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SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 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

At this writing I find myself preparing to take the last half of my sabbatical time. As I've written earlier, I put down the foundation work on the Jonah musical in June: it's time to bring the project to completion this next month. I put myself on a fairly disciplined schedule last time and anticipate doing the same this time, as well. Again, I ask for your prayers during this time; I will keep you in mine.

As was the case the last time, the leading of worship and handling of pastoral care emergencies will be left in capable hands.

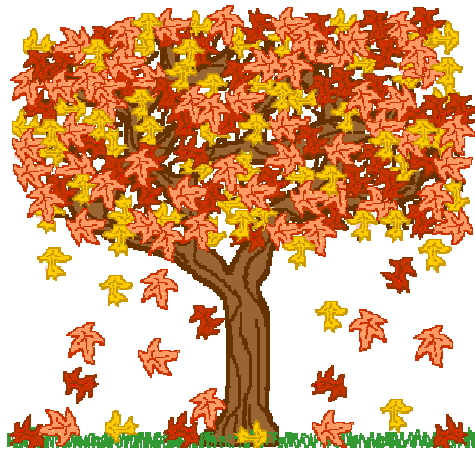
And in the meantime, the ministry of the church will move ahead. I've given a lot of thought about the whole "From Maintenance to Mission" emphasis that we've been undertaking through the "Five Practices" work in the past months. The work is ongoing. Certain changes have been undertaken; others will be in the offing in the weeks and months ahead.

One thing I have learned in all these many years is that changes can be unsettling and that the older we get the more we tend to be less fond of change. Yet, the thing I remind myself of is this: some change will be necessary for any living thing to keep living. I've never been fond of change for change's sake, but some of those changes can propel us forward in positive ways. A church birthed and guided by the restless Spirit of God can expect to be nudged from time to time. What we shall become as individuals and as a community is a mystery to us now. All that is certain is that we are all pilgrims on a journey.

May all of your journeys be filled with the presence of God's Spirit.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. James Hoppert



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/3 Faye Hughes
Thomas Blad
Angie Hartmann

10/4 Bonnie Bermke

10/5 Amber Ausloos

10/6 Robert Schuricht
Madalynn Pratt

10/7 Elaine Kuck
Drew Hoppert

10/8 Mallory Andrews

10/9 Carole Hummell
Vicki Binder

10/10 Larry Fuerst
Mary Ann Luedke

10/11 Joey Halle
Albert Versch

10/13 Sharon Zwerg

10/14 Michelle Mauk

10/15 Jerad Lehmann
Steve Vorpapel

10/16 Jaiden Krueger

10/17 Bernard Rudebeck

10/18 Kathleen Schmitt

10/19 William Lammers
Carol Lisowe

10/20 Terry Risse
Danielle Holzer
Marley Meyer
MaKenzie Meyer

10/22 Thomas LeMahieu
Paul Clarke

10/24 Robert Groene
Isabella Gutschow
Lisa Knuth

Natalie Faas

10/26 Cassandra Clarke

10/27 Blanche Hofschild
Hans Palm
Brett Pilling
Elaine Shaffer

10/30 Elizabeth Miller
Katie Hanson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/2 Ed & Delores Titel

10/4 Jordan & Leslie Blad
Mike & Kelly Wolfert

10/6 Gene & Charlene Boll

10/7 Jim & Pat Wachter

10/9 Randy & Denise Prange

10/11 Albert & Gail Versch

10/13 Ray & Robbie Gremminger

10/15 Dale & Janis Knuth

10/18 Dean & Karen Buelke
Russell & Kathleen Schmitt

10/21 Tom & Jackie Veldman

10/23 David & Judy Wilmot

10/26 John & Bette Humbracht

10/28 Lyle & Kaye Theune
Wes & Cyndi Huibregtse

10/29 Kyle & Melissa Odekirk

10/30 Joe & Stacy Ausloos

OCTOBER CHILD CARE

Sunday, October 1st:
Faye Hughes & Cora Meyer

Sunday, October 8th:
Gail Kleinhans

Sunday, October 15th:
Jill & Megan Thiel

Sunday, October 22nd:
Ashley Krueger

Sunday, October 29th:
Annette & Lauren Bunyea

FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

Shingles (herpes zoster) is caused by the reactivation of the chickenpox virus in the body years after the initial illness. The virus usually affects one of the large nerves that spread outward from the spine, causing pain and a rash in a band around one side of the chest, abdomen, or face. The rash will blister and scab, then clear up over the course of a few weeks.

No one knows what makes the virus active again. Shingles can affect anyone who has had chickenpox. However, older adults and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to get shingles. People with weakened immune systems include those who: have had a bone marrow or other organ transplant, have cancer, especially of the lymph system or are infected with HIV.

Shingles itself is not contagious, but exposure to the rash can cause chickenpox in a person who has not had it before. The pain that remains after an attack of shingles is known as postherpetic neuralgia, and it is notoriously hard to vanquish. Some drugs have proved helpful, but not for all people. They include capsaicin (often sold as Zostrix), a topical medication; amitriptyline (Elavil), an antidepressant; phenytoin (Dilantin) and carbamazepine (Tegretol), both anticonvulsants; and injections of corticosteroids. In other people, only time brings relief; the pain can last for months or years. Some dermatologists now prescribe oral cortisone, taken for three weeks after shingles first appears, to prevent the pain that persists after an attack. But the efficacy of this particular treatment remains unproven.

