

In August, Salem UMC will be continuing its sermon series on the "Fruit of the Spirit". The Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church has embarked on a new 4-year emphasis: "Live the Fruit of the Spirit". The Conference is challenging every congregation to contemplate the question,

"What would it take for your congregation to become known as a center for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control?"

Every Sunday through September 1, Pastor Jorge or one of Salem's three Certified Lay Speakers will preach a sermon on one of the Fruits of the Spirit. Please join us as we are challenged to grow in the Fruits of the Spirit this summer.

July 28 Marie Broege Patience
August 4 Pastor Jorge Kindness
August 11 Judy Schimpf Generosity
August 18 Pastor Jorge Faithfulness
August 25 Kermit Bohning Gentleness
Sept. 1 Pastor Jorge Self-Control

Bible Quiz

Can you figure out these Bible names by rearranging the letters?

Jaileh
Henteps
Ulpa
Bamhara
Lisas
Anho
Raash
Nana
Ossem
Utist

Find the answers on the last page of this month's Tidings!



Join Pastor Jorge in an evening of song and fellowship. He will be sharing songs and the meaning and/or history behind the songs. We'll enjoy refreshments and time together starting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 1. We will meet at Bill and Harriet Young's home at 201 S. Moreland Blvd. in Waukesha.

Family Study: Wednesday, August 7

Parents, do you need a little time to come together in fellowship with other parents? Do you want to learn what it means to be a Christian



parent? Would you like to have dinner prepared for you? Then mark your calendars for August 7th! We will meet in the Salem lounge from 6:00-8:00 P.M. to share in a meal and participate in a parent study. Please RSVP to Marie so she knows how many to plan on for dinner and study materials. This will be a great time to come together and share our insights and thoughts. If you are in need of child care, please let Marie know this as well.

Children & Family Ministry

News from Marie...



Let's Get Together!

Church School children and youth - let's take some time this summer to get together with our church school friends. We will meet after worship on Sunday, August 18, to go **BOWLING!** This will include lunch afterward. If you are able to attend, please let Marie know.



Rummage Sale and Art Show

On August 16th and 17th, Salem will hold a Rummage Sale! The sale will be sponsored by our UMW, but we will need lots of help from everyone! Remember: reduce, repurpose, reuse. It has been a few years since the last sale so most of us have accumulated a lot of useful but no longer needed items. We will be accepting your items beginning Sunday, August 11.



The annual Salem **Art Show**, hosted by Dick
Tesch and Ken Reichert,
will be held in conjunction
with the rummage sale.
The show will be held in the
narthex from 9:00 am-2:00
pm each day. They will
have many of their works
on display and for sale for

our Salem congregation and our community. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase some beautiful art work for your home, created by two very special Salem men.



Disciple Farm mission trip

Christian Disciple Farm August 12-16

Salem is sending one adult, three young adults, and seven youth volunteers to the Disciple Farm in Sullivan, Wisconsin. Monday through Friday, we will be working with children and teens with special

needs and their siblings at a Vacation Bible School in an outdoor setting. Jobs include being a "buddy" to a child, helping with crafts, games, fishing, rockwall climbing, horses, nature studies and more. This will be our 9th year of volunteering at Disciple Farm, and we appreciate your support of this wonderful opportunity. On Sunday, August 11, we will be commissioning the volunteers during the morning Worship service at 9:00 am.

How to Have a Daily Devotional Time

Why is having a regular time with God important? We spend time with God in order to deepen and strengthen our relationship with the One who created us and yearns to be with us. Because we are all different and because each of us has a unique relationship with God, no one devotional pattern will work for everyone. Experiment until you find the time of day, content, and length of time spent that helps you feel connected with God.

