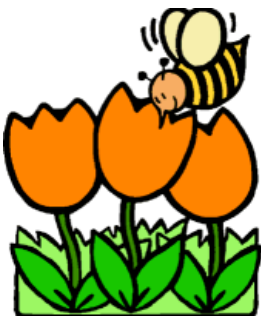


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SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MISSION STATEMENT

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

Although not completely by design, the month of May will find out worship schedule at church a busy one. Given the winter storm we experienced on April 15th, our worship service featuring the choirs of Salem and St. Peter's UCC, Kiel had to be postponed for three weeks until May 6th. I'm glad that we were able to reschedule the event and, once again, I strongly encourage you to be a part of the worship experience that day – especially if you like good singing.

The next week, May 13th, we will be celebrating the Rite of Confirmation, as three of our young people will claim for themselves the promises that were made on their behalf at their baptism. As we've done over the past few years, each class will have the opportunity to help select the music and decorate the sanctuary in ways that they feel speaks to their journey of faith. It is a big milestone occasion for them, their families and for us – their church family. It would be a good thing for us, as a congregation, to be supportive of them during this important milestone, and I encourage you to show your support.

Pentecost falls on May 20th this year and our celebration of the church's birthday will include a Youth Service, the celebration of Holy Communion, and special music featuring our church school children and Chancel Choir. This will be a festive way for us to celebrate the birthday of the church and would certainly be another "don't miss" worship opportunity.

Finally, we move into the Sundays after Pentecost when the House Band leads worship on May 27th at 8:30 a.m.

We'll be closing our Eastertide and moving into Pentecost in a big way. May these remaining days of the Easter season continue to be a time of joy and renewal.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1	Jean Groene
	Lucille Matzdorff
5/2	Kathy Bruggink
	Ken Schaap
5/4	Robert Metze
	Dale Miller
	Brenda Nabak
5/6	Haylen Odekirk
5/7	Evan Wachter
5/9	Bonnie Laack
5/11	Lynn Ditter
5/12	Kathy Ferguson
	Lyle Theune
	Ashley Konrad
	Larry Zwerg
5/13	Kathy Zelm
5/16	Karen Raeder
5/17	Janice Nohlquist
	Albert Nysse
	Madelyn Markus
5/18	Joan Vorpapel
5/20	Tom Miller
5/21	Roger Eldredge
5/22	Ron Schoenfeld
5/23	June Miller
5/24	Denise Prange
	Tom LeMahieu
	Ethan Feldner
5/25	Sharon Groene
5/26	Ardice Schuette
5/27	Alayne Bosman
	Linda Lehrke
	Ben Meinnert
	Carol Bournoville
5/29	Elsa Blad
5/30	Jayna Flunker

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/7	John & Judy Meerstein
5/16	Todd & Julaine Thiel
5/19	Dennis & Andrea Kapellen
	Brett & Jill Pilling
5/20	Ryan & Shyanne Halle
5/23	Kevin & Debbie Lisowe
5/24	Gene & Georgine Littlefield
5/28	Bob & Julie Sukowaty
5/30	Jim & Deanna Lindow



LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, May 6th:
Ashley Krueger

Sunday, May 27th:
Jennifer & Hannah Velier

PLEASE KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED

Memorial, Sheboygan
Joanne Lammers

Funerals

4/14/18 Sharon Schoenfeld at Salem United
Church of Christ

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

Happy Spring!

This is a time that we may find it a bit easier to express all that we are thankful for. One of the church's most independent missions is our Rummage Sale, which has now concluded. It is important that we take the time to thank all of those who contributed to this mission and ministry within our church.

For the past year our church, along with other churches in the Wisconsin Conference and Northeast Association have been focused on moving from Maintenance to Mission. Coming up next week at our Northeast Association Meeting (April 28), we will learn more about the focus and changing needs of the United Church of Christ, and Salem's UCC's role.

