

BREWER PARTY—DON'T MISS OUT!

Men and boys, if you are viewing this by April 28, today is the deadline to order tickets for our June 8, 4 p.m. tailgate party here at Salem, followed by car or van-pooling to the Brewer game vs. Philadelphia at 6:15. Tickets are \$20 plus a few dollars' parking contribution at the park. Bring your dad, son, brother, uncle, grandson, nephew, granddad, friend, or all of the above! Call Sandy Pardoe at 262-408-2314 or Bonnie Stuempfig at 262-547-3455.

Back by popular demand...

After Dinner Conversations

**at Le Caffé Bistro in Waukesha
Tuesday evenings, May 7, 14, 21, and 28
7:00-8:00 pm**

The Spiritual Growth Ministry Team is pleased to invite you to this opportunity for casual conversation with others in our Salem family. Come purchase a cup of coffee, tea or beverage of your choice at Café Bistro on Sunset in Waukesha and sit down with your Salem friends for some after dinner conversation!

Two questions that will spur our conversations will be:

- What's going on in your mind or in your heart this week?
- Where have you seen God this week?



We've reserved some tables for Salem, and we look forward to this time of fellowship and sharing. If you have questions, please see Nancy Mueller. No sign-up is necessary. Come as you are!

FaithLink

**Adult Church School Class
Sundays at 10:10 am**

Led by Pastor Jorge, FaithLink is a study for use by young adults and adults who want to apply their United Methodist beliefs to current faith issues and world events. The weekly lesson examines current news events and issues in the culture and in the life of the church from the perspective of biblical faith and United Methodist teaching. Please join us! We meet in the adult classroom.

Children & Family Ministry

News from Marie...



Education-

On Sunday, April 14th, the children of our church school had the opportunity to see how concrete is made. They then poured it into molds and decorated it. They made stepping stones that will be placed on the church grounds until the end of the church school year and then taken home to enjoy there. This project went along with Paul Webster's concrete project for his chicken coops. The church school and parents donated enough money to buy four more bags for Paul Webster. We would like to especially thank Gerry and Donna Reichert for providing the concrete mix and volunteering their time to work with the children. Thanks, also to Cory Buxengard, Lenny and Karen Hernandez, and Penny Feller for offering extra hands as well.

On Sunday, May 19th, we will honor our teachers and all the parents and volunteers who have helped to make our church school program so successful. This includes the children, youth, and adult education ministry. Please come as we take a moment during worship to thank them for their time and service.

There will be **no Church School on Sunday, May 26th** because of Memorial Day weekend. Our last day of church school will be on Sunday, June 9th. This will be celebrated with the children singing in worship and the making of ice cream sundaes during church school.

Reminder: Please see the volunteer sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex to help provide a snack, or lead a game or craft for Church School. Everything is planned out for you, and the children love getting to know members of the congregation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Attention all Graduates!

Salem UMC wishes to honor all of our High School, Technical School, and College graduates in June. If you or someone you know at Salem who will be graduating this year, please contact the church office. We don't want to miss anyone!



Praisefest 2013

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5th as we celebrate with our annual Praisefest. This worship service will be filled with music provided by the Adult and Children's Choirs, Handbells, the Recorders, and guitars. Plus we will sing some of our favorite hymns, and celebrate Holy Communion through song. Please plan to attend this very special service.



Are You Able?

Spring Clean up

On May 11, our Salem Trustees are sponsoring a spring clean-up. Come at 9 a.m. and stay for the lunch that is provided. This is a great way to work together with your Salem family to spruce up our church and 'yard'.

Outreach Ministry Team



Church Photo Directory

LifeTouch will be taking photos for our new church directory. This will include a professional photo of you and your family. If you are not available at the times listed below, you can submit a photo of your own.

June 7th 12 noon to 7:00 p.m.

June 8th 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please put these dates on your calendar and watch for further details. If you have questions, you can contact Karla Henry or Debbie Oswalt.



