I went to the crazy, crowded market. I cooked and ate with new friends who invited me to their humble homes. I helped at the clinic with a bunch of chores. Before I knew it, I was laughing, playing with children, trying (unsuccessfully) to communicate in Creole, hugging, and kissing people! Nobody could learn my name, but I became "Momma Betta" (my daughter's name) to everyone!!!

The day I left, a lot of tears were shed. These people have a faith in God that sustain them, give them hope, and make them laugh in the midst of unbearable life conditions.

Although I was in Thomassique only one week, my soul was renewed, my faith strengthened, and my eyes started seeing joy in the mist of despair.

Even in the midst of Good Friday, we can live our lives in the light of the Resurrection.

Blessings,
Pastor Paola



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Celebration of the Resurrection:
April 1

Easter Egg Hunt!

Following worship on Easter Sunday

Food Pantry

Sunday March 11

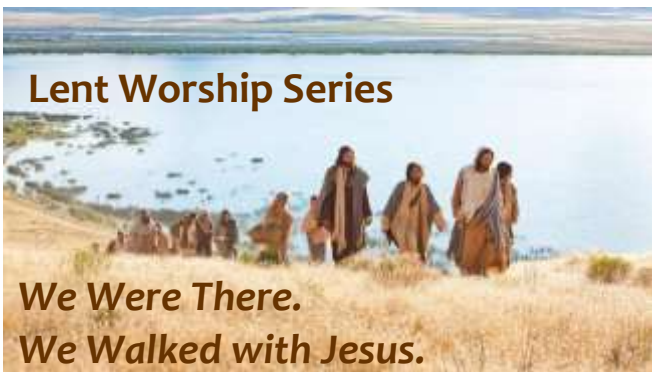


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Spring Ahead!

Daylight Savings
Time begins Mar. 11

Lent Worship Series



We Were There.

We Walked with Jesus.

Walk with the men and women who witnessed the passion of Jesus.

March 4 Third Sunday of Lent/Communion

Overpowering fear: Peter

John 13:36-38 and 18:15-18; 25-27

March 11 Fourth Sunday of Lent

In search of the truth: Pilate

John 18:28-40 and 19:1-16

March 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent

A new family: The disciples under the cross

John 19:26-27 and Acts 1:12-14

March 25 Palm Sunday, Children/Youth Parade

From Darkness to Light: Nicodemus

John 3:1-21 and 19:39-42

Good Friday

March 30

7:00 pm Tenebrae

The word "tenebrae"

comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness and silence, with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus.



Lenten Bible Study on Sundays after worship:

"Final Words from the Cross"

We are exploring the words that Jesus said during the last six hours that he hung dying on the cross, as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. We're looking at what these words mean for our lives today. Just drop in as you can! Class ends on Sunday, March 25.



Maundy Thursday

March 29th

6:30 – 8:00 PM

The Passover Seder (which means "order," because of the fixed order of service), is a celebration observed in

Jewish homes with relatives and friends. It is led by an elder member of the family, but all who attend are active participants. The celebration tells the story of Israel's exodus from Egypt three hundred years ago. It includes special activities to hold the interest of children. This is the last meal Jesus celebrated with his disciples in the Upper room on Thursday night, the day before he was killed.

We will celebrate the Seder meal in our fellowship hall. People will gather around tables and will follow the service that includes readings, songs, and eating of the elements of the Seder meal. At the end of the Seder meal we will share a soup dinner, and we will close with the celebration of Communion. Our friends from First UMC in Waukesha have been invited to join us.

EASTER SUNDAY

HE IS RISEN

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Continental
Breakfast & Easter Egg
Hunt

SUNDAY SCHOOL March Teaching Plan

Sunday, March 4th

No Class. Communion
Sunday

Sunday, March 11th 9:15 AM

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Sunday, March 18th 9:15 AM

Children: The Crucifixion of Jesus

Teens: Caring for God's Creation, Part 2

Sunday, March 25th 9:15 AM

The Resurrection of Christ



Upcoming Worship Series at Salem:

I Am Glad You Are Here

Christ welcomes us as we are and he challenges to open our doors, our hearts and our minds and experience the blessing of hospitality.

