

Outreach News

Interfaith Holiday Success!

This year Interfaith was able to give out 417 envelopes to low income seniors and adults with disabilities. They were filled with gift cards, holiday cards, puzzle books, and other goodies! To some, these envelopes are the only gift they get for Christmas. The recipients were grateful for the kindness shown to them by Salem and the community. The Fabulous Fish Fry held in November was also a success this year! There was a 20% increase in money raised from last year, and there were 738 attendees! Interfaith has many opportunities for volunteering such as: shoveling snow, friendly visiting, driving, or helping in schools. If interested, please contact HeatherS@InterfaithWaukesha.org or call 262-522-2404 to speak with the volunteer coordinator. Thank you Salem for your support of Interfaith!

Undie Sunday Giving Campaign Help Fill the Tub! January 25-February 15

Salem will be participating in the Undie Sunday Giving Campaign to help fill Hope Center's clothing closet again this winter. Socks and underwear are two items that Hope Center has trouble keeping in stock for their clients. All sizes are needed for men, women, and children. Our collection will begin on January 25th. Thank you!



What is HOPE Center?

Hope Center's programs focus on the prevention of homelessness. They believe that there is no greater need than reliable shelter to instill hope, and provide a foundation to build on. What started in 1987 as a small group of pastors from the Waukesha area has grown into a mission supported by more than 125 area congregations, local businesses, and individuals. Hope Center has been helping local families with their basic needs of financial aid, food, clothing, and furniture for almost twenty-five years, free of charge.

Numbers can be overwhelming, but just to give an idea of how important this is, take a look at the numbers of Waukesha County residents served in 2014:

- **Clothing Shop:** 5,492 people visited, 40,549 times; 44% for children; 117,000 articles of clothing were received.
- **Day Center:** 1,005 people visited, 16,859 times; 12,052 breakfasts and 17,554 lunches were received.
- **Meal Program:** 12,496 dinners, 3% for children.
- **Project Move:** distributed household items to more than 1,469 people, and furniture to 405 people.
- **Social Ministry:** distributed \$41,857 in vouchers and miscellaneous expenses to people in need.

Hope Center runs on donations, grants, and through the volunteer efforts of caring people in our community. Help support Hope Center at its first fundraiser of the year:



The second Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday at Salem! The next date is Sunday, February 8th. Bring your non-perishable items and place them in the basket under the Outreach bulletin board. Mark your monetary donations with "Food Pantry" and place in the regular Offering Plate during the Offertory.

A Taste of Hope

Sample unique beer, wines, appetizers, and cheeses!

Live music!

Saturday, February 7, 6-10 pm
Thunderbay Grille in Pewaukee

\$50.00 per person

Purchase tickets by visiting

www.hopecenterwi.org

**Souper Bowl
of Caring
Sunday,
February 1, 2015**



On Superbowl Sunday (Feb. 1) for each member of your immediate family, bring in one can of soup or non-perishable item or \$1.00. These items will be collected following the worship service. All the canned goods and monies will be donated to the Waukesha Food Pantry. Please take part in this wonderful ministry of serving others in need.



Altar Flowers

plant in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special day (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or just to add beauty to our sanctuary. Thank you!

2015 Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2015 is on the kiosk, and there are many open dates to provide flowers for worship on Sunday mornings. Please consider flowers or a



Spring Program Begins February 16th!

Healing Hearts of Waukesha County offers a peer-to-peer support program for children and teens, ages 4 through 18, who are grieving the loss of a loved one due to *death, divorce, separation, incarceration, military deployment, or immigration*. This 12-week program begins Feb. 16th. Weekly meetings are Mondays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Parents or guardians of the child participants are welcome to attend our grief peer-support program that meets at the same time as the children's session. The Healing Hearts program is free to all participants. Healing Hearts of Waukesha County, Inc. is supported by many community organizations and businesses, and churches, including Salem UMC.

To learn more, contact Executive Director, Chris Beck at 262-751-0874 or Program Assistant, Julie Mitchell at info.hhwc@gmail.com or visit the Web site at www.healingheartsofwaukeshaco.org.

**3rd Annual
Sweetheart Dinner**



Please join us on a very lucky Friday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 pm at

Salem for another delicious fish fry courtesy of The Spot Restaurant and Salem's Nurture Committee. We had a great turnout last year and look forward to another enjoyable evening of fun, music and yummy food. This is not a couples-only event, because we are all sweethearts! Cost will be \$12 for the meal, beverage and dessert included. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex no later than Sunday, Feb. 8th.



