

September 2018

## Salem United Methodist Church

Growing Together on the Journey with Christ

### A note from Pastor Paola



I wanted to start my note with a song of praise (Psalm 40:3) to God who truly blessed Salem UMC this summer with many gifts. I'd also like to share my heartfelt thanks to all of you, who even in the midst of many summer activities, gave your time, passion, gifts, and prayers toward the ministry of our church.

Here some of the highlights from this summer at Salem:

- ❖ Unusually high church attendance for Sundays in the summer
- ❖ New guests in worship
- ❖ A fun new Vacation Bible School with 40 participants
- ❖ Three very well attended summer gatherings where we discussed the dreams and ideas for our facility
- ❖ Special music every Sunday
- ❖ Several new visitors
- ❖ Baptism of Lucas Seno
- ❖ Wedding of Ashley and Andy Kuhn

As Fall approaches, so many new and exciting events are in the making at Salem. Here are some:

- A service for *Blessing of the Animals* to take place in our church parking lot on Saturday morning, October 6<sup>th</sup>
- New fall series for Women in the Middle
- New classes for children, teen and adults
- New Confirmation Class kick off
- New music ministries will begin under the leadership of Rev. Michelle
- A very exciting stewardship campaign entitled: "I AM SALEM"
- New outreach and mission opportunity related to our October worship series, "The Ripple Effect"

I hope you are as thankful and excited as I am about our church. Truly God puts a song in our mouth so we can praise him. We stand under His promise that through each of us, and through Salem, many more will see the Lord and put their trust in him.

When was the last time you invited a friend to come to worship with you at Salem? I think this Fall is a new wonderful opportunity to invite, share your faith and pass it on.

Have a blessed Fall,

Pastor Paola

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#### Next 3 Worship Series at Salem:

- **September: Journey Toward God**  
We'll go to Egypt, the land of powerful pharaohs, powerless slaves and a very hesitant leader
- **October 7-20: The Ripple Effect**  
Jesus calls us to extend his love to other people, creating a ripple effect that will keep going beyond our reach.
- **October 27 – November 11: I AM SALEM**  
Stewardship Campaign

#### Sunday School Kickoff!

September 9th

#### Filipino Luncheon

Hosted by Salem's senior group SALT

#### Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets!  
October 6 at 10 AM

## Worship Series at Salem:



### **September**

#### **JOURNEY TOWARD GOD**

Inspired by her recent trip to Egypt, Pastor Paola will take us to the land of the powerful pharaohs where a group of powerless slaves led by a hesitant man finds freedom and changes the course of history.

#### **September 2 - Communion**

***From the Great Pyramid of Giza to the Temple of Luxor: A Story of Fear, Courage, and Faith***

Exodus 1:5-22

**September 9 *Along the Nile River: The Gift of Life and Our Search for Identity*** Exodus 2:1-15

**September 16 *In the Desert of Midian: Running from God or Toward God?*** Exodus 2:15-22 and 3:1-12

**September 23 *The Valley of the Kings: Head to Head Between the Immortal Pharaoh and the God of the Slaves-*** Exodus 7:1-13

**September 30 *Between the Wilderness and the Red Sea: Only One Way Out*** Ex. 14:1-14, 10-14, 26-31

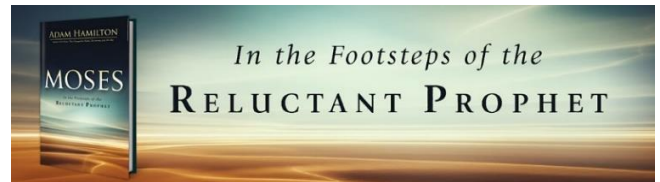


### **Salem Stewardship Campaign 2019**

**October 28** SERVING

**November 4** BELONGING

**November 11** GIVING  
**Celebration Sunday followed by Lunch**



### **New Adult Class this Fall!**

Retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt.