April 8 Hospitality 101 Luke 14:1-14

April 15 Unexpected Guests Luke 14:15-24

Creation: Gift & Responsibility

As Christians, our concern for the earth is not blocked by our faith; it is actually triggered by our faith. Care for the earth is a way to give glory to God, Our Creator

April 22 Earth Day

***In the Beginning God Created* Genesis 1:1-25**

April 29

***Be Fruitful and Increase in Number; Fill the Earth and Take Charge* Genesis 1:26-31**

May 6 Lay Speaker, Kermit Bohning

***Farming the Garden of Eden* Genesis 2:8-17**



Undie Sundays End March 4th

Sunday, March 4, is your last chance to drop off underwear, warm socks, underpants, t-shirts etc. These items are needed for men, women and children. At local clothing outreach centers, these items are very limited. Sometimes there is NO underwear available at all! Place your items in the big wash tub in the narthex underneath the Outreach bulletin board. If you prefer that we do the shopping for you, please place a monetary donation or a check in an envelope marked "Undie Sunday" and place in the offering plate. (Checks can be made to Salem UMC.) Thank you so much!



**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME
BEGINS
MARCH 11TH**



Welcome to our newest members!

Top: Rei & Edna Lesada, Doug & Chris Taylor

Bottom: Ken Bringa, Greg Trombley (with son Cash), and Bob Lacock

Get-to Know Doug and Chris Taylor

Doug & Chris have lived in Waukesha since 2001, when Doug had a job transfer from southwestern Illinois. They were at First UMC in Waukesha before coming to Salem.

Doug is Traffic Manager for a chemical manufacturer. Chris spent many years as a college professor. She recently transitioned to working from home, doing online marriage ministry, and building a coaching and editing business for Christian writers. Doug and Chris enjoy spending time with their three adult children and going camping. We welcome Doug & Chris to Salem!

The newest prayer afghan made by Salem's Knitting Ministry



If you are interested in joining this ministry, please see Becky Henderson. Currently they meet on Thursday mornings at Salem at 10:00 AM. They knit prayer shawls and afghans for members of our congregation in time of illness or who need comfort, they knit mittens and hats for those in our community who need warmth in the winter months, and they do some personal knitting projects of their own too! ☺



The Battle is over!

Congratulations to the winner of the Lasagna Battle – Rich Manns! He received a trophy and chef's hat for the Best Lasagna - 2018! We thank Rich, Bill Pardoe, and Pastor Paola for taking the time and effort to make three unique and very delicious lasagnas. Thank you, Salem for so generously giving to the Haiti project. We raised 4 times as much money as we hoped for! The grand total of \$1800 was taken to Medical Missionaries personally by Paola and Betta. Thank you, Salem, for your support!

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A BIG THANK-YOU

Our Sweetheart Dinner on Feb. 9 was a great time to relax and enjoy good food, music and conversation. On behalf of the Nurture Committee, I am so grateful to all those who provided fabulous desserts, beautiful love songs and both piano and guitar accompaniment, table decorations and both set-up and clean-up. Once again, Sunset Family Restaurant was generous with their delicious dinner and on-time delivery. And thank you, God, for giving us decent driving weather!

- Bonnie Stuempfig



Palm Sunday Pie Day! March 25th

On Palm Sunday, we will be accepting donations to send to our missionary,

Paul Webster, in Mujila Falls Zambia, Africa. Please give generously, then select a piece of pie to enjoy after the service or to take home with you. We have not designated a specific project to help support yet, as there are so many needs. Be assured Paul will use our donations wisely! Check the bulletin board next to the office to see some of the things Paul does at the farm, or do a search for Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre on Facebook.

You will be amazed to see what he has accomplished in such a poor country and with limited resources! He promotes programs in education, health, agriculture, community development, evangelism and church construction. Interns from high schools often come to learn at the Ag Centre as well as Peace Corps volunteers who come to be trained. What a blessing he is to all those who have contact with him!

Treasurer's Corner

Here is an update on our finances:

January expenses were \$1284 more than income. February expenses are projected to be almost \$20,000 with income for the first three weeks at only \$12,000. Please help us by staying current on your contributions.

