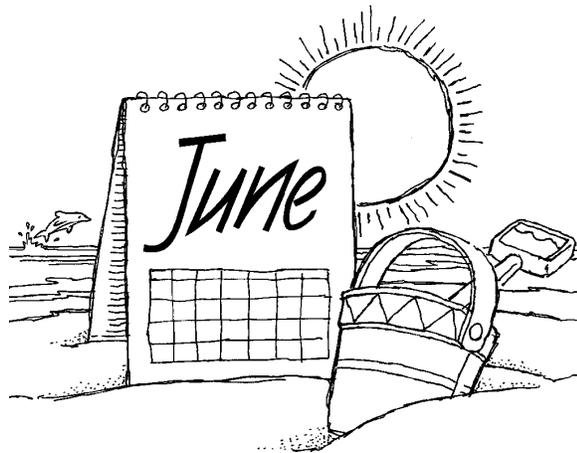


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SALEM UCC MISSION STATEMENT

To praise and glorify God through Jesus Christ, Salem United Church of Christ will be a nurturing family that shares the Good News with people of all ages. Our congregation will invite and warmly welcome others into this faith community. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will create and maintain places and programs, which satisfy needs and nurture spiritual growth while recognizing and utilizing the diverse gifts and talents of all.

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FIRST NOTES

As I write this month's front page, I am looking at the first week of the spring season where long sleeves and sweaters will not be the outfit for the day. It is a grand and glorious milestone!

For those of us who have an interest in cultivating green and growing stuff, this marks a time of planting, watering, tending and weeding. This work of cultivating new life will be ongoing over the summer months – and into the fall – until that time comes when the killing frosts arrive and growth is stopped. We are in a season where the world around us is full of activity.

And while nature is in a season full of life and growth, we, in the church are in that phase of the church year called "Ordinary Time." On the surface of it, that doesn't sound like a good phase to be going through. "Ordinary Time" sounds kind of dull and unexciting. Who wants a steady diet of "ordinary" in their lives?

Perhaps "Ordinary Time" isn't as bad as it sounds. "Ordinary" does not describe the character and quality of time but instead describes the fact that the Sundays in this group are not a part of a special season (like Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter) and are numbered as they are. The longest stretch of "Ordinary Time" happens between Trinity Sunday and the Reign of Christ Sunday and it accounts for a lot of Sundays in the church year.

Now, even though these Sundays aren't a special season like Advent, Lent, or Easter, it doesn't mean that they don't have purpose behind them. Often times we emphasize the growth of the church – as the Body of Christ – or the growth of the individual Christian. Not surprisingly, the color of these Sundays is green, which symbolizes growth.

It seems that the church has just entered its own growing season, just like the natural world around us. Are we ready for growth in the life of the church and in our own personal spiritual lives? The things necessary for spiritual growth are not really a mystery: it requires prayer, the study of scripture, the willingness to be a servant of Christ to others, and a desire to remain connected to the church, the Body of Christ. Just as there are no shortcuts to cultivating plant life, there are no shortcuts to cultivating spiritual life, either.

The green time is upon us – in nature and in the church. Are we ready to get our hands dirty?

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Kaylene Rush
Mary Ann Thiel
Stacy Picard
Greta Grall
6/2 Autumn Groene
6/3 Evan Sukowaty
6/4 Alan Bosman
Dorothy Machut
Makyla Odekirk
Evelyn Gundersen
Allyson Binder
Logan Velier
6/5 Debra Konrad
Kathleen Andrews
ReBecca Rush
6/6 Dean Brocker
Darla Ardell
Sheila Wagner
6/7 Judy Miller
Jacqueline Rortvedt
6/11 Matthew Sukowaty
6/12 Kyle Lisowe
6/14 Hannah Velier
6/16 Roger Binder
Alison Matzdorf
6/19 Ralph Groene
6/20 Barb Pahr
6/21 Gary Littlefield
6/23 Scott Raeder
Toni Fuerst
Ann Bubb
Michael Halle
6/25 Luvilla Hofschild
6/26 Ed Titel

David Huibregtse
6/27 Mary Mullen
Val Gillman
6/28 Tanya Zimmermann
Shannon Lisowe
Lauren Jenquin
Colton Goetsch
6/30 Jean Halida