It's not too late to consider joining us for this new class! Beginning on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Paola will lead a class based on Adam Hamilton's book and DVD, *MOSES: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*. We'll be viewing DVD clips filmed on location in Egypt, Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness areas where Moses lived. The class will meet 10:30-11:30 each Sunday morning in September (5 Sundays). Pastor Paola will lead the class and Paul Wojcik will also help with leadership. Even if you have not signed up yet, please come and join us! We'll consider how we can turn our own reluctance into boldness as we examine the significant challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his character and life in powerful ways.

### **October**

#### ***The Ripple Effect***

When you throw a stone into a pond, the stone will create ripples that reach to the shore all the way around. Jesus calls us to receive his love and to extend it to other people, creating a ripple effect that will keep going beyond our reach. Join us in October as we learn from Jesus how to become a ripple maker!



#### **October 7 - Communion**

**UMW Sunday/Worldwide Communion Sunday**  
***You are here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.*** Matt. 5:14-16 (The Message)

#### **October 13**

***Let your enemy bring out the best in you, not the worst.*** –Matthew 5:38-48 (The Message)

**October 20 - *Ask for yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them.*** – Matthew 7:1-5, 12 (The Message)



**I'M  
IN!**

## Children & Teen SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are so excited about starting a new Sunday School year! We will gather in Fellowship Hall following Children's Time in worship every Sunday except the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month when we ask our children to stay in worship and experience Holy Communion with their families.

Youth will meet for Sunday School on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. (Confirmation Class will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month from 10:30 to 12:30).

We have a new curriculum for our youth! "Real Conversations" will include entertaining DVD clips and will help our Christian teenagers live authentic lives and will give them tools to reach out to their friends in ways that won't give them cold sweats! Students will discover the secret to sharing the reason for the hope that's within them.

Here is the September teaching plan for our children:

**Sept. 9:** Our younger children will be learning about The Good Samaritan. Our teens will begin their new study with "Opening Doors to Real Conversations". Following Sunday School, all preschoolers through 12<sup>th</sup> graders will enjoy our annual pancake breakfast! Confirmation Class starts at 10:30 AM.

**Sept. 16:** Our children learn about story of the Fiery Furnace. Three very faithful men are thrown into a fiery furnace because of their allegiance to God. Will they survive? Come and find out!

**Sept. 23:** We will learn about the story of Elijah and the Dead Boy. Come and hear about this miraculous story! Our teens will continue their new study with "The People You Encounter Day to Day".

**Sept. 30:** This Sunday School lesson brings to life one of the most well-known prayers in all of history. The disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray, and Jesus responds with some of the most beautiful verses in all Scripture. We'll learn why prayer is so important.

### Food Pantry Sunday

Our next Food Pantry Sunday is September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please consider donating non-perishable food items. Also, the pantry is extremely low on personal care items. Basic items such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. can help! A monetary gift is equally appreciated! Thank you for supporting this vital community outreach program!



### Filipino Luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 22

Salem's adult fellowship group, "SALT", chaired by Edna and Rei Lesada is pleased to host a luncheon featuring the Lesadas' authentic Filipino dishes on

Saturday, Sept. 22, at noon here at Salem, and you are invited to join us! Our honored guest speaker will be Princess Emraida Kiram, two-time President of the Filipino American Association of Wisconsin. Her credentials include serving under five U. S. Presidents on the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. Edna tells us that Princess Kiram was also the first Miss Philippines at the Miss World Pageant in London, England! She has generously waived any fee for her appearance and message. Please sign up for reservations in the narthex as soon as possible for this exciting event. There is no charge for the meal; however, a free-will offering will be taken to support future programs of this type at Salem.

### Women in the Middle

Women in the Middle will be making Protestant Prayer Beads on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Pat Bohning's home. Women in the Middle is a fellowship group that formed last spring when we gathered to discuss and share the issues and challenges of being "in the middle of life". We are planning another 4-week session for later this fall. If you would like further information on this fellowship group, please see Pastor Paola.





## Tales from the Trustees

We are pleased to announce that we are moving ahead with two important projects. We have hired a local contractor to remove

asbestos in the following areas:

- 1) The floor tile and mastic in the back hallway
- 2) The carpeting and mastic in the youth room
- 3) The exposed pipe insulation in the small janitor's closet near the east end of the building.

