



Salem United Methodist Church

Growing Together on the Journey with Christ



A note from Pastor Paola

But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness, and in the love we have kindled in you - see that you also excel in the grace of giving.

(2 Corinthians 8:7)

Last night I was running errands with my daughter Anna. I looked the time, and I realized I needed to be at church in half an hour for a meeting. I said to Anna: "I don't have time to cook dinner for you tonight, I have a meeting soon!" She looked me straight in the eyes and with great seriousness and dignity she said, "I'll take you out for dinner tonight. You don't need to worry about it."

I almost fell off the seat! What? My 14 year-old (who just got a job at a fast food restaurant for minimum wage, only few hours a week) is taking me out to dinner? I was about to tell her she shouldn't worry about it, but I realized I had no right to take away from her the joy and pride of giving.

(By the way....It was the best fast food dinner I ever had!!!)

I believe this is what the apostle Paul meant when he was talking to the

church in Corinth about excelling in the grace of giving. People in that church were excelling in many areas, but they often forgot about the grace of giving. The grace of giving is the highest of all graces. It is God's deepest joy and desire. The world may constantly measure you based on how much you own and possess. God measures you based on how much you can give. In God's economy, everyone is given the pride and joy of giving.

In the two months I have been among you at Salem, I have felt my soul touched over and over again by your generosity. You know all about excelling in the grace of giving. For this reason, I am so excited that this Fall we will be given the opportunity to take the grace of giving a step further. God is blessing us with the opportunity to come together and greatly impact the present and future of our church family.

We are about to kick off a financial campaign that will culminate with "Miracle Sunday" on November 12. Inside in this Tidings, you can read all the details about our campaign. Members and friends of Salem will also be receiving a letter, and you will have plenty of opportunities to ask questions in the next two months.

Meanwhile, let's open our hearts and minds to the miracle God is making among us.

May God bless you all,
Pastor Paola

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September 30,
6:00 pm

Worship with Guest Musician Rich Rubietta,

Sunday, Oct. 1,
9:00 am

"Ask the Pastor"

Pastor Paola has answers!
Oct. 8 & 15

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At Salem

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Burn the Mortgage, Heat up the Church, Open Doors

Together we can do something amazing....see page 3!

Miracle Sunday

November 12



**A Special Weekend:
Saturday, September 30th and
Sunday, October 1st**

Mark your calendars for a special weekend at Salem! United Methodist modern-day Circuit Rider, Rich Rubietta, from Park Ridge, Illinois, will be our guest. Rich is a singer/songwriter and worship leader. He leads interactive worship experiences, which include audience participation and upbeat versions of familiar hymns and original material. Here is the schedule:



Saturday, Sept. 30 at 6:00 PM...we will enjoy our annual outdoor praise service, led by Rich Rubietta. This is an awesome time to invite a friend to join us in a special worship service for the community. We'll enjoy a chili supper following worship.

Sunday, Oct. 1 at 9:00 AM... Rich will be with us as well on Sunday morning to enhance our worship experience. Another opportunity to invite a friend!

Sunday, Oct. 1, following morning worship.... Rich will lead a retreat for our church council, and they'd like to invite **everyone else who is interested!** This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and take part in imagining what the future of Salem UMC can be! We are planning to have potluck/brunch after church. Please bring some breakfast items to share (such as bagels, fruits, muffins, etc.). The retreat will be from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. No Packers game that day... so you won't miss a thing! ☺

Worship Themes



**Salem UMC Worship Themes
October/November**

October 1 (Holy Communion)

Rich Rubietta will lead us in worship. An excellent opportunity to invite a friend!

October 8 "Ask the Pastor"

Pastor Paola will answer questions such as: *Why does God allow suffering? What does heaven look like?*

October 15 "Ask the Pastor"

Pastor Paola will answer questions along these topics: *Church, Sex, Marriage... Is everyone welcome here?*

October 22 UMW Sunday with guest speaker Fiona Odum

**New theme: The Miracle of the Stone Soup
(Salem UMC Stewardship Campaign)**

Join us in worship as we reach toward our Miracle Sunday, growing in faithfulness and discipleship:

October 29th 1st Sunday

The Mighty Penny: The Widow's Offering
Mark 12:41-44

November 5th 2nd Sunday

The Loss of Hoarding: The Rich Young Man
Mark 10:17-27

November 12th 3rd Sunday: **Miracle Sunday**

The Liberating Joy of Giving: Zacchaeus
Luke 19:1-9

November 19th Thanksgiving Sunday

November 26th Thankfulness



OUR MAGICAL STONE SOUP

"Together we can do something amazing"



MIRACLE SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 12

We are about to kick off a financial campaign that will culminate with Miracle Sunday on November 12.