Ash Wednesday Service

February 18, 6:00 pm

We are invited to First United Methodist Church in Waukesha for a potluck followed by an informal worship experience that will include the imposition of ashes. Please sign up on the kiosk.

In Case of Emergency!

Please add Pastor Jorge's cell phone number to your list of contacts on your cell phone. There may be a time when you need to call Pastor Jorge and you are not home or don't have your Salem directory handy. Please do not hesitate to call him to let him know you or someone you know is very ill or in the hospital. Also, if you are scheduled to be involved in the worship service or other event at Salem and cannot be here (illness, etc.), please call or text Pastor Jorge on his cell phone, even on weekends! Especially from Thursday afternoons through Sunday mornings, this is better than leaving a message on the church answering machine. Thank you.



**Pastor's
Phone
Number**

Pastor Jorge: 262-844-7274



News from Marie...

Church School

We are so excited about our rotation, "Jesus and the Children". We are learning how special we are to Jesus and Salem Church. We had fun with our Storytelling rotation, where we learned we are all children of God, whether young or old and we have a lot to offer the adults in our life. We made a craft where we colored a picture of ourselves and then tore, out of construction paper, items that represent us. Come back to the classrooms to see our work!

We had fun with the Cooking rotation, making "Pudding Portraits" with Mr. Buxengard and continuing our cooking with Mrs. Hernandez. This rotation taught us that we are all created differently, making us special. We are looking forward to the Art rotation with Mrs. Reichert. We always love projects!

We also want to thank our congregation for providing our snack each Sunday. We really appreciate the variety. This snack time gives us an opportunity to talk with one another and share the events of our week.

Our next rotation will begin in March. We will be learning about Lent and Easter. Check out your March Tidings for more information about what we are up to. Please remember, we would love to have you come back and work with us during our rotations. Check out the signup sheets on the bulletin board outside the lounge.

Senior High

Our class meets the first Sunday of each month from 10:10-11:00. Steve Broege is leading this class and incorporates the scripture verses from that Sunday's worship service, as well as other current events.

Youth Events

Our Youth have two exciting opportunities coming up in February. Our youth will be helping to serve the Hope Center meal on Friday, February 13th. Please see the signup sheet on the kiosk for more information.

We will also hold our annual 30 Hour Famine on February 27-28 at Salem. Please watch the Announcement Page and signup sheet in the narthex for more information and how you can support this life-saving ministry.



Calling All Parents!!

There is no rule book on parenting. Why reinvent the wheel? Let's come together and share in the joys and struggles of parenting. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1st at 10:10 am in the lounge. Come and bring your ideas. This is for ALL PARENTS!! If you have any questions, please see Marie.

Update From Mujila Falls

Missionary and Wisconsin native Paul Webster recently shared good news about donations coming in to the Mujila Falls Agricultural Center in Zambia where he serves. Recent donations from churches should allow him to purchase much-needed new tractors for the organization. "This will ensure that in 2015 we will be able to resume the planting of maize, soybeans, sorghum," he said. "Two tractors on site will ensure that we won't be caught without one working tractor in the future."



Andre hauling in a load of logs. Lumber is used to make forms for cement work around the project site.

"We have had to go through a lot of re-adjustments since the death of Tshala Mwengo in April. I am so happy that I have had such great support from our staff at Global Ministries, as well as all of the churches and Conferences Andre and I visited this last summer," Webster said.

Don't forget to check out Paul Webster's photos and current updates on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MujilaFallsAgCentre#!/MujilaFallsAgCentre>

Valentine's Day will soon be here!
 If you need a little treat
 For someone who is very sweet,
 Equal Exchange has some products for you.
 Give them to a friend or your love so true!

Candy bars, a bag of mini chocolates or even a can of hot cocoa mix would delight anyone on Valentine's Day. By purchasing Equal Exchange products you will not only receive a delicious product, but also give a fair price to small scale farmers all around the world, thus enabling them to build a better future for their families.



**30 Hour Famine
 February 27-28, 2015**

Salem Youth and adults will again be participating in the 30 Hour Famine. We will begin our 30 hour fast at 1:00 pm on Friday and will break the fast together at 7:00 pm on Saturday. This includes a lock-in at Salem. We want to encourage all youth and even adults to participate. Please let Marie know if you plan on doing the 30 Hour Famine (either with us or on your own at home) and/or if you can come and chaperone our wonderful youth! The 30 Hour Famine is an experience you will never forget. We will raise funds for the hungry, and make an impact on a hurting world. Thank you in advance for your support of prayers and donations!