THANK YOU!

Treasurer's
CORNER

To my Salem family,
I would like to thank
all of you for your
prayers and support
during Mike's battle
with cancer.

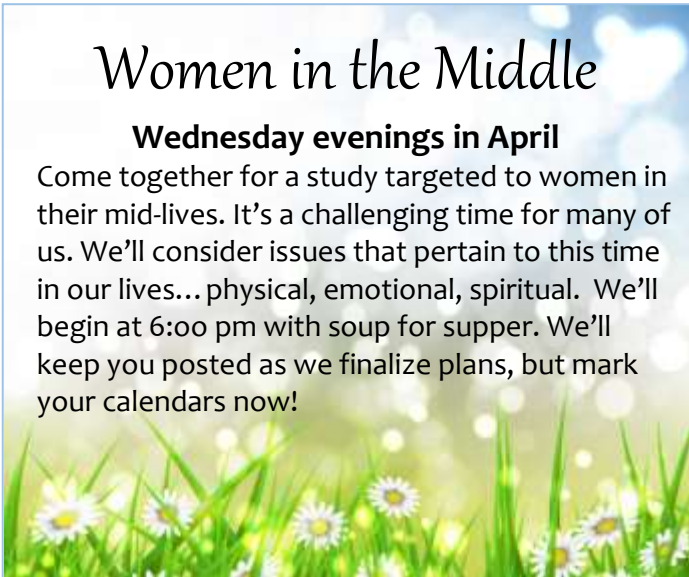
Sincerely,
Peggy Barnes



Women in the Middle

Wednesday evenings in April

Come together for a study targeted to women in their mid-lives. It's a challenging time for many of us. We'll consider issues that pertain to this time in our lives... physical, emotional, spiritual. We'll begin at 6:00 pm with soup for supper. We'll keep you posted as we finalize plans, but mark your calendars now!



2018 Graduates?

If you or someone you know from Salem is graduating from high school, college, or post-graduate school, please let the office know. We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, June 3, during worship. Please contact Amy in the office at: office@SalemOnTheHill.org or 262-547-5231.

Praisefest 2018

May 13th

Mother's Day



AN IRISH BLESSING

May **GOD** give you
for every storm, a rainbow,
for every tear, **a smile**,
for every care, **a promise**,
& a **BLESSING** in each trial.





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| March 2 | Matt Henderson |
| 8 | Ashley Newton |
| 9 | Mary Watt |
| 14 | Libbi Chapin |
| 16 | Lois Hanson |
| 17 | Aaron Broege |
| 18 | Ben Manns |
| 20 | Perla Agpoon |
| 20 | Jo Bentley |
| 29 | Rita Harasha |
| 30 | Sandy Pardoe |
| 31 | Doug Taylor |

MARCH LECTIONARY

March 4 Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 11 Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 18 Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 25 (Palm Sunday)
Mark 11:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

March 29 (Maundy Thursday)
Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 30 (Good Friday)
Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1 – 19:42

We could use
some for
fellowship
time!!

Serving Salem in March

Sunday, March 4

Greeters: Paul & Bonnie Wojcik
Acolyte: Seth Hernandez
PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien
Worship Leader: Michelle Lacock
Liturgist: Bob Lacock
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Bob & Michelle Lacock
Refreshments: Bob & Michelle Lacock

Sunday, March 11

Greeters: Ralph & Sue Yont
Acolyte: Cole Nease
PowerPoint: Harriet Young
Worship Leader: Bonnie Stuempfig
Liturgist: John Klopp
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
Flowers: Brian & Eileen Fischer
Refreshments:

Sunday, March 18

Greeters: Brian & Eileen Fischer
Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard
PowerPoint: Paul Becher
Worship Leader: Kim Newton
Liturgist: Sydney Hernandez
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers: Rich & Amy Manns
Refreshments: Rich & Amy Manns

Sunday, March 25

Greeters: Brian & Debbie Campbell
Acolyte: Zachary Buxengard
PowerPoint: John Klopp
Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning
Liturgist: Harriet Young
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
Flowers:
Refreshments: "Pie for Paul"