Wisconsin Annual Conference *Live the Fruit of the Spirit: Preparing the Soil* (Ingathering 2013)

This year's Annual Conference will be held at the Marriot West in Middleton, WI. Outreach and the United Methodist Women will be focused on collecting supplies to fill **24 Kids' Kits** for the Harbor House in Superior, WI. These kits will be brought to the Annual Conference for the Ingathering event. **Can you help us meet this goal?** Pick a flower from our garden on the Outreach bulletin board. Each flower has an item printed on it that is needed to fill our kits. Please return the item and place in the basket provided. Monetary donations are also welcome! Just designate on your check "Harbor House."

Thank you Salem!

Founded in 1996, the Harbor House Crisis Shelter's mission is to provide hospitable shelter, transitional living, and services for homeless women and families. They provide emergency shelter for 30 days, with each family having their own secure room.

**Don't forget...
Food Pantry Sunday
at Salem,
May 12!**

A story from the Food Pantry....

A local man spent three years taking care of his wife as she fought a losing battle with cancer. He became his wife's primary caregiver as her condition worsened and had to take a leave of absence from his work to do so. After her death, he returned to his job, but shortly after that, his position was eliminated. In this tragic time, losing his wife and his living, he turned to the Food Pantry. They provided him with food, and they worked with their partnering programs to find him medical help and sign him up for FoodShare (previously Food Stamps). While the Food Pantry could not make up for his many losses, the man expressed his gratitude for the help he received as he continued his healing process. During a recent visit, he was happy to inform the Food Pantry that he found a new job that he loves.

Get Involved With Interfaith!

May Yard Clean Up

Interfaith is seeking volunteers to prepare yards for the upcoming summer season. Volunteers will rake leaves, clean outdoor windows, clean gutters, install screens, trim bushes, and clean flower beds for local seniors and adults with disabilities. Choose a date in May that works for you! Call (262) 549-3348 or visit www.interfaithwaukesha.org

Information can also be found on the kiosk!



The Trustees of Salem would like to shout out a big "THANK YOU" to the congregation for their generous giving towards new windows for the church. In the narthex you will see a display that indicates our progress towards replacing the east-facing windows on the education wing and offices. Every time we receive donations totaling \$100.00, a section of stained glass gets colored in. Ten sections colored in (\$1,000.00) represents a brand new window for Salem!

Families or individuals can donate **any amount** of money. It all adds up to new energy efficient windows for our church building. If you have pledged a donation but have not given, please do so by **May 1st** so that the Trustees can move ahead with this project.

Thank you for considering this gift to Salem!

Vacation Bible School

Salem is pleased to join First UMC and El Buen Samaritano for Vacation Bible School again this summer. Our theme is "Kingdom Rock-Where Kids Stand Strong for God." The dates are June 23-27 from 6:00-8:30 P.M. at First UMC. All children from three years-old through those entering sixth grade are invited to attend. The cost is free! If you are interested or have any questions, see Marie. Registration forms are available-see Marie for your form as well.



Serving Salem in May



May 2	Isabella Loppnow
3	Nick Tonz
9	Nancy Mueller
15	Sarahi Monterrey
17	Kathy Jensen
19	Debbie Campbell
20	Isaac Chapin
20	Abigail Buxengard
21	Mary Jane Hopf
21	Bonnie Wojcik
22	Ashley Scrima
25	Sydney Hernandez
26	Kyle Callen
26	Cole Cochran
26	Carter Larsen
27	Helen Jinkins
27	Jennifer Lutzen
28	Becca Chapin
29	Wyatt Larsen
29	Sandy Hanson

Sunday, May 5:

Greeters: Bill and Jo Ann Hauenstine
Acolyte: Seth Hernandez
Worship Leader: Brenda LoPresti
Liturgists: Kim Newton & Deborah Chapin
Children's Time: Brenda LoPresti
Serving Communion: Bill and Sandy Pardoe
Flowers: Nancy and Dick Mueller
Refreshments:
Lectionary: Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10,22 - 22:5
John 14:23-29