This work is scheduled to begin on Monday, Sept. 10. The Fellowship Hall and all the areas east of it will be off limits for about one week.

We have also hired a local contractor to furnish and install a horizontal, motorized, remotely-controlled, adjustable roller shade to cover the large skylight in the Sanctuary when needed. If everything goes as planned, the installation should be completed by early November. This shade will eliminate the problem of glare and sun wash-out on our PowerPoint screen which greatly affects our worship experience. We apologize for the inconvenience we about to experience. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

In the next week or so, a few of the Trustees will meet with the City of Waukesha Fire Marshal to clarify some issues before ordering and installing the new entry doors. There are several questions that we need answered before we can proceed.



## Outdoor Opportunity for Spiritual Growth at Salem

### Prayer Labyrinth

A prayer labyrinth has been mowed into the property directly north of the church. A labyrinth helps direct one's focus toward God. Unlike a maze, which has dead ends and the possibility of getting lost, a labyrinth has a clear path, but it sometimes takes unexpected twists and turns. In this way it resembles the journey of life. One way to pray a labyrinth is to worship and praise God as you walk to the center, then intercede for people and concerns as you walk back to the outside.



*Our pets bless our lives, now let's bless them!*

## Blessing of the Animals

**Saturday, October 6, 10:00 AM at Salem**

In early October, people all over the world will be celebrating the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It's customary that in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals." Did you know that sometimes St. Francis preached his sermons to animals? He insisted that all creatures are brothers and sisters under God.

We'll meet at Salem in the parking lot (the narthex in case of rain) and have short service of blessing for our pets, and then enjoy some treats (for humans and for animals!). Please have your pets on a leash or in a crate. ☺



## WI Conference Launch Out Campaign

The Launch Out! Fundraising Campaign, approved at the 2018 Annual Conference, is an investment into our future to create faith-raising opportunities that will reach people in new ways, in new places, and in new ministries. Through developing leaders, empowering congregations, and broadening mercy and justice ministries, new disciples of Jesus Christ will be made for the transformation of the world. With inspiration from Luke 5: 1-11, the WI conference is *launching out from the shore* into the deep, deep waters to build a future for our children, our grandchildren and their children. *Launch Out!* is a fundraising campaign; but it's not for the next year or the next two years: it's about the future. It won't be easy, but it will net us big dividends. For more information visit:

<https://www.wisconsinumc.org/resources/campaigns/launch-out>

## TREASURER'S CORNER

From Kermit Bohning:

Our income has exceeded our expenses for the year through July. THANK YOU! Currently August income is significantly behind expenses. As we begin the fall season, our expenses are larger. Please review your giving plan and help us to continue to meet our operating expenses as well as support our ministry activities. Thank you!

## Northcott Neighborhood House

As a long time partner of Northcott Neighborhood House, the Wisconsin Methodist congregations have been instrumental in allowing Northcott to provide vital services to families: a safe place after-school and during the summer, (after-school programs that emphasize reading and math), GED and other job-related training, prevention awareness, family literacy, emergency food, and commodities and social activities for older adults. Northcott has been in the Milwaukee Harambee neighborhood for 57 years. Salem has been a consistent supporter of this ministry over the years through our ministry funding, the local UMW, and individuals. Betty Henderson served on the Northcott board. Salem's Church Council has committed \$1,000 to this ministry with funding coming from specific designated memorial funds, existing VIM (Volunteers in Mission) funds, and an individual commitment. Northcott is a key part of the Rainbow Covenant and a priority conference project.



### #1 FANS

On Aug. 7, Dick & Marlys Tesch presented the PURPLE TEAM with a team painting, painted by Dick!

Marlys "keeps score"

all season, and keeps it so well that Coach Kurt asks HER the score & inning instead of the umpire. On Aug. 26, Kurt presented Dick & Marlys with commemorative championship t-shirts for being the #1 fans in the league! By the way, the Purple Team won the playoff championship, but more importantly, they had lots of Christian fellowship & fun with 13 players ranging from ages 54-85. The Purple Team says, "Thanks, Dick & Marlys!" for your beautiful gift and your support for 5 years!