ANNIVERSARIES

6/2 Warren & Linda Luedke
6/7 Dan & Denise Buss
Harmon & Evelyn Gundersen
6/8 Jim & Faye Hughes
6/14 Randy & Sharon Odekirk
6/15 Ralph & Dena Adamson
Ross & Margaret Bub
Dale & Esther Sippel
6/17 Warren & Marianne Faas
6/20 Jeff & Lisa Knuth
Jerad & Marion Lehmann
Art & Barb Pahr
Robert & Carol Stib
6/21 Dale & Linda Zimmermann
6/24 Bill & Judith Helmer
Bill & Joanne Lammers
Terry & Rachel Risse
Craig & Tanja Schneider
Ron & Sharon Schoenfeld
6/25 Rev. James & Abigail Hoppert
6/26 Dennis & Mary Ann Thiel
6/27 Bill & Sharon Klemme
6/28 Andy & Angie Hartmann
6/29 Kenneth & Anna Hoppert

THANK YOU . . .

Dear Care Meal Ministry,

Thank you all very much for the wonderful meal that was delivered to our home hot and ready to eat. Once again, we are blessed to have such a caring church family. Blessings to you all.

Jim & Deanna Lindow

Dear Care Meal Ministry,

Thank you so much to the care meal ministry for the delicious meal delivered to me as I recovered from my fall. I really appreciated it! It was nice not to have to cook several meals!

Elaine Kuck

Dear Care Meal Ministry,

Thank you so much for the wonderful and generous meal delivered to us during Larry's recovery from surgery. Blessings to each of you for the healing work you do.

With appreciation,
Larry & Sharon Zwerg

Dear Red Tent Ministry,

Thank you again for the generous gift as I prepare to finish my final semester of school. Since passing the Minnesota Bar Examination, I have been practicing as an attorney in Minneapolis. With the completion of my M.B.A., I will look for employment that will allow me to utilize both of my degrees. Receiving the gift card is a lovely reminder of how thankful I am for all the kind and gracious people in my life, especially those who support me at Salem. Thank you again for all that you do.

God bless,
Ian Andrews

Dear Salem Friends,

Thank you to everyone for the prayers and cards Larry received during his recovery. The love and support touched our hearts. Special thanks to Rev. Hoppert for the visits to St. Luke's and rehab. This journey continues to remind us of how blessed we are.

Larry & Sharon Zwerg

Dear Red Tent Ministries,

I just arrived back on campus to help settle new and returning students in before the start of our summer semesters. My campus job of being a resident assistant (RA) requires me to be on campus even during breaks. I just received your card and Starbucks gift card. What a great surprise that was! Coffee is something that helps me to stay alert during long days and I will definitely be using it.

As of this coming Monday, I will be a rising third year student in optometry school in Worcester, MA. My classes this past semester added up to 22 credits, which are about the amount of work of two semesters packed into one; stress was at an all-time high, but I really found great help and sanctuary in prayer. I really love being involved on campus and working with others to create a sense of community.

Nothing means more to me than love, kindness and support – all of which the congregation and the Red Tent Ministry has shown me throughout my academic endeavors. I always look forward to the care packages and cards you send; I surely thank God every time I receive one. It is a wonderful feeling knowing that family and friends back home are thinking of me. God has surely blessed me with many great things in life, and I am very thankful that He has blessed me with a support system like you.

God bless,
Mallory Andrews



MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

In our April *Chapel Chimes* we discussed our UCC benevolence goals. While we came up a bit short on One Great Hour of Sharing (\$621 of a \$700 goal), we do truly appreciate all the gifts we've received.

Over the summer, and beyond we will be providing the opportunity to consider our Church Camps - the "Campital" campaign that they have underway through free will offerings. We'll also hope to respond to other appeals, including a freewill offering for Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization (SCIO).

The summer is a time when many of our church families are taking vacations, and some days worship attendance is lower as well. The good news is that through the summer our blessings don't diminish. God doesn't leave us for the summer. Indeed we often find the opportunity to count even more blessings when we're able to relax, vacate and spend special time with friends and family.

Finding the blessings in our lives is all the more reason to share the blessings with others through special appeals, freewill offerings – and even your general fund operational support.