If you suspect shingles, call your doctor or advice nurse, within a day after the rash starts if possible, to discuss medication that can limit the pain and rash.

Hepatitis means "liver inflammation." Viruses cause Hepatitis A, B, and C, the most common types of hepatitis.

Most people in the U.S. get Hepatitis A after having intimate contact with someone who is infected with the hepatitis A virus (HAV). Large groups of people can become infected with HAV if someone who has hepatitis A prepares food for them. HAV infection usually goes away without medical treatment, causing no long-term problems.

The hepatitis B virus (HBV) lives in blood and other body fluids. It is commonly spread during sexual contact and when people share needles to inject drugs. A pregnant woman who is infected with HBV can pass the virus to her baby. Young people who become infected with HBV are more likely to develop chronic HBV infection and long-term liver problems than are people who become infected later in life.

The hepatitis C virus (HCV) is spread when HCV-infected blood enters a person's body. Blood transfusions were once a common means of spreading HCV. The virus is also spread among people who share needles to inject drugs. Many people develop chronic HCV infection, which can lead to severe liver damage after many years.

Hepatitis symptoms are similar to flu symptoms. They include nausea, headache, sore muscles, and fatigue. Some people have pain in the upper right side of the abdomen. Jaundice may develop, causing the skin and whites of the eyes to turn yellow and making the urine dark. Call a health professional if you develop hepatitis symptoms or if you may have been exposed to hepatitis. Because all three types of viral hepatitis have similar symptoms, blood tests are needed to determine which hepatitis virus is causing the infection. Vaccines can prevent hepatitis A and B, but there is no vaccine for Hepatitis C. If you are exposed to HAV or HBV before you have been vaccinated, getting a shot of immune globulin is likely to keep you from becoming infected. Drug treatment is available for people with chronic hepatitis infection (HBV or HCV) who are likely to develop liver problems.

OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms: Psalm 19

Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms: Psalm 99

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

THANK YOU

I would like to say "thank you" to the Care Meal Ministry for the wonderful meal that I received after my release from St. Vincent in Green Bay. It was very good and appreciated very much. Thank you for the prayers and get well cards I received from the members of Salem. Thank you to Rev. Hoppert for the visit. It was appreciated. God bless everyone.

Jean Halida

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Monday morning book study will resume on November 6th at 10:30 a.m. in the library as we will begin a six-week study on Adam Hamilton's book, *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph* (we will not meet on November 20th). The study will look at the Christmas story through the perspective of the often-overlooked figure of Joseph. In examining Joseph's story we may learn about our own journeys into faithful discipleship.

If you wish to order a book through the church please contact the church office. The cost is \$16.00.

The Wednesday afternoon study at Generations will also resume after my sabbatical – on November 1st. We will resume our study in the Gospel of John.

KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Funerals

8/29/17 - Jack Johnson Sr. at Salem UCC

9/17/17 - Robert Stib at Salem UCC

Baptism

(omitted from September *Chapel Chimes*)

7/9/17 - William Leopold Richard Bender, son of Josh & Angela* Bender, born June 14, 2016

9/2/17 - Kaylee Lynn Maxwell, daughter of Jesse* & Susan* Maxwell, born August 16, 2016

*denotes non-member

PRAYING HANDS MINISTRY

The Praying Hands Ministry will be meeting regularly starting the second Saturday in October at 3:30 p.m. in the church library.

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Kay Scheible has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Mission & Stewardship Committee.

OCTOBER USHER LIST

Saturday, September 30th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Julie Sukowaty, Roger Rortvedt, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, October 1st:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member
Marvin & Judy Paulson, Bette Humbracht

Saturday, October 7th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Mullen
Ray & Robbie Gremminger, Sharon Klemme

Sunday, October 8th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender
Carol Barts, Eugene Boll, Steve Fieck

Saturday, October 14th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member
Ansel Tupper, Janice Bunyea, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, October 15th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse
Salem Youth

Saturday, October 21st:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Jerry & Reta Klemme, Linda Krueger

Sunday, October 22nd:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Amy Nischik
Annette Bunyea, Cindy Conrad, Evie Kretsch

Saturday, October 28th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Julie Sukowaty
Ed & Darla Ardell, Bob Becher

Sunday, October 29th:

8:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Mullen
Terry, Amy & Greta Debbink

Saturday, November 4th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Consistory Member, Ken & Pat Schoening

Sunday, November 5th:

8:30 p.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member
Norman & Karen Raeder, Cheryl Rortvedt

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

The NIN offering will be received on October 1, 2017 as part of their World Communion Sunday observance.

HOLLYWOOD AND THE BIBLE

We will have our second installment of "Hollywood and the Bible" on Sunday, November 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (no Sunday Packer game that day, in case you're wondering): *The Robe*. A 1953 adaptation of Lloyd C. Douglas' novel, the film centers around the spiritual struggles of Marcellus, the Roman soldier who won the robe of Christ at the foot of the cross. Starring Richard Burton, Jean Simmons, and Victor Mature, this film has long been considered a classic "robe and sandals" epic. Come and join us if you're free that night.

FYI

Rev. Hoppert's new email address is
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