There are two parts to this campaign. **Part one is focused on a capital drive:**

Burn the Mortgage - Heat Up the Church - Open Doors!

The **first goal** is to retire the mortgage from the narthex construction. It is due March 10, 2018 with either a significant balloon payment or the need to go through the costs to refinance. We will need approximately \$9,000 to retire the mortgage. The **second goal** is the needed repairs to the boiler. There is no option but to do the repairs, and the planning for this project is underway. The cost estimate is \$9,000. The **third goal** is the replacement of the east entry doors. The cost estimate is \$2,000. The total goal of this capital drive is \$20,000 and is similar to the successful window project. The hope is to have a full commitment for \$20,000 and to raise a significant portion of this on **Miracle Sunday**, with the option to commit to a donation by Sunday, February 11, 2018.

Part two is the annual Stewardship and Pledge Drive which will also culminate on **Miracle Sunday**. The goal of the pledge drive is for everyone to make a commitment to support and grow our church's ministry for 2018 through a financial pledge. (We wish to establish a funding stream that eliminates decisions on which bills to pay and not pay each month, and instead allows decisions about which ministry activities are we going to initiate and grow.) We are asking each of you to consider and pray about increasing your support to Salem's ministry. These are exciting times at Salem with many planning activities underway!

Please join us on **Sunday October 8 after worship for a question and answer session**. Please plan to join us in worship on the three Sundays dedicated to stewardship: **October 29, November 5, and of course, on Miracle Sunday, November 12** (worship with a meal afterward). Everyone is invited from the youngest to the oldest. We need everyone's love, prayers, and gifts to make the miracle happen!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

October 1: Our children will stay in worship... we have special musical guest & worship leader, Rich Rubietta!

October 8: The prophet Elijah and the prophets of Baal.

October 15: Naaman is healed. Teen Class will pick out our project from lesson 1 & 2 (caring for the sick)

October 22: Daniel and a den of lions.

October 29: John the Baptist.



Book Sale to Benefit the Salem Library! Sunday, October 15th

Have we got a sale for you!

If you'd like a really good read,
On Oct. 15th you'll get a steal, indeed.

We have books and books and books galore.

You could hardly ask for anything more!

We have books on religion, sports and cooking.

You'll find something good – just keep on looking.

There are beautiful books that will make you sigh,
and sad ones that will bring a tear to your eye.

Whether it be fiction or not,

You'll want to check out everything we've got.

(If you have any more books to donate, bring them to the library and we'll find a place to stash them until the sale on Oct. 15th.)



UMW Sunday, October 22, 9:00 AM

Join us for a special service led by our United Methodist Women! As our guest speaker, we have invited a special young

woman, Fiona Odum, who is 18 years old will be attending Macalester College on a scholarship this fall. Fiona has recently attended the UMW Seminar in Washington D.C. and New York City. She is on the UMW National Executive Team as the teen/young women representative. Mark your calendars for this special Sunday at Salem!

Learn More!

Are you interested in more information about: Social Justice? Climate Justice? DACA? You are encouraged to subscribe to the GBCS (General Board of Church & Society) newsletter, "Faith in Action". It is free, and contains loads of information on current work that the United Methodist Church is doing for Social Justice, Climate Justice, DACA, and more. For more information, visit: www.umcjustice.org

Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease:

What you Need to Know

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

6:00 pm

Oak Hill Terrace Senior Community
1805 Kensington Drive • Waukesha

The community is invited to a free program as Dr. Piero G. Antuono, Professor of Neurology at Froedert & The Medical College of Wisconsin, discusses:

- Who's at risk to get Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia?
- What can we all do to reduce our personal risk?
- What's the news in research and drug studies that gives us hope?