Thank you for your generosity – past, present, and future. I pray that the summer brings us all wonderful opportunities to spend time together with our individual families and our families of faith.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Mullen - Chair
Mission & Stewardship Committee

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

The following grants were awarded at the April meeting:

Salem United Church of Christ (line of credit)	\$2,400.00
Zoar Cemetery Association	1,100.00
Salem Church tree trimming	700.00
Welcome Table	750.00
UCC National Youth Event	300.00
Summer camp program	500.00
Called to Care Ministry	250.00

Remember when submitting grants to be reasonable with your requests. We have \$6,000.00 to grant twice a year. We will be awarding grants again in October 2016.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Klemme,
Secretary



- 4 years -- My Daddy can do anything!
- 7 years -- My Dad knows a lot . . . a whole lot.
- 8 years -- My father does not know quite everything.
- 12 years -- Oh well, naturally Father does not know that either.
- 14 years -- Oh, Father? He is hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 21 years -- Oh, that man-he is out of date!
- 25 years -- He knows a little bit about it, but not much.
- 30 years -- I must find out what Dad thinks about it.
- 35 years -- Before we decide, we will get Dad's idea first.
- 50 years -- What would Dad have thought about that?
- 60 years -- My Dad knew literally everything!
- 65 years -- I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

-- Author Unknown

JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, June 5, 2016-Tenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms: Psalm 146

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-24

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Sunday, June 12, 2016-Eleventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-21a

Psalms: Psalm 5:1-8

Epistle: Galatians 2:15-21

Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3

Sunday, June 19, 2016- Twelfth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

Psalms: Psalm 42 & 43

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 26, 2016-Thirteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalms: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Epistle: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



JUNE LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, June 5th:

8:30 am Judi Miller

Sunday, June 12th:

8:30 am Pat Schoening & Linda Lehrke

Sunday, June 19th:

8:30 am Pat Wachter & Jenny Velier

Sunday, June 26th:

8:30 am Annette & Lauren Bunyea

Save
the Date



Mark your calendar for the up-coming events:

Youth Fellowship Noah's Ark Trip - June 17th

Vacation Bible School - July 10th, 17th & 24th

Youth Camping Trip - July 20th - 21st

Band Concert Concessions - July 21st

National Youth Event - July 26th - 30th

Church Picnic - July 31st

Red Star Express - November 12th



KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED

Aurora Memorial, Sheboygan

Kristine Hartmann

FUNERALS

4/28/16 - Stan Seurer at Suchon Funeral Home

5/13/16 - Norman Lehrke at Suchon Funeral Home

6/8/16 - Edward Wegner at Salem United Church of Christ



Carve Your Name on Hearts

A good character is the best tombstone. Those who love you and were helped by you will remember you when the forget-me-nots are withered. Carve your name on hearts, and not on marble.

Charles Spurgeon

JUNE USHER LIST

Saturday, June 4th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Lori Holzer
Gerry & Reta Klemme, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, June 5th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Bret Schoenefeld
Paul Clarke, Lorena McKerrow,
Cheryl Rortvedt

Saturday, June 11th:

4:30 Head Usher: Lori Holzer
Dick Groene, Kevin & Debbie Lisowe

Sunday, June 12th:

8:30 Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Al Bosman, Janice Bunyea, Ansel Tupper

Saturday, June 18th:

4:30 Head Usher: Lori Holzer
Consistory Member, Linda Krueger,
Bob Becher

Sunday, June 19th:

8:30 Head Usher: Mary Mullen
Terry & Rachel Risse, Bette Klemme

Saturday, June 25th:

4:30 Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Bruce & Barb Hengst, Roger Rortvedt

Sunday, June 26th:

8:30 Head Usher: Mary Bender
Evie Kretsch, Cindy Conrad, Lois Faas

Saturday, July 2nd:

4:30 Head Usher: Consistory Member
Ken & Pat Schoening, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, July 3rd:

8:30 Head Usher: Consistory Member
Dale & Janis Knuth, Bette Humbracht

QUIET SPACE

“Rest is not idleness,” said John Lubbock, “and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time.”

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God’s whisper.

Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray – even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.

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A LIFE-FILLED PRAYER

A high school senior in Washington, D.C. offered this graduation prayer, which applies to people of all ages: “Dear God, grant us one thing before we leave the sheltered reassurance of our childhood. Show us life. Not an empty shallow world of shallow people and shallow dreams, but real life. For we have known the bliss of childhood as well as the passion of adolescence.”

“We want to make the world a better place, but we don’t know how. We want to throw our arms around our brothers and sisters, but our hands cannot reach. We want to break the cycle of violence and the bonds of injustice in our society, but we’re not strong.”

“Smile on us when we drink from the waters of truth. When we are old, reassure us that our struggle helped make the world a kinder, gentler, and more peaceful place. And please, God, don’t let us die without ever having lived.”

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