For now, our 5 for 5 missions have received the following:

OCWM - ongoing (Goal/Pledge: \$15,300)

\$3,818.00

One Great Hour of Sharing (2/25-3/11/2018;
Goal: \$750) \$702.00

As you can see, we are a bit behind in our OCWM giving. Considering our goal, our total should be closer to \$ 5,100 at this time of the year. And, we are a bit shy of our OGHs pledge. Please consider either a one-time additional gift, or boosting your monthly or weekly gifts.

Our next mission effort is **Strengthen The Church**. This fund supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Half of the money raised goes to our local conference and is used to help churches in Wisconsin to grow and expand ministries. It includes efforts like the **5 Practices**, as well as support of **Youth Faith Formation** retreats, like our children participated in February at Pilgrim Center, and support for congregations like Salem to help

send students to the **Great Lakes Regional Youth Event** in Elmhurst, Illinois in July. You will begin seeing information on **Strengthen The Church** at the beginning of May. The primary date for receipt of gifts is Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Our goal is \$400.

Also, coming up quickly our mission team will be heading down to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. Please keep this group, and the work they are doing, in your prayers.

We are also considering ways that we could help the Food Pantry with fresh produce during the growing season, so keep your eyes out for other opportunities there, as well as continuing support of the missions of our church school and confirmation students.

Thank you for your support and gifts.

On behalf of Mission & Stewardship
Mary Mullen



The Lenten Simple Supper Meal was a success this year. We had 300 people attend the 6 week program. We raised over \$500 to give to our church's wider mission, Back Bay Mission group. We had 10 soup/ simple meal makers and 10 people that made yummy desserts. We had people that pitched in to set up and to clean up. Thank you to each and every person.

I personally think this was such a big success because of the Bible study lead by Marsha Meyer, *Gifts of the Dark Woods*.

Thank you to all!
Sincerely, Cyndi Huibregtse

FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

BAD BREATH

Just about everyone would like to have breath that always is “kissing sweet.” Because fresh breath is important to us, manufacturers of mints and mouthwashes harvest substantial profits from this multi-million dollar industry.

Advertisements for many of these products maintain that your breath can be made wonderfully fresh; the accompanying implication often is of an increased attractiveness to the opposite sex. Sad to say, these products do not always succeed in curing your bad breath (halitosis) — or have any effect on your social life.

At best, these products are only temporarily helpful in controlling breath odors. They actually may be less effective than simply rinsing your mouth with water, brushing and flossing your teeth, or just eating a meal.

What Causes Bad Breath? - There are many causes of bad breath. First, your mouth itself may be the source. Bacterial decomposition of food particles and other debris in and around your teeth can produce a foul odor: Pockets of infection, as in periodontitis are obvious causes of odor. A dry mouth, such as occurs during sleep or as the result of some drugs or smoking, will enable dead cells to accumulate on your tongue (coated tongue), gums, and cheeks, and these will undergo bacterial decomposition.

Another cause of bad breath is eating foods containing volatile oils with a strong, distinctive odor. Onions and garlic are the best known examples, but there are other vegetables and spices that also may cause bad breath. After this food is digested in your stomach and small intestine and the volatile substances are absorbed into your bloodstream, they are carried to your lungs and given off in your breath. (Alcohol behaves in the same fashion, thus allowing measurement of blood alcohol levels by tests of

the breath. Alcohol itself has almost no odor, however. The characteristic smell on the breath is mainly the odor of other components of the beverage.)

Lung disease can cause bad breath. Chronic infections in the lungs, such as bronchiectasis or lung abscess can produce very foul-smelling breath. Usually, much sputum is produced in these cases. If you have impaired motility of your stomach you may have bad breath from fermentation of the stomach contents. Belching may produce the odor. Esophageal reflux also can be a cause of bad breath.

There are several general health problems that can cause a distinctive odor to the breath. Kidney failure can cause a urine-like odor; liver failure may cause an odor sometimes described as “fishy.” Acetone in the breath causes a fruity odor and may occur in persons with diabetes who are developing ketoacidosis or commonly in children with childhood illnesses who have eaten poorly for several days.