Sunday, May 12:

Greeters: Ken and Judy Schimpf
Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard
Worship Leader: Amy Cochran
Liturgists: Rick Andrus & Betty Henderson
Children's Time: Rick Andrus
Flowers: Rob & Gladys Roszkowski
Refreshments:
Lectionary: Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Sunday, May 19:

Greeters: Jim and Sandy Tonz
Acolyte: Sasha Bauer
Worship Leader: Ken Schimpf
Liturgists: Debra Wolf & Marlys Tesch
Children's Time: Judy Schimpf
Flowers: Bob & Ruth Teschner
Refreshments:
Lectionary: Acts 2:1-12
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17

Sunday, May 26:

Greeters: Rob and Gladys Roszkowski
Acolyte: Eric Lutzen
Worship Leader: Nancy Mueller
Liturgists: Ken Reichert & Nancy Mueller
Children's Time: Judy Schimpf
Flowers: Kurt & Sue Guenther
Refreshments:
Lectionary: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

We need people to provide refreshments for fellowship time after worship on Sundays in May.

Openings available include:

May 5, 12, 19 & 26.



Get to know your Salem family:

May 2013

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHURCH

My name is Darla Close. I live in a senior apartment building here in Waukesha. I have made a lot of friends at this place.

I was born in New London, WI and grew up in a small town called Shiocton. I graduated from high school there. I received my nursing degree from the Bellin School of nursing, graduating in 1960. My first job was on the medical floor for a year. I then became an Intensive Care Nurse for NCU in Milwaukee Co. I worked there 18 years for a home care agency. I enjoyed that job very much.

Now I am retired. I keep myself active. I love to read and play card games and work crossword puzzles. I also enjoy traveling. I have two sons, Paul and David, three granddaughters, two grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

#289 Giving means thinking positively. “Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times.” (Ephesians 5:16 *The Message*)

April showers bring May flowers! We all hope that all the rain and snow showers we've received this spring will turn into a wonderful gift of flowers. The same can be said for our financial gifts. We like to see the fruits of our labors, so to speak!

As Bob and Marilyn finished their taxes this year, they realized that an additional gift to their church and other charities could turn their personal blessings into gifts for many others – and save them taxes, especially capital gains taxes if they gave appreciated stock.

They decided on an amount to give this year, but couldn't decide exactly how to distribute it. Marilyn said, “We have to decide. If we don't start giving this amount right now, you know we'll find other frivolous things to do with the money. If we really feel called to give it away, we need to use it to make gifts.” Then they learned they could establish a DONOR ADVISED FUND through the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

A Donor Advised Fund allows you to claim a tax advantage in the year you make the gift and your Donor Advised Fund account is established at the Foundation. Donor Advised Funds are distributed over an unlimited period of time on a schedule that accomplishes your charitable giving goals. This allows you to “take your time” in distributing your gift.

For more information on how you might meet your charitable giving goals through a Donor Advised Fund, contact us at:

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
750 Windsor Street, Suite 305
Sun Prairie, WI 53590
1-888-903-9863 or wumf@wumf.org

A Springtime Prayer

There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage,
“It is always Springtime
in the heart that loves God.”
Springtime is a season
of optimism and hope,
and the Christian lives a faith
centered on hope.
Winter, with its cold and dark days,
has gone...just as Good Friday has
passed to Easter and beyond.
We live a resurrection life
reflected in the new life
springing up around us.
Thank you, Lord,
for the hope that you bring,
the renewal that you bring,
both to this world,
and to our hearts and lives.
-John Birch



New Arrival

Please help us celebrate with the Russ family as they announce the arrival of Finley Jay Russ, born on April 17 at 11:54 a.m. We rejoice with them in the gift of life!

