

# Salem United Methodist Church

## October 2020



*"Nobody escapes being wounded. We are all wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually. The main question is not, 'How can we hide our wounds?' so we don't have be embarrassed, but 'How can we put our woundedness in the service of others?' When our wounds cease to be a source of shame and become a source of healing, we have become wounded healers."*

Henry Nouwen, from The Wounded Healer

### Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

If I try to summarize the past 7 months, I would say they have been wounding.

No matter how you stand on Covid19, racial injustice, wildfires, the economy, and the presidential campaign, we all share pain and suffering, anger and frustrations, anxiety and discouragement. The way we deal with that is denial, aggression or defeat. But there is a different way... Jesus' way described in the prophetic words of Isaiah:

***"The Messiah was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed" (53:5)***

I can be wounded healer. I can be open and vulnerable about my wounds. I can show my pain, then lovingly and gently touch other people's pain with my words, my silence, my presence, my gift of love. It is called *compassion* (in the original Latin root means "co-suffering"). My suffering can bring healing to others, not because I have a special power, but because I let God's healing power work through me.

Can you imagine for a moment what would happen if we all use our wounds as a vehicle for God to bring his healing?

Wounded healers help others and themselves to find the way to hope out of suffering, because they know that when we *travel through death's valley, we can trust that God remains with us.*

Dear Salem family, it is our call to be wounded healers, and that allows us to live by hope, looking to what God is doing among us with courage, boldness and confidence.

Blessings,  
Pastor Paola



## October & November Worship

### Spiritual Lessons from the Pandemic:

We will reflect on what we've learned so far from the pandemic, as we look at stories of Old Testament characters who lived in times of fear, uncertainty, change and anxiety.

**Sunday October 4** *It is OK not to be OK*

Job: A story of pain and redemption

**Job, Psalm 55**

**Sunday October 11** *Necessary Endings*

Ruth: Letting go of the past is necessary to embrace new blessings

**Ruth 1, John 15:1-2**

**Sunday October 18** *Service of Renewal*

**10:00 AM Drive in Worship & Picnic**

**Capital Campaign closes today**

**Sunday October 25** *Treasure your community and spiritual friends*

David and Nathan: the power of true friendship in times of anxiety

**1 Samuel 23, Psalm 133**

**Sunday November 1** *New Open Doors*

Abraham: Courage to embrace new opportunities

**Genesis 12, Revelations 3:8**

**Sunday November 8** *Rest!*

Replenishing mind, body and soul brings peace

**Genesis 2:1-3, Matthew 11:28-29**

**Sunday November 15** *Giving brings healing*

Joseph: Generosity bears hope

**Genesis 45 (Proverbs 11:24-25)**

**Sunday November 22** *Give Thanks*

**Live zoom Service**



**October 18th**

### Service of Renewal

We hope you can join us in the *Drive In Worship and Picnic* on October 18! We are planning an outdoor worship at **10 AM (not the usual 9 AM)** followed by a picnic. Please bring your lawn chair and your own picnic lunch.

Live music, message and praying time will be part of our service as well as the opportunity to drop off and consecrate our commitment cards for our capital campaign to support the building project.

See you all there!!



Our Worship Services are all online! Have you missed one? Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQY7kQoYM>

[JH1n\\_XsHnetCrQ](#) Or Google search: YouTube Salem United Methodist Church Waukesha. There you will be able to find our worship services, special events, Children's Times, and youth lessons.



Please consider joining our zoom Bible study On Thursday at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced). We send out the Zoom invite by email each week. We study 2 passages from the weekly lectionary every week. It is an awesome opportunity to grow in faith!

### ***Tithes and Offerings***

Thank you all for sending in your offering via checks to the church office. Your generosity is allowing us to move forward with joy and hope, knowing the best is yet to come. Please continue to send in your contribution by mail or direct deposit. More than ever our ministry is live and active, caring for our congregation and reaching out to many new people.