Treating Your Halitosis - Odors coming from the mouth itself (these are the most common kinds) often can be eliminated by good oral hygiene: brush your teeth after every meal; floss to remove any food particles; have gum diseases treated and corrected; keep your mouth moist with frequent sips of water; and brush your tongue if it is coated. Avoiding the foods that cause bad breath is another obvious precaution. However, no amount of tooth brushing or use of mouthwashes can do more than partially disguise any odors of garlic or onion that come from your lungs. Causes such as lung disease, impaired emptying of the stomach, liver failure, and kidney failure must be corrected by treatment of the underlying conditions.

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For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time for singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

MAY LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, May 6, 2018-Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Psalm: Psalm 98

Epistle: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Thursday, May 10, 2018-Ascension Day

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm: Psalm 47

Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, May 13, 2018-Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm: Psalm 1

Epistle: 1 John 5:9-13

Gospel: John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 20, 2018-Pentecost Sunday

Hebrew Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sunday, May 27, 2018-Trinity Sunday

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: Psalm 29

Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17



Mark your calendars – Project Angel Hugs will hold their 11th Annual “Be An Angel” Benefit on Sunday, June 24th at the Sheboygan County Fair Grounds in Plymouth from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Watch the bulletin for more details.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Ricard Jarosch for the donation of a case of copy paper to the church office.

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I want to thank Rev. Hoppert and everyone who visited me during my recovery for a broken ankle while at Rocky Knoll and at my home. Thank you to Linda Lehrke for arranging my care meal, to the ladies that made the meal and to Dale and Janis Knuth who delivered it and stayed to visit with me.

Kris Meilahn

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Dear Salem Members,

It is the difficult times that define who your family really is. And of course when you are grounded in your faith it becomes clear that you have a church family. The passing of my wife Sharon and the four and a half years that she has endured various treatments has certainly been difficult to say the least. Our Salem Family has rallied around us with prayers and offering extra help, concerns and comfort through the journey. Thank you. And in the end when her Savior took her home our Salem Family once again stood up and went the extra mile to bring peace to our family in one form or another. A beautiful funeral service that brought people to their feet to sing two of Sharon’s favorite songs. Thank you. An appropriate contemporary reading that fit perfectly with the time. Thank you. A meditation that revealed the essence of what Sharon was all about. Thank you. A truly delicious meal that was prepared and served by loving hands. Thank you. To any one that took part in Sharon’s celebration of life. Thank you.

And finally, Thank you, and God bless you all, Ron Schoenfeld and Family.

MAY USHER LIST

Saturday, May 5:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Richard Groene, Kevin & Debbie Lisowe

Sunday, May 6:

8:30 am Head Usher: Terry Risse
Norman & Karen Raeder, Cindy Conrad

Saturday, May 12th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Ed & Darla Ardell, Linda Krueger

Sunday, May 13th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Amy Nischik
Dale & Janis Knuth, Steve Fieck

Saturday, May 19th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Mary Bender, Jerry & Reta Klemme

Sunday, May 20th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Dave Hengst
Salem Youth

Saturday, May 26th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse
Rachel Risse, Ray & Robbie Gremminger

Sunday, May 27th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Bret Schoenefeld
Ansel Tupper, Janice Bunyea, Cheryl Rortvedt

Saturday, June 2nd:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member
Sharon Klemme, Judy Wilmot, Lori Holzer

Sunday, June 3rd:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Betty Klemme, Evie Kretsch, Bette Humbracht



CHURCH MUSIC ACCOMPANIST – Salem is seeking persons with experience in organ and/or piano accompaniment to join in our music ministry. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about this position, please speak with Mary Bender or Anne Hernandez; or contact Pam in the church office at 892-7456 or churchoffice@salemuccplywi.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR – Salem has an immediate opening for an individual with experience in Christian Education who enjoys working with children and adults to oversee our Sunday School program. Please speak with Mary Bender; or contact Pam in the church office at 892-7456 or churchoffice@salemuccplywi.org for more details.



LIFE IS A SPLENDID GIFT

Life is a splendid gift. There is nothing small in it. For the greatest grow by God's law from the smallest. But to live your life, you must discipline it. You must not fritter it away. Make your thoughts, your words, your actions work toward the same end – not self, but God and others.

Florence Nightingale