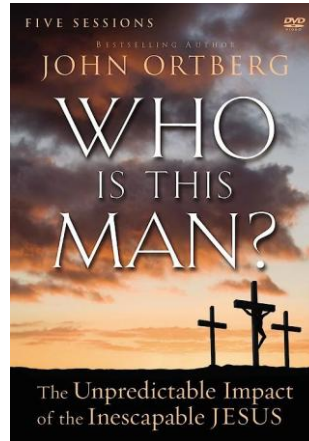
Thank you!

Thank you to our United Methodist Women for cleaning the church kitchen. This is done 4 times a year, and their diligence is very much appreciated! The cupboards and drawers have been labeled to help us find things. Please return items

to their proper places after they are used and cleaned. Thank you!

Lenten Study 2015

February 24 – March 24
 Tuesdays, at Noon (Soup & Study) OR 7:00 pm



“WHO IS THIS MAN?”

***The Unpredictable
 Impact of the
 Inescapable Jesus***

In this 5-session bible study, we will learn how Jesus made an inescapable influence on our world. Jesus is history's most familiar figure. His impact on the

world is immense and non-accidental.

And yet....He did not brashly defend his movement in the spirit of a rising political or military leader. He did not lay out a case that history would judge superior in all future books. He did not start by telling his disciples, "Here are proofs of my divinity; affirm them and I'll accept you."

We will learn how Jesus influence has swept over history, bringing his inspiration to the evolution of art, science, government, medicine, and education. We will learn how his vision for us to lead lives of dignity, compassion, forgiveness, and hope continues to inspire and challenge humanity today.

Sessions include:

- The Man Who Won't Go Away
- A Revolution of Humanity
- The Power of Forgiveness
- Why It's a Small World After All
- Three Days That Changed the World

The Noon classes will include soup for lunch! Participants will take turns providing soup for all to enjoy before entering into class discussion.

Please sign up on the poster in the narthex by February 10th! Indicate the class time you've chosen. We hope you will take advantage of this time in Lent to grow your faith.





A New Baby!

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Mason Jack Tonz. Congratulations to his parents Nick & Jen Tonz and his big sister Ava. Proud grandparents are Jim & Sandy Tonz. Mason

was born on December 18, 2014. He was 8lbs 4oz, and measured 22 inches. We rejoice in this precious gift of a new baby boy!

Please update your directories!

New Phone Numbers for Ken & Maggie Bringa

Home Phone: 262-290-5363

Maggie's Cell: 262-442-4330

Ken's cell: 262-527-7907

Happy Birthday!!

February

7	Ken Reichert
7	Carol Stachowicz
15	Brian Fischer
23	Mildred Walsh
25	Cory Buxengard
25	Cole Nease
28	Kim Newton

LECTIONARY

Feb. 1 Deuteronomy 18:15-21
Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Feb. 8 Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Feb. 15 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Feb. 22 Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Serving Salem in February:

Sunday, February 1

Greeters: Kermit & Pat Bohning

Acolyte: Jake Lindsay

PowerPoint: John Klopp

Worship Leader: Marie Broege

Liturgists: Gary Wollenzien, Marlys Tesch

Children's Time: Marie Broege

Serving Communion: Broeges

Flowers:

Refreshments: Mildred Walsh

Sunday, February 8

Greeters: The Loppnow Family

Acolyte: Maddi Loppnow

PowerPoint: Paul Becher

Worship Leader: Bonnie Stuempfig

Liturgists: Carol Becher, Nancy Mueller

Children's Time: Rick Andrus

Flowers:

Refreshments:

Sunday, February 15:

Greeters: Bob & Ruth Teschner

Acolyte: Seth Hernandez

PowerPoint: Harriet Young

Worship Leader: Bill Pardoe

Liturgists: Cory Buxengard, Donna Reichert

Children's Time: Marie Broege

Flowers:

Refreshments:

Sunday, February 22:

Greeters: Jim & Sandy Tonz

Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard

PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien

Worship Leader: Kim Newton

Liturgists: Rich & Amy Manns

Children's Time: Rick Andrus

Flowers:

Refreshments:

