

Salem United Methodist Church

October 2021

The Lord Jesus himself said:



Acts 20:35

Thoughts from Pastor Paola...

This is one of my favorite times in our church life. It is the time to reflect over the power of giving. I have the best job in the world that allows me to witness almost every day the spiritual growth that happens in people of all ages and backgrounds when they challenge themselves to grow in giving. It is mind boggling to see the transformation!

As we give and become truly generous people, we partner with God, follow Jesus, and enter into the reality of kingdom living. It's really good. Our heart grows, we become the life we lead, the joy we experience, the faith we build, the divine care we receive, the difference we make. Dr. Martin Luther King put it this way: "Keep feeling the need for being first. But I want you to be the first in love. I want you to be the first in moral excellence. I want you to be the first in generosity."

When Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive", he meant it literally. We think getting stuff is the path to the good life because when we get, we receive a little burst of pleasure. But that little burst always wears off. Over the long haul, givers are happier, more joyful people than takers.

The rewards of generosity are:

More relational connection. We live in a society that's increasingly financially rich but relationally poor. People who are generous with their time and with their money, end up entering into new relationships, connecting with, and caring about more people.

Freedom. When I focus on my little life and getting what I want, I become a slave to my desire.

Generosity liberates us from our slavery to things to be able to give with the freedom we receive.

Joy It's sometimes called the "helper's high". Stingy people secrete cortisol, which is the stress hormone. God has wired your body so that you cannot give without getting, just at the hormonal level.

A blessing that will continue to the next generation Generous parents tend to raise generous children and help them to live a more fulfilling, joyful life as adults.

Impact other people in your community and discover you can make a difference in the world.

Dear Salem family, soon you will be receiving a letter with a financial commitment card. It will be your opportunity to start thinking in what ways you want to grow in joy and blessings in 2022. Please pray about it, and decide in your heart. The last two Sundays in October will be dedicated to harvesting the fruits of your generosity. Please bring back your commitment card on October 31 and celebrate your blessings with your spiritual family.

See you in church,
Pastor Paola

Worship Opportunities at Salem



Fall Worship Series (Two Sundays left)

Join us as we are learning how to make our life count through stories of characters from the first book in the Bible.

October 10

**Give Yourself
to Others**

**Joseph's new
beginning**

Genesis 45:1-15

October 17

**Invest in Your
Relationships**

**Jacob's very, very
large family**

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30



Stewardship Campaign for 2022

**Planting the seeds,
Reaping the
harvest**

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Join us for 2 Sundays
(Oct. 24 & 31) of
lifting up the gifts we
receive from God

and the gifts we can share for the growth of His Kingdom in our community. We will hear stories of blessings, receive an update about our 2022 budget, and of course celebrate our financial commitments with cake on October 31! Please feel free to dress up for Halloween if you like.

October 24

Planting the seeds

October 31 (Stewardship Sunday)

Reaping the Harvest

All Saints Sunday November 7

Matt. 5:1-12, 14-16

Remembering
those who let
God's light shine
through them



**Have You Filled
a Bucket Today?**



**Worship
Series
Nov. 14 & 21**

This year our season of thanksgiving will be inspired by a children's story that tells us we were all born with an invisible bucket. When our bucket is full, we are happy and when it is empty we are sad. God fills our bucket every day with great blessings. People around us fill our bucket also, with their love and generosity. Through this worship series we have the opportunity to learn how to fill other people's buckets by blessing them with our love and generosity.

November 14 Living the blessed life

Psalm 112

November 21 The secret of true blessing

Deuteronomy 15:10 and Proverbs 11:24-25

Worship with our neighbors at

New Perspective
SENIOR LIVING

**Pastor Paola will lead worship (30 minutes)
in the chapel with communion**

Wednesday, October 13, at 11 AM

**From our Children, Youth & Family Ministries
Coordinator, Mary Jo Martin**

October Sunday School Schedule

October 3

No Middle and High School class. Please attend service. Elementary students (ages 5-12) will practice bells. **Nursery Help needed.**

October 10

Children's Bell Choir will play during worship. High School and Elementary age Students class will begin after children's time.

Nursery, High School, and Elementary volunteers still needed.

October 17

Lesson: Moving on after messing up.

John 18:15-18, 25-27, and 21:15-17

High School and Elementary age Students class will begin after children's time.

Nursery, High School, and Elementary volunteers still needed.

October 24

No Classes - Community Outreach:

Sunday School (ages 5-18) will go out into local neighborhood to pass out flyers for food donations. We'll come back to church to decorate pumpkins, do a craft, and enjoy a treat.

