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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 sit down to write this page it is the Monday following the youth-led worship service of May 21st. What a wonderful experience the day was! The service, which was prepared and organized by Marsha Meyer, was conducted by our young people and the music was provided by the House Band and our church school children. We are so fortunate that we have young people in our congregation who are so eager to be a part of leading worship, and what a great send-off for the church school programming year.

Now, to look ahead.

As some of you may know already, I will be taking sabbatical leave during 2017. If the idea of a “sabbatical leave” sounds strange to some of you, it is a scheduled time of study leave set aside for pastors to study, to learn, and to recharge. Sabbatical leaves are a fairly common thing in churches, and I’ve taken three of them since we instituted the policy back in 1996—a month in 1999, a month in 2006, and two months in 2011 (the leave was expanded when Rev. Boda-Mercer was called in 2006). Leaves can be taken once every five years, but as you can tell, I’ve waited longer between leaves in some cases. Per Consistory approval, I will take the first of my two months of leave from June 5th – July 4th; the second will take place during the month of October.

Every sabbatical leave I’ve taken has had a purpose and a goal—this isn’t time to loaf in a hammock or work on my yard. In 1999, I studied small group ministries; in 2006, I read through a list of a half-dozen or so books that I had wanted to get to but hadn’t gotten around to reading; in 2011, I wrote music for use in worship. This time around I want to work on another musical project: a musical based on the book of Jonah. It’s an ambitious project and I may be in way over my head on this one, but nothing ventured, nothing gained, as they say. In my absence, Dale Miller will cover pastoral emergencies, and between Dale and the Five Practices working group worship services will be handled, as well.

While some pastors may do extensive travel or pursue study opportunities that will take them out of the area, I have no plans to do any of that. My travels will not take me past the Wisconsin state border. I’m comfortable with that, though, because Salem members have been very good in the past about using common sense about what to do with me during my previous sabbaticals and respected certain expectations. Odds are that you might see me around town during my leave. You don’t have to pretend that you don’t see me or be afraid to say “hello”. We just won’t be talking about VBS or how the worship service went on Sunday.

I do ask, though, that you keep me in your prayers during this time as I will keep you in mine.

And yes, last but not least, the church picnic will be held on June 25th. There will be more details about that event in this letter. I won’t be there to share in the fun, but I’ll be thinking about you.

Your servant in Christ,
Rev. Jim Hoppert



JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Mary Ann Thiel
6/3 Evan Sukowaty
6/4 Alan Bosman
Makyla Odekirk
Evelyn Gundersen
Logan Velier
6/5 Debra Konrad
Kathleen Andrews
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
6/23 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 Lauren Jenquin
6/29 Declan Krueger
6/30 Jean Halida

ANNIVERSARIES

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 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
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



Mark your calendar for the up-coming events:

Youth Fellowship Noah's Ark Trip - June 16th
Church Picnic- June 25th
Vacation Bible School - July 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th
Band Concert Concessions - August 17th
Red Star Express - October 28th

THANK YOU

Dear Salem UCC Family & Friends,

My spring semester of my third year in graduate school has ended. My classes went well but this past semester might have been the most stressful for me in school. I had to take a National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) exam in March. For optometrists to practice and get licensed, they must pass boards. This past Friday I finally found out my results. I passed and had high scores! My family and I were overjoyed. Our national boards are divided into three parts. Apparently, the first part that I took in March is the hardest one. It feels really rewarding to put in all the hard work and effort then finally sees incredible results.

That marks the end of having to take classes or tests at school. I still have one more year left before I graduate, but it's just a year of gaining clinical experience on externships. This coming August I will be moving from Worcester, MA to St. Paul, MN to live with one of my older brothers, Ian. I am very excited and greatly look forward to being near and living with family again.

Even after I took my board exams, I still felt uneasy and anxious. It is hard to set aside something in your mind that you work so hard towards for years. Normally, I pray daily and read passages alone, but I wanted some more comfort and relief. It turns out there is a United Church of Christ a few blocks away from where I live. On Easter I went to the church where I met and sat next to a warm and welcoming woman who urged me to come back to worship. Since, then I have been going to church every Sunday and plan to until I leave in August. Reverend Nancy Elder-Wilfred is the ordained leader at the church in Worcester and I really enjoy going there.

Nothing means more to me than love, kindness and support—all of which Salem United Church of Christ has showed me all throughout my academic endeavors. I always

look forward to the 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

The Mission and Stewardship committee will be meeting in the upcoming weeks to review and renew our focus on the missions of our church. There will be more information forthcoming, but a primary question we will be focusing on will be how our congregation reaches out to people in need, like refugees. This is a topic which will require prayer and discernment.

