

Food Pantry Sunday at Salem, August 10th!



News from Marie...

I pray all of our families have had a restful and relaxing summer. Great things have been going on to prepare for our new church school year. We will kick off the year on Sunday, September 7th with an Education Fair, which will highlight our children. youth and adult offerings for the 2014-2015 year. The fair will begin at 10:10 AM, after worship. The entire congregation is invited to come back to the church school area to view our **NEW** church school program, see our classrooms, learn about ways to get involved and share their gifts and talents, and join in on a wonderful pancake breakfast. ALL ARE INVITED! God calls each of us to service. That is our mission as United Methodists. Mark your calendars now for this wonderful opportunity to come and see all that will be happening with our children, youth, and adults and ways that you can get involved.

Vacation Bible School-

We had a great week learning about "Weird Animals". Our theme was that God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including us! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus. They had fun hearing the word through song, scripture, craft, snack, games, and during the opening and closing each night. Salem had a great time hosting the final evening. We had a bonfire, sang songs, and had our snack. We couldn't have asked for a nicer night! The children and adults of First UMC were thrilled to once again be on our property, and loved running through the Grove. Thanks to all who helped make this week so much fun and memorable for our children.



Salem's Annual Rummage Sale Aug. 15-16 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Shoes and purses, bangles and beads,
Household items not filling your needs,
Books that have been read time and again,
Clothing for women and children and men,
Bedspreads and drapes, tablecloths and such,
Please bring it all... we can't have too much!
Don't bring car seats, cribs,
exercise bikes or computers,
But we surely will take toys, games,
trikes and scooters.

Aug. 15-16 are the dates to save;
We know if you come,
you'll find something you crave!

Items may be brought to church Aug. 10-13th.

After that, we need one day to finish organizing the rummage. Thank you!

Art Fair

Salem is proud and honored to host the "Annual Art Fair" that showcases the works of Dick Tesch and Ken Reichert. The show will be held at Salem on Friday, August 15th and Saturday, August 16th from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM each day. All are invited to come and bring a friend, to view the fabulous art work that will be for sale. They will have many works of art to show, so come and find one or two that will brighten and enlighten any room in your home or office.



Several Salem Youth Group members will be attending the Christian Disciple Farm August 11-15.

Beginning September 24th, we will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 6-7 pm for PIZZA, fellowship, and Bible study.

Youth Sunday is November 23rd!



NURSERY ATTENDANT, Ashley Newton

Ashley has been working in child care for three years. She started out as a infant teacher, and then worked her way to having her own classroom of 2 year olds. Ashley then became a nanny for a family with three children (twin infants and a 2 year old). She also helped with a daughter of a family friend (the daughter has special needs), and Ashley has also worked with autistic children. She is a certified lead teacher for infants and toddlers, and is CPR certified. Ashley has always wanted to work with kids since she was little. She does a lot of babysitting on the side and has lots of experience with all ages. Welcome to Salem, Ashley! ©

MUSIC DIRECTOR, Josh Barker

We are pleased to welcome Joshua Barker as our new music director. He is a familiar face to many as he has worked with the choir this past year. Josh is a student at Carroll University majoring in music education, with an emphasis in instrumental, choral, and general music. At Carroll he has been part of the Wind Symphony, Concert Choir, Vocal Collective, and Chorale. Josh has also done a number of solo vocal and instrumental performances with different ensembles such as Jazz Band, Italian Renaissance Ensemble and many more. He also is currently the Pep Band co-director and is both a music coach and instructor. Besides music, Josh enjoys books, movies, and cooking. Primary instruments that he enjoys are percussion, voice, piano, and guitar. St Francis, Wisconsin is his home town. Besides serving as music director, watch for an upcoming performance from Josh during worship! We welcome you to Salem, Josh! ©



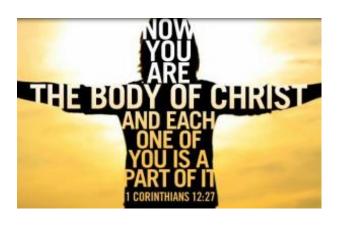
Ministry Team Fair: "Sharing God's Gifts"

Sunday, September 21

Are you a team player? The Ministry Teams and Administrative Committees of Salem would like to invite you to join them on Sunday September 21st for a "Sharing God's Gifts", a Ministry Team Fair.

Scripture tells us in 1 Peter 4:10 that we are stewards of the manifold grace of God and that each of us have been given gifts from God, and we are to use these gifts in serving.

Come and learn about each of our committees at Salem and how they are serving others. Discover how you might be able to share your gifts and talents. A fun filled informative event you won't want to miss!



Drivers Needed to Deliver Meals

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County is recruiting volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors living in the Waukesha area. Drivers use their own vehicles but are reimbursed for their gas mileage. Meals are picked up at the Waukesha Health and Human Services Building on Riverview Avenue near the County Courthouse. Help out once a week or twice a month from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. If interested, please call 262-548-7829. Thank you!

Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life

7 Gateways to Spiritual Growth

Join us this fall for a seven week class (Tuesdays in September and October) that will explore God's presence and gifts to us as we pilgrimage on our journeys into the last third of our lives. Content includes:

Facing Age & Dying
Living with Limitations
Doing Inner Work
Living In & Out of Community
Prayer & Contemplation
Redeeming Loss & Suffering
Leaving a Legacy

God isn't finished with us yet! By Barbara Bruce

The church is venturing into new territory as it finds ways to use the gifts and talents of the amazing numbers of people who are retiring at an astounding rate. Many of these people are searching for ways to add meaning and purpose to the productive years that lie ahead. People are discovering that golf and bridge are not all there is to senior life. They are finding ways to use their gifts serving in God's community.