- **Start small.** Use a resource such as *The Upper Room* that provides short, daily readings and guides you to look at small portions of scripture.
- Keep it manageable. Don't set impossible goals such as reading an entire chapter of the Bible three times a day, every day. Choose a discipline that you can stick with.
- Find a spiritual "buddy." Ask a friend, coworker, or someone at church to become your devotions partner. Then, each day, call or e-mail one another to discuss what you have read and what connections you make between the reading and your concerns.
- Creating a pattern. Finding a regular time and place to read the Bible and the day's meditation in *The Upper Room* helps most people be more consistent in turning their hearts to God.
- Remember the value of being flexible. Doing exactly the same things in the same way can become stale over time. Don't let a pattern control you and cause you discomfort. The point is to spend time with God, not to do this in a particular way.
- **Be creative.** Try something new from time to time. Here are some possibilities: Read your meditation outside. Write your prayers in a journal. Take a "prayer walk" with the intent of looking for God, and pray in response to the people and situations that come to mind.

The most important thing to remember as we try to grow closer to God is that God is already reaching out to us. God is the one who gives us the desire to grow, and God wants us to grow. We just keep showing up, even when we don't particularly feel holy or loving or eager. And we can trust that if we do so, God will show up, too.

By Mary Lou Redding, Editorial Director of <u>The</u> <u>Upper Room magazine</u>

The Upper Room Devotional Booklet

Upper Room Devotional Booklets are available on the brochure rack on the small table in the narthex. We have both regular print and large print booklets available. Suggested donation per booklet is \$1.00.

Food Pantry Sunday at Salem, August 11!

Summer months are a struggle for food pantries throughout the country, and at the Waukesha Food Pantry, the story is no different. Summer months show a slowing down of donations. Let's try to help the Waukesha Food Pantry with donations of nonperishable food items or financial gifts.



Salem is on Facebook!

Those of you who are on Facebook, make sure you go to Salem United Methodist Church-Waukesha and "like" the page! While there, check out the wall, info, and photos. For more info, please see Brenda Lindsay.

Help! Do you like to mow grass?

We are looking for volunteers to mow the grass at Salem! Sign up for a week or two (or more!) on the kiosk in the narthex. Openings are available through September.





Proper Door Use

The Salem Trustees would like to let everyone know that when you use the entrance doors to our narthex (both the south and

east set of doors) please do not open and close the left door. This door is meant to stay closed. It is for mandatory fire code regulation. When leaving the building, only use the door on your left. Signs will be used as a reminder. It is a security matter, because the other door does not lock into place securely most of the time. Thank you for keeping our church property safe.

Wanted: Youth Leader!!



From Amy Manns....

I realize what most of you are thinking...there is NO WAY I could ever work with the youth. But I want you to consider some things you can gain from being Salem's youth leader(s):

- Seeing first-hand the growth of faith in the hearts of our young people.
- Witnessing the compassion as our youth do service projects and work alongside those less fortunate than them.
- Sharing joy and laughter because of something they did or said that was beyond hilarious!
- Watching friendships between the youth begin, grow, and mature.
- Working with other adults and parents who want teens to be a part of a Christian group that keeps their focus on God and His impact on their lives.
- Helping them lead the congregation on Youth Sunday and seeing them blossom in their faith by doing so.
- Welcoming friends outside of Salem to our group and being happy that our own youth want to share the fun with others.
- Loving these young people and feeling proud (and a little sad) when they graduate from high school and leave the Youth Group.

Now I want you to know that working with our youth is not easy, I want to be honest about that. It takes time, planning, and energy. But the rewards.....I CANNOT begin to tell you how much the rewards outweigh the hard work.

So, please consider this volunteer position. PRAY about it. Talk with another person or two and see if it is something you can do as a team. God will provide for you....He'll provide you with the energy, time, and most of all the FAITH needed to do this. Please speak with Pastor Jorge or myself if you have questions, concerns and interest in working with our youth.

Thank You for your Faithfulness!

The Finance Ministry Team wishes to thank all Salem members and friends for your faithfulness in making your pledge payments. With the calendar year half way completed our revenue is within \$1,018.00 of our year-to-date expenses.

Summer is here with its blessings of warm sunny weather, the re-birth of gardens and trees, family vacations, and weekend trips to cottages and lakes, which may mean we are not able to attend church each Sunday.