**Commission on a Way Forward**  
Council of Bishops



## Change is Coming for the United Methodist Church

In 1972, the present language about human sexuality was added to the United Methodist Church's Book of Discipline. Increasing harm to one another and a deepening impasse related to human sexuality and the unity of the church has led to a Special Session of the General Conference in February 2019 in St. Louis.

A special commission was formed following authorization by General Conference 2016. This is called the "Commission on a Way Forward", and they have identified three possible options, or plans, for our denomination as we move into the future. The Council of Bishops has recommended adoption of the *One Church Plan*.

From Bishop Hee-Soo Jung: "The Council of Bishops is committed to a future for the whole United Methodist Church. We are fully aware of the emotional magnitude and spiritual distress many in our Church experience over the LGBTQ+ concerns, and yet we truly believe that we can stay united even beyond our disagreements of the authority of scripture and its interpretation. In no way is our recommendation for the *One Church Plan* discounting the importance of our varied perspectives, but we are attempting to establish a "grace margin" in which all believing Christians can co-exist, even WITH our different readings and interpretations.

The Wisconsin Delegation to the General Conference is hosting nine educational and listening sessions around the state to allow feedback about the proposals. These sessions for interested clergy and laity will each last between 60-90 minutes. The most convenient location for us is at Waukesha First UMC, on Tuesday, October 23, at 7:00 PM.

The purpose of all this information gathering is for the Delegation to hear from the diversity of membership that makes up Wisconsin United Methodism. The desire is to better understand the thinking and feeling within our Annual Conference membership about our denomination's future. All are welcome to participate!

To view the full report (93 pages) from our Commission on a Way Forward and the full deliberations and recommendation of our Council of Bishops, please visit [www.wisconsinumc.org](http://www.wisconsinumc.org)

# News from the Outreach Team

The Outreach team would like to thank all the “Ripple Makers” at Salem. The following is a list detailing the totals of financial giving in your support of our projects and mission work. Salem is making a difference in so many ways! **Thank you!!!**

## Salem Outreach Projects- Financial Donations Summer 2017 - Summer 2018 Total of \$12,004.00!

Ingathering (2018)	\$354
ERAs gift cards, stamps	\$198
Christmas Clearing	\$450
(approximated... 3 families, 18 gifts@\$25)	
Haiti Project	\$1800
Undie Sunday	\$516 cash
(plus 185 items @ approx.. \$2/pair)	
Paul Webster Support	\$1514
Hope Outreach meals	\$40
(2 meals, 20 gallons milk)	
Food Pantry Endowment	\$1800
Northcott Neighborhood House	\$1000
Auction Baskets (Hope Center/ERAs)	\$100
Food Pantry Financial Support	\$2350
Healing Hearts	\$200
UMCOR	\$925
Native American Ministries	\$68
Abounding Ministries	\$319

- Lasagna War... \$1800 was raised to support the malnutrition program in Haiti. Basic nutritional education leads to the health and well-being of families.
- Undie Sunday... a donation of socks or underwear helps Hope Center clients use their limited resources for other needed items.
- Christmas Clearing Council... providing a gift to a child helps the parents use their limited funds to perhaps stock their pantry, not to mention spread the joy and wonderment of Christmas to a child.
- Ingathering financial support for Personal Dignity kits... 3,694 pounds of kits (from participating Wisconsin Methodist Churches) were sent to Florida for hurricane readiness.

This fall you can make a difference and become a “Ripple Maker” as Outreach turns its focus to the Waukesha Food Pantry! The pantry is extremely low on personal care items. Basic items such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. can help! A ripple from such a donation, can turn into personal cleanliness and dignity... which in turn, could lead to... Higher self-esteem? A job?

Our focus for September and October will be collecting these types of items for the pantry, and are hoping for “Ripple Makers” at Salem! Outreach thanks you for your support!