### ***Do you have a prayer request?***

Please continue to email us your prayer requests. We will make sure to share them with our Salem Prayer Team or, if requested, with the entire congregation. Call Pastor Paola at 920-420-7205, or email her at [pastor@salemthehill.org](mailto:pastor@salemthehill.org)

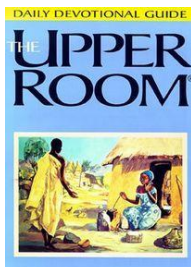


Welcome all Salem women!

**Esther Rachel Circle will be meeting via Zoom on October 5 at 1:30 PM.** We spend a little time catching up with each other, have a short business meeting and then hear a program presented by one of our members. It is difficult not to see each other in person, but at least we can spend time in fellowship through our computers. Let Gladys know if you would like to join us this month, and she'll send you a zoom link. (262-594-5099) or [eaglerosz@gmail.com](mailto:eaglerosz@gmail.com)

### ***A Reminder...***

Copies of the Sept/Oct Upper Room Devotional booklets are now available! You may pick up a copy at church. They are on the kiosk in the narthex. So, please let yourself in the church and pick up your copy so that you can continue with your daily devotionals! ☺



**Salem House at Mujila Falls**

### ***Thank You Salem!***

Fund-raising for our missionary Temba and the new Salem House at Mujila Falls was a huge success, thanks to you! We have sent \$1,000 towards Temba's salary and also \$3,000 for the continuation of building Salem House. This is a larger contribution than we ever could have hoped for! Thank you, Salem for your extremely generous support of a mission that helps people all over the world! As Peace Corps workers and students come to learn about agriculture at Mujila Falls and stay in Salem House, they will have a comfortable place to stay. As Temba said when he learned of our donation, "I am very grateful for your very generous gift. I almost jumped out of my seat!" Thank you also from your Outreach Team.

Here is a "bonus" picture of Temba's son...







## Djeniflore

Do you remember this little girl? We met her three years ago. Her name is Djeniflore, and she lives in Thomassique, Haiti. Djeniflore was near death because of malnutrition. Then she was enrolled in the malnutrition program in the Thomassique clinic led by Wilner. She was saved, and is now filled with joy and energy. Dear Salem, you did this. This is what our support to the Medika Mamba Malnutrition Program does every day. Thank you and blessings.



## Food Pantry Update

Colder weather is fast approaching! We have moved our collection area to inside the narthex so that donated items don't freeze or spoil. **Starting October 1st**, all food donations left at our building **MUST BE BROUGHT INSIDE**. Here is what the collection area looks like:



Please note the following:

- **NO fresh items.** Those must be taken directly to the Pantry. They love your veggie garden extras!
- Any and all canned goods. Soups with meat are preferred.
- Diapers needed size 5 or 6, partial packages ok.
- Disinfectant wipes or sprays needed (every cart is wiped down before it comes back so volunteers can refill for next client).
- Cereals (oatmeal by the carton and/or instant packages) and kid cereals are very appreciated!
- Hand soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, etc needed!
- Egg cartons (dozen size only) opened and stacked to conserve space would be appreciated.
- Grocery bags, both paper AND plastic are needed.
- **Monetary donations** are always welcome. Make your check out to Salem UMC, with note in the memo line: Food Pantry. Salem totals these donations, records them, and then sends a quarterly check to the Food Pantry.

**Thanks so much for your continued support!**



## Building Team Report

Since the passage of the preliminary vote on August 16, the Building Team has been working very hard. Recently, we received the 75% plans from our architect, Brad Kroop and our builder, Jeff Grahl. The week of September 21, members of the Building Committee checked these more-detailed plans for accuracy and made changes that were required. After we returned the 75% plans, the architect came and took final measurements in some areas of the Church. From this, he will be able to develop 95% plans that will be used to gather bids on our remodel. Once the bids are in, we will all know what the cost will be to update Salem. The Building Team is as anxious as you to find out what the cost will be, but we must be patient for a few more weeks.

Also, in the third week of September, members of the Building Team met again with Nick Rogneby from Metro Sound to identify and finalize what would be best in terms of audio and visual for our building. We will receive his report in a couple of weeks.

In the meantime, I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to view the 26-minute video on financing our project. It will allow you to view, at your leisure, Kermit's finance report and see some of the witnesses to Salem. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5h rqIrsM9Rk>

(Please see the next column to see important dates!)

## Important Dates from our Building Team

**October 5-7** Surprise delivery to your home.

**October 5** A letter explaining the financing of Salem's project and commitment card will be mailed. Watch for this.

**Monday, October 12** In-person explanation of financing at SALEM at 2:00pm. Please e-mail Becky Henderson if you wish to attend.  
[bhenderson46@hotmail.com](mailto:bhenderson46@hotmail.com)

**Tuesday, October 13** Zoom from 6:00-6:30pm to answer questions on finance only. If interested, e-mail Becky Henderson at  
[bhenderson46@hotmail.com](mailto:bhenderson46@hotmail.com)

**Sunday, October 18** Renewal Sunday  
**10:00 AM** Drive-in worship and picnic at Salem at which time Commitment Cards may be returned.

**Early November** (date TBD) we will have a Church Conference where a final vote will be taken to approve the remodel of Salem and the financing of the project.

As you can see, the next few weeks are going to be very important and busy for all Salem family members. May the LORD be with us all as we move forward.

### Coming Soon!

Watch for Outreach News about Salem's THREE opportunities for giving during the Christmas season.

The Christmas Clearing Council is not having their toy drive this year, but there will be other options for giving. We will be collecting specific gift cards for The Clearing Council, specific gift cards for Eras (formerly Interfaith), postage stamps, and Underwear for Hope Center.



Thank  
You!



From Sandy Pardoe...

### Thank You!

What would I ever do without my Salem family?

I just want to say Thank You again for all of you cards, thoughts, and prayers, and meals, during the month of

September. The love that was shown to Bill and I during my last bout with cellulitis will never be forgotten. I was off work for 3 weeks with many trips to the doctor's office. But I was able to stay out of the hospital, Thank You, Lord, for that. Again, THANK YOU MY SALEM FAMILY.

-Sandy Pardoe



October 1	Emilie Cochran
2	Cash Trombley
5	Greg Newton
5	Debbi Oswalt
7	Becky Henderson
10	Sharon Seegers
11	Amy Cochran
11	Matt Wojcik
12	Vania Trombley
16	Ross Henderson
18	Grace Olivia Tonz
24	Jonah Jacobson-Agpoon
26	Rei Lesada
28	Ralph Yont
29	Vicky Nease
30	Bryan Callen
31	Allyson Manns
31	Chris Tonz

### A personal note of thanks from Amy Manns...

Words are not adequate to express my deep gratitude for the ongoing love and support shown to my mom, Jo Bentley, over the past few months. Her stroke last December changed just about everything, but her sweet disposition has not changed, and for that we are incredibly grateful. The thoughtful gals from Esther-Rachel circle send cards to my mom, and those put a smile on her face. ☺ She especially loves photos when someone send them. The visits from Pastor Paola and Gladys have been highlights, so thank you for making the trip to Oconomowoc to spend a little time with my mom! Knowing Salem keeps my mom in their prayers is very, very comforting.

Salem, you are my mom's church family...and although she doesn't always remember her friends from church, I just know she feels your concern and love. I am humbled when I am asked all the time about how she is doing, and I can tell you all genuinely care and that you miss seeing her. Thank you all, soooooo much!!



### October Lectionary

<b>Oct. 4</b>	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Phil 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46
<b>Oct. 11</b>	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
<b>Oct. 18</b>	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
<b>Oct. 25</b>	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46