Nursery volunteer needed

October 31

**WEAR YOUR
COSTUME TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

(All ages)

Theme: Trust your fears with God. Games and Trivia
Luke 8:22-25 - Jesus Calms the storm.

High School teacher needed.

Nursery volunteer needed



Children's Bell Choir



The Children's Bell Choir is for all children, ages 5-12. Katie Martin is directing.

October 3rd - We will practice after Children's Time, and we will return back to worship for communion.

October 10th - We will play for the congregation during worship

Mark your calendars:

CHARGE CONFERENCE - Nov. 16, 7 PM

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to be in the nursery during worship. Please see Mary Jo Martin.



Sunday School

Teachers Needed:

Oct. 10 - High School & Elementary

Oct. 17 - High School & Elementary

Oct. 31 - High School

Please see Mary Jo Martin.

**Used Book Sale starts
Sunday, October 10th**

Bring your book donations in by Sunday, Oct. 9th for Salem's book sale! All types of good used books for children and adults will be accepted. Please leave them in the library so they can be sorted for the beginning of the sale. All profits will benefit the library.





Women in the Middle

What is Women in the Middle? We are a group of women who are in the middle of our lives (approx. ages 45-65) and we are right *in the middle*

of balancing many things. These may include aging parents, empty nest, parenting young adult children, perhaps grandchildren, possibly looking at retirement soon for some of us, and yet still busy with jobs and other commitments in our lives. We have a new 3-week session that will be based on the book: "Common Ground: Loving Others Despite Our Differences" by author Amberly Nease as the basis for this series. We will meet on Tuesdays (Oct. 12 & 26 & Nov. 2) at 6 pm at Pastor Paola's. Questions? Please see Pastor Paola.

Trustees Corner

The Trustees are still keeping busy with fall projects. We are replacing batteries in all four door locks. We will do this annually on daylight saving time to avoid problems of doors not working. We also have decided to do a walk through before every meeting looking for areas that need attention. If you see something that needs attention, please let one of the trustees know.

The lawn server has installed mulch, but we are still waiting on them to finish the grading and leveling and seeding of grass on some of the areas left from construction.

Our church building has finally opened up to some outside groups, and we are happy we can do that once again.

We would also like to thank the trustees for staining the new garbage enclosure. It looks great now that it matches the exterior of the church.

Thank you to Bill, Robert, Bob, Caryn, and Doug for ushering at our Rededication Sunday and for coming in a few days before to do some final touch-ups.

Salem Serves the Hope Center Meal Friday, October 29th

There are two ways you can be a part of this outreach to the hungry in our community:

1. We will need 4-7 volunteers. Volunteers will arrive at 5:00. They will help serve the meal, beverages, and desserts at 5:30 and help with the clean-up afterwards by washing tables and sweeping the floor. Children above age 10 can volunteer as long as there are at least 2 adults for every child.
2. We will need to bring: Milk (total of 7 gallons) and Cookies for 50-60 people.

Look for the sign up on the kiosk.
Volunteers will need to wear masks.

Back for a limited Time!

UMW has decided to discontinue selling Equal Exchange products. We will be selling out the rest of our inventory starting Oct.



3rd. As you'll remember, Equal Exchange is a worker owned co-op offering 100% fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolate and many other products. Purchasing these items helps small farmers around the world get a fair price for their products. You will still be able to find these products (and probably more) at various stores and also at Plowshares.



There will be hot cocoa, large chocolate bars and mini bars available for you to purchase at Salem.

Looking Ahead...

A new adult Sunday School Class will be coming up during the Advent season! More details to come!



Wednesday night is MUSIC night at Salem!! No experience necessary. We

would love to have you join us! Come give it a try! Handbells practice at 6:30 PM. Choir practices at 7:30 PM.



We want to give a huge **THANK YOU** to Cory Buxengard for his work on constructing the awesome rack for storing all of our bibles and paraments. They are now stored safely in the closet behind the altar.



October 1	Emilie Cochran
5	Greg Newton
5	Debbi Oswalt
7	Becky Henderson
10	Sharon Seegers
18	Grace Olivia Tonz
24	Jonah Jacobson-Agpoon
26	Rei Lesada
28	Ralph Yont
29	Vicky Nease
30	Bryan Callen
31	Chris Tonz

Lectionary Readings

October 3

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Psalm 26:1-12
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Gospel Mark 10:2-16

October 10

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Gospel Mark 10:17-31

October 17

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel Mark 10:35-45

October 24

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel Mark 10:46-52

October 31

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146:1-10
Hebrews 9:11-14
Gospel Mark 12:28-34