## Looking Forward:

The following is a look at the Outreach Team’s calendar for the fall and into 2019.

**Sept/Oct:** Food Pantry personal care items

**November:** ERAs (Interfaith) Christmas giving

**Nov/Dec:** Christmas Clearing Council

**January:** Haiti Medical Mission

**April:** Pie for Paul Webster

**May/June:** Ingathering

**August:** UNDIE SUNDAY (PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE!!!)

## The Ripple Effect

By definition, “ripple effect,” is the continuing and spreading results of an event or action. One may wonder, what does this have to do with Salem? With Salem’s ongoing support, we have made a difference in our community and the world. Here are some examples:

- Donating to Pie for Paul... the money was used to supply tilapia for their ponds, residents were able to farm the tilapia and use the proceeds to support their families.  
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## *The Ripples are Getting Bigger*

One small step, one small act will create a ripple. You may not always see its effect from the middle of the pond, but it’s there. Drop some love, drop some laughter, or some kindness into the water and see what happens...



## Serving in Worship

### **Sunday, Sept. 2**

Greeters: Stuempfigs  
Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez  
PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien  
Worship Leader: Bill Pardoe  
Liturgist: Gary Wollenzien  
Children's Time: Pastor Paola  
Flowers:  
Refreshments:

### **Sunday, Sept. 9**

Greeters: Roszkowskis  
Acolyte: Seth Hernandez  
PowerPoint: Paul Bohning  
Worship Leader: Harriet Young  
Liturgist: Peggy Barnes  
Children's Time:  
Flowers: Bob & Bonnie Stuempfig  
Refreshments:

### **Sunday, Sept. 16**

Greeters: Rongstads  
Acolyte: Cole Nease  
PowerPoint: Harriet Young  
Worship Leader: Doug Taylor  
Liturgist: Sydney Hernandez  
Children's Time:  
Flowers:  
Refreshments:

### **Sunday, Sept. 23**

Greeters: Lindsays  
Acolyte: Chase Hernandez  
PowerPoint: Greg Trombley  
Worship Leader: Amy Manns  
Liturgist: Rich Manns  
Children's Time:  
Flowers: Dick & Marlys Tesch  
Refreshments:

### **Sunday, Sept. 30**

Greeters: Bechers  
Acolyte: Aaron Buxengard  
PowerPoint: John Klopp  
Worship Leader: Cory Buxengard  
Liturgist: Bonnie Stuempfig  
Children's Time:  
Flowers:  
Refreshments:



Sept. 4	Clarisse Crusan
5	Don Callen
6	Doug Lindsay
7	Kurt Guenther
8	Edna Lesada
9	Pat Bohning
10	Dick Tesch
10	Maggie Bringa
18	Marlys Tesch
19	Bob Stuempfig
19	Michelle Lacock
20	Eve Paddock
22	Jacob Lindsay

## LECTIONARY - September

<b>Sept 2</b>	Song of Sol. 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
<b>Sept 9</b>	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 or Psalm 124 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37
<b>Sept 16</b>	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
<b>Sept 23</b>	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37
<b>Sept 30</b>	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50



Salem  
Annual  
Charge  
Conference

Sunday, November 4  
6:00 PM

## DID YOU KNOW??

### Fun Facts about the month of SEPTEMBER

The name September comes from the old Roman word "septem", meaning "seven", because in the Roman calendar it was the seventh month.

Labor Day is in September, but did you know that other special days this month include: National Playdoh Day (Sept. 16), Talk Like a Pirate Day (Sept. 19), National Cheeseburger Day (Sept. 18), Elephant Appreciation Day (Sept. 22), and National Ice Cream Cone Day (Sept. 22)? *I definitely need to celebrate that last one!* ☺

September's birth flower is the aster and the birthstone is sapphire.

September is known for harvesting apples! Here is a yummy recipe:  
**Apple Dip**  
1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, bring to room temperature  
½ cup brown sugar  
2 tsp. vanilla extract  
Blend all together until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is smooth. Serve with apple slices and graham crackers. Enjoy!