Here are some stories of engaged, committed and active seniors continuing to serve God through their volunteer efforts. They have retired from their paying jobs, but not from the church or the new ministries to which God calls them. They are using God's gifts to change the world – one person at a time.

Malinda Wilson, Avon, NY: She realized that many older adults seem to have lost their purpose in life and have no place to go. Her dream is to start a program at her church in which older adults would meet bi-weekly (at first) to share stories and connect with people socially for coffee. They might also play games or hear book reviews. Malinda knows the importance of socialization as we age. Once the ministry is up and running, she wants to add programming and mission work to give these folks a sense of meaning and purpose in their lives. God isn't finished with her yet!

Don & Barb Weaver, New York:

Their passion over the years has been disaster-relief work. They have worked with UMCOR and Children's Disaster Services. Barb trains leaders and helps children through the trauma of a disaster, while Don guides adults through hundreds of issues bound in red tape.

They have served in the wake of natural and humancaused disasters, including the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado, the 9/11 tragedy, Hurricane Katrina and catastrophic storms in Oklahoma nationally and internationally in Japan, Bosnia and several countries in Africa. They continue to live their passion for working in the world to help God's people in disasters. God isn't finished with them yet!

Jack Burke, Fernandina, FL: Jack has been involved in the Personal Energy Transportation (PET) project through his local United Methodist Church. The worldwide project provides mobility for people who have lost their legs. This project "seeks to reflect the love of God by bringing the gift of mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk." Jack and his team of 12 men create the metal parts of mechanical devices. They are packaged and sent around the world to more than 100 countries. God isn't finished yet with Jack.

While teaching in the Small-Membership Church Initiative around the United States in the 1990s, I heard countless stories of small churches who took on community projects and made a huge difference in the lives of people in need. One small church, self-described as "we are mostly ladies with gray hair," took on the task of rehabbing items from a clothing drop-off. They took donated clothes, washed and ironed them, sewed on buttons and stitched hems. They saw their actions as a continuation of their service to God through their church. Some of these volunteers were homebound. One woman told me with pride, "I don't get around too well any more, but I can still sew a straight hem." God isn't finished with them yet!

God's work is never done. If we are truly the head, hands and feet of Christ in our world, we must continue to find ways to serve. We who have many years of expertise and who have walked through the dark nights of our souls have much to share with those who are taking over the leadership of the church.

The United Methodist Church offers countless opportunities for assisting God's people in need. They include the United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (VIM), United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and Nomads On Mission Active in Divine Service.

I invite you to find creative and innovative ways to serve your church through outreach and mission. God isn't finished with us yet. Amen!

Barbara Bruce of Rochester, N.Y., is a Christian educator, speaker, author and workshop leader serving as vice-chair of the Committee on Older Adult Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Her passions include teaching about the learning brain and a holistic approach to successful aging. Author of 100 Days to Successful Aging, she was the first recipient of the Debra J. Mayberry Inspiration Award from the Alzheimer's Association. Her website is www.bbruce.com.



On Sunday morning, July 13, we were pleased to witness the Holy Baptism of Damian Baptism Edward Padgett and Owen Gary Padgett. Damian and

Owen's parents are Michael and Laura Padgett of Wauwatosa, WI. Proud grandparents are Ed and Betty Padgett. The Godparents are Chris and Deb Johnson from Rochester, MN. The twin boys were born on March 18th, 2014. With the sacrament of baptism, we rejoice as God pours out the Holy Spirit upon Damian and Owen and bestows his grace upon them.



August 2 Dick Mueller, Sandy Tonz, Sue Yont

Phyllis Reichert

5 Betty Padgett, Gerry Reichert, Bob Cooley

6 **Peggy Barnes**

9 John Klopp, Bill Lutzen

10 James Agpoon

12 Dick Harris

14 Andrea Andrus, Gary Wollenzien

15 Grace Callen, Bill Crusan

18 Chase Hernandez

19 Donna Reichert

22 Roger Heilert

26 Becky Tomasczak

27 Penny Feller, Jim Mitchell

30 Eric Lutzen

Serving Salem in August

Sunday, August 3

Greeters: Ralph & Sue Yong Acolyte: Maddi Loppnow PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien Worship Leader: Marie Broege

Liturgists: Betty Henderson & Kermit Bohning

Children's Time: Rick Andrus

Serving Communion: Doug & Brenda Lindsay

Flowers: Donna Reichert Refreshments: OPEN

Sunday, August 10:

Greeters: Paul & Bonnie Wojcik

Acolyte: Seth Hernandez PowerPoint: Paul Becher Worship Leader: Harriet Young Liturgists: Bill Pardoe & Ken Schimpf

Children's Time: Marie Broege

Flowers: Betty Padgett Refreshments: OPEN

Sunday, August 17:

Greeters: The Hernandez Family Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien Worship Leader: Bill Pardoe

Liturgists: John Klopp & Marlys Tesch

Flowers: Ken & Maggie Bringa

Refreshments: Rob & Gladys Roszkowski

Sunday, August 24:

Greeters: Jim & Sandy Tonz Acolyte: Sasha Bauer PowerPoint: Harriet Young

Worship Leader: Bonnie Stuempfig Liturgists: Dick & Nancy Mueller Children's Time: Judy Schimpf

Flowers: OPEN Refreshments: OPEN

Sunday, August 31

Greeters: Bob & Ruth Teschner

Acolyte: Cole Cochran PowerPoint: John Klopp Worship Leader: Marlys Tesch

Liturgists: Doug Lindsay & Judy Schimpf

Children's Time: Judy Schimpf

Flowers: OPEN Refreshments: OPEN

LECTIONARY

August 3 Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7, 15 **Romans 9:1-5**

Matthew 14:13-21

August 10 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22 Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-23

August 17 Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

August 24 Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

August 31 Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28