How can you continue with your regular pledge giving if you are not at worship? Here are some suggestions:

- Pay ahead if you will be out of town.
- Pay by mail. Your pledge envelopes have the church mailing address on the back. Just write your check, add a stamp, and put it in the mail.
- Establish an automatic transfer of your pledge amount from your account to Salem's bank account. (See the church office for the paperwork to set-up the electronic payment process or set this up with your own online banking system.)

Maintaining our regular pledge giving is another way to demonstrate our ministry to each other and our community.

Your Faithfulness is Appreciated!

The new hoop is ready!

Thank you to Mike Wolf and Gerry Reichert for installing the new basketball hoop and backboard. It is ready to go and just awaiting someone to try some free throws and 3-pointers! Salem could use a couple of new basketballs...if interested in donating them, please see Mike Wolf.

Thank you from the Outreach Ministry Team

"Thank you" to all of our generous members here at Salem! Without your help, none of our projects could be successful, and we truly appreciate the support! Here are some of projects that we have worked on over the last six months...

Food Pantry Support:

In addition to monthly volunteer and monetary support, we delivered diapers, wipes, formula, nonperishable food items, and toiletry items!

CROP Walk:

The Waukesha CROP Walk raised \$6,588...of that, Salem walkers raised \$570!

Undie Sunday:

Salem donated 251 pairs of socks and underwear and \$580 in monetary gifts for this Hope Center cause!

Paul Webster Support:

The Palm Sunday Bake Sale raised \$459.50 to help Paul Webster's mission project at Mujila Falls!

Summerfield UMC Outreach Meal:

Salem served two meals to Milwaukee's hungry and homeless. This was a combined effort between Outreach and the Youth Group and Salem volunteers!

Hope Center Outreach Meal:

Salem volunteers served the hungry and homeless in Waukesha!

Kids' Kits:

Salem sent 28 kids' kits to the Wisconsin Annual Conference's Ingathering event!

Thank you Salem!!!



Handbell Practices at Salem

Our wonderful Handbell Choir will start ringing the bells soon! There will be TWO informal practices: August 8th & August 22nd at 6:30 pm. The regular Thursday night weekly practices will begin September 5th. We appreciate the musical talent and leadership of our Handbell director, Brenda Lindsay.

We welcome new members! No experience necessary!

Serving Salem in August

Sunday, August 4:

Greeters: Ralph & Sue Yont Acolyte: Maddi Loppnow Worship Leader: Marie Broege Liturgists: Rick Andrus & John Klopp

Children's Time: Rick Andrus Serving Communion: Stuempfigs

Flowers: Ed Padgett

Refreshments: Betty Padgett Lectionary: Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, August 11:

Greeters: Paul & Bonnie Wojcik Acolyte: Seth Hernandez

Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch

Liturgists: Bill Pardoe & Nancy Mueller

Children's Time: Judy Schimpf Flowers: Greg & Kim Newton

Refreshments: Jenny & Sandy Tonz

Lectionary: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, August 18:

Greeters: Dick & Nancy Mueller Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard

Worship Leader: Cory Buxengard

Liturgists: Sheryl Crusan & Donna Reichert

Children's Time: Rick Andrus Flowers: Don & Joan Callen Refreshments: OPEN Lectionary: Isaiah 5:1-7

> Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 25:

Greeters: The Loppnow Family

Acolyte: Sasha Bauer

Worship Leader: Kim Newton Liturgists: Ken & Judy Schimpf

Children's Time:

Flowers: Betty Henderson Refreshments: OPEN Lectionary: Jeremiah 1:4-10

> Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17



AUGUST 2 Dick Mueller

Sandy Tonz

Sue Yont

Phyllis Reichert

Betty Padgett

5 Gerry Reichert

Bob Cooley

Peggy Barnes

John Klopp

9 Bill Lutzen

10 James Agpoon

12 Dick Harris

14 Gary Wollenzien

14 Andrea Andrus

15 Bill Crusan

Grace Callen 15

18 Chase Hernandez

19 Donna Reichert

22 Roger Heilert

24 Lois Anzivino

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Michael Barnes

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27 Penny Feller

28 Conner Greuel

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Answers to the Bible Quiz on page 1:

Elijah Stephen Paul

Abraham Silas

Noah Sarah Anna

Moses Titus