We are also continuing our Five for Five program with the UCC. Our One Great Hour of Sharing contributions have totaled more than \$880 dollars.

Coming up on Pentecost (June 4) we will begin accepting donations for Strengthen the Church. Strengthen the Church (STC) is a special mission helping to build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

Salem has been a generous congregation, and we will have even more opportunities to demonstrate our extravagant generosity in the months to come. If you have any ideas or thoughts about additional outreach ministries, please let me know.

Thank you.

Mary Mullen - Chair
Mission & Stewardship Committee

JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, June 4, 2017-Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Sunday, June 11, 2017-Trinity Sunday

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm: Psalm 8

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 18, 2017- Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Epistle: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sunday, June 25, 2017-Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Epistle: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39



OUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

It's funny how we often overlook some of our greatest assets. Our library at Salem is one of those assets, and the books have been cared for by Elaine Kuck for some time. We offer deep thanks for her care and concern for our library.

Now, we are in need of a member, or a group of members who care about books, and understand or are willing to learn a bit about organization of libraries to step forward for the next generation. If you are interested, please contact any member of the Board of Christian Education.

Thank you.



KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED

Aurora Memorial, Sheboygan

John Hoppert

St. Nicholas, Sheboygan

Scott Miller

BAPTISM

5/6/17 Hatti Marie Wykhuis, daughter of Matt* & Krystal* (Hoefler) Wykhuis, born 9/2/16

WEDDING

5/20/17 Ryan Halle & Shyanne Heimerl*

*denotes non-member

THANK YOU

Dear Care Meal Ministry,

Thank you so much for the delicious meal you so kindly prepared and delivered to Jim and I. How nice to come home to a wonderful meal. We are so blessed with a wonderful church family.

Blessings,
Jim & Deanna Lindow

I'd like to say thank you to all the people who kept me in their prayers and for all the wonderful cards. It's heart-warming knowing so many people really do care! Thanks again and see you in church soon.

With a grateful heart,
Scott Miller

FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

SUNBURN

Sunburn is usually a first-degree burn that involves just the outer surface of the skin. Sunburns are uncomfortable but are usually not dangerous unless they are extensive. Severe sunburns can be serious in infants and small children.

Repeated sun exposure and sunburns increase the risk of skin cancer.

Prevention

If you are going to be in the sun for more than 15 minutes, take the following precautions:

- ◆ Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor of at least 15.
- ◆ Apply the sunscreen 15 minutes before exposure. Reapply every two hours or as directed.
- ◆ If you are allergic to PABA, the active ingredient in many sunscreens, ask your pharmacist about non-PABA alternatives.
- ◆ Wear light-colored loose-fitting long-sleeved clothes and a broad brimmed hat to shade your face.
- ◆ Drink lots of water. Sweating helps cool the skin.
- ◆ Avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., when the burning rays are strongest.
- ◆ Don't forget the kids. Sun exposure may be very hard on their tender skin. Teach your young children safe sun habits – hats and sunscreen--early.

Home Treatment

- ◆ Watch sunburned infants or children for signs of dehydration. Also watch for signs of heat exhaustion. Drink lots of water.
- ◆ Cool baths or compresses can be very soothing. Take acetaminophen or aspirin for

pain. Don't give aspirin to children under 20 years of age.

- ◆ A mild fever and headache can accompany a sunburn. Lie down in a cool, quiet room to relieve headache.
- ◆ There is nothing you can do to prevent peeling; it is part of the healing process. Lotion can help relieve itching.

When to Call a Health Professional

- ◆ If signs of heat stroke develop (dry, flushed skin, confusion).
- ◆ If there is severe blistering (over half of the affected body part) with fever or if you feel very ill.
- ◆ If there is fever of 102 or higher.
- ◆ If dizziness or vision problems persist after you have cooled off.

TICK BITES

Ticks are parasites that fasten themselves to the skin and feed on blood. A tick should be removed as soon as you discover it.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection spread by deer ticks. This is common in the Northwest, upper Midwest and Far West. Otherwise it is uncommon. Deer ticks are tiny, about the size of the period at the end of this sentence. Therefore, if the tick is large enough to be seen easily, it is probably not a deer tick.

Early symptoms of Lyme disease usually included a red "bull's-eye" rash with a white center around the bite. The rash develops four days to three weeks after the bite. Flu-like symptoms such as fever, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, and joint pain may also occur. Lyme disease can be treated with antibiotics to prevent later symptoms, such as arthritis and heart problems.

Prevention

- ◆ Wear light-colored clothing and tuck pant legs into socks.
- ◆ Apply an insect repellent containing DEET to exposed areas of skin or to clothing when in tick-infected areas.
- ◆ Use a lower-concentration product on children and pregnant women.
- ◆ Don't put repellent on small children's hands, because they often put their hands in their mouths.
- ◆ After returning indoors, wash the repellent off with soap and water.