Anyone who has an interest in learning what is on the horizon in Alzheimer's research, prevention and treatment should attend this program! Lite fare will be served and tours of the Laureate communities will be available.

Food Pantry Sunday is October 8

If you didn't get a chance to bring in birthday party items for the Food Pantry, you can still give a monetary donation. Non-perishable food and personal care items are taken to the pantry by our Salem volunteers who help there once a month.

Thursday Morning Bible Study NEW TIME!!

Perhaps it used to be a little too early for you to join us, but now we've changed our Bible Study time to 7:30 AM! Join us at Perkins (585 N Barker Rd, Brookfield) 7:30-8:30 AM on Thursdays for fellowship, breakfast and Bible study. We read and discuss weekly lectionary. If you like to know more, email or call Pastor Paola (paola.benecchi@att.net)

From Our Treasurer,
Kermit Bohning

Treasurer's
CORNER

Here is an update on our finances for January through August and a look at the last four months of 2017. Our contributions so far are about \$7,000 below 2016, and expenses are about \$4,000 greater. Total expenses have been \$135,000 and total income \$134,000; so we have had no serious difficulties. There is always some variation in expenses and contributions and when they occur from year to year. For the remainder of 2017, we need to receive \$18,000 a month or \$4,000 a week on average. This would be more than we received in 2016 for the same period. Please consider how you can help us meet this need. In the past many have made significant contributions at the end of the year, please consider making those earlier. You can check the weekly donations in the announcement sheet to see how we are doing on the \$4,000 weekly target. THANK YOU for your faithful support of the ministry of Salem!

FUN RUN AND WALK FOR HOPE

This year,
the 7th Annual
Fun Run &
Walk for Hope



will be a Halloween themed event to be held on Wednesday, October 25th on the Carroll University campus. (Costumes are welcomed and there will be prizes for the best costume). The Fun Run & Walk is a family friendly and individual activity that will benefit Hope Center and the thousands of Waukesha woman, children and men that depend on Center programs to fulfill their basic needs for food, clothing, and simple household furniture.

Rain or shine, Run-Walk registration will be at 5:00 PM; the 1 mile Run-Walk will begin at 5:30 PM; awards, refreshments, and chili at 6:00 PM. Runners and walkers can also register online by visiting the Hope Center website, www.hopecenterwi.org. For more information, call Hope Center at 262-549-8726 and ask for Laurie.

October Birthdays

Oct. 1	Emilie Cochran
5	Greg Newton
5	Debbi Oswalt
7	Becky Henderson
11	Amy Cochran
11	Matt Wojcik
16	Ross Henderson
16	Sharon Jackson
18	Grace Olivia Tonz
24	Jonah Jacobson-Agpoon
26	Wes Ehlke
28	Ralph Yont
29	Vicky Nease
30	Bryan Callen
31	Allyson Manns
31	Chris Tonz

Refreshments
needed for
October!

Sunday, October 1

Greeters: Ken & Judy Schimpf
Acolyte: Seth Hernandez
PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien
Worship Leader: Bill Pardoe
Liturgist: Don Callen
Children's Time: Pastor Paola
Flowers:
Refreshments: Bill & Harriet Young

Sunday, October 8

Greeters: Paul & Bonnie Wojcik
Acolyte: Zachary Buxengard
PowerPoint:
Worship Leader: Maggie Bringa
Liturgist: Gary Wollenzien
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
Flowers:
Refreshments:

Sunday, October 15

Greeters: Bob & Bonnie Stuempfig
Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez
PowerPoint: Paul Becher
Worship Leader: Judy Schimpf
Liturgist: Ken Schimpf
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
Flowers:
Refreshments:

Sunday, October 22

Greeters: Harriet Marks & Margaret Wogaman
Acolyte: Cole Cochran
PowerPoint: Harriet Young
Worship Leader: Harriet Young
Liturgist: Carol Becher
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
Flowers:
Refreshments:

Sunday, October 29

Greeters: Gary & Gloria Rongstad
Acolyte: Chase Hernandez
PowerPoint:
Worship Leader: Cory Buxengard
Liturgist: Aaron Buxengard
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
Flowers:
Refreshments:

LECTIONARY



Oct. 1	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
Oct. 8	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46
Oct. 15	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
Oct. 22	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
Oct. 29	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46