Home Treatment

- ◆ Check regularly for ticks when you are out in the woods and thoroughly examine your skin and scalp when you return home. Check your pets too. The sooner ticks are removed, the less likely they are to spread bacteria.
- ◆ Remove a tick by gently pulling with tweezers, as close to the skin as possible. Pull straight out and try not to crush the body. Save the tick in a jar for tests if symptoms of Lyme disease develop.
- ◆ Wash the area and apply an antiseptic.

When to Call a Health Professional

- ◆ If you are unable to remove the entire tick.
- ◆ In areas where Lyme disease is common, see a doctor if a tick has been attached for more than 24 hours.
- ◆ If a red "bull's-eye" rash, fever, fatigue, or flu-like symptoms develop up to three weeks after a possible tick bite.

UNCONSCIOUSNESS

An **unconscious** person is completely unaware of what is going on and is unable to make purposeful movements. Fainting is a brief form of unconsciousness; a coma is a deep prolonged state of unconsciousness.

Causes of unconsciousness include stroke, epilepsy, heat stroke, diabetic coma, insulin shock, head or spinal injury suffocation, alcohol or drug overdose, shock, bleeding, and heart attack.

Fainting is usually a short loss of consciousness most often due to a momentary drop in blood flow to the brain. When you fall or lie down, blood flow is improved and you regain consciousness. This lightheadedness is usually not serious. If it happens often, there may be a more serious problem. Dizziness and fainting can also be brought on by sudden emotional stress or injury.

Home Treatment

- ◆ Make sure the unconscious person can breathe. Check for breathing and, if necessary, open the airway and begin rescue breathing.
- ◆ Check the pulse. If there is none, call for help and start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- ◆ Keep the person lying down.
- ◆ Look for a medical identification bracelet, necklace, or card that identifies a medical problem such as epilepsy, diabetes, or drug allergy.
- ◆ Treat any injuries.
- ◆ Do not give the person anything to eat or drink.

When to call a Health Professional

- ◆ Call 911 or seek emergency services if a person remains unconscious.
- ◆ If someone has completely lost consciousness but is now awake.
- ◆ If unconsciousness follows a head injury and the victim is now awake. A head injury victim needs to be carefully observed.
- ◆ If a person with diabetes loses consciousness and is now awake. He or she may have insulin shock (low blood sugar) or be in a diabetic coma (too much sugar in the blood).

JUNE USHER LIST

Saturday, June 3th:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Mary Mullen
Ken & Pat Schoening, Linda Krueger

Sunday, June 4th:

8:30 am Head Usher: Mary Bender
Terry, Amy & Greta Debbink

Saturday, June 10th:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Mary Mullen
Ansel Tupper, Janice Bunyea, Roger Rortvedt

Sunday, June 11th:

8:30 am Head Usher: Amy Nischik
Lynn York, Cheryl Rortvedt, Bette Humbracht

Saturday, June 17th:

4:30 pm Head Usher: David Hengst
Dick Groene, Kevin & Debbie Lisowe

Sunday, June 18th:

8:30 am Head Usher: Lorena McKerrow
Marv & Judy Paulson, Evie Kretsch

Saturday, June 24th:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Consistory Member
Judy Wilmot, Sharon Klemme, Bob Becher

Sunday, June 25th:

10:00 am Head Usher: Mary Mullen
Steve Fieck, Ron Schoenfeld, Al Bosman

Saturday, July 1st:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Consistory Member
Ed & Darla Ardell, Shelley Bubb

Sunday, July 2nd:

8:30 am Head Usher: Consistory Member
Dale & Janis Knuth, Betty Klemme



JUNE

LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, June 4th:

8:30 am Amy & Greta Debbink

Sunday, June 11th:

8:30 am Janice Miller & Susie Katsma

Sunday, June 18th:

8:30 am Pat Wachter & Gail Kleinhans



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Our church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 25th. We are planning on doing things differently this year. Worship will be at 10:00 am outside (weather permitting) and the Salem House Band will be playing. After the service a FAMILY STYLE broasted chicken dinner will be served with a free will offering to offset the cost. Instead of asking for donations of salads OR desserts as we have in the past, we are asking for donations of ONLY desserts. We will not be selling tickets for raffle baskets as in the past as we want to get away from the fundraising at the picnic and just have the fun! We will still have kid's games and we will be playing Bingo and hold 50/50 raffles. We will be selling tickets to raffle a garden cart/wagon that was generously donated by a church member. Please plan to join us!