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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

It's hard to believe, but by the time we reach the end of June the "new" year of 2018 will be half finished (honestly, where does time go?). Before we hit the summer re-loading mode, there are a few things I'd like to discuss.

First, the membership forms. At this writing we have 227 completed forms from Members-in-Covenant and 59 returned from Friends of Salem, which leaves us with about 98 persons not having stated a preference. It would be helpful to the church to receive the updated information and membership preference for those with unstated preferences, so I'm going to make another pitch for a response. Perhaps you just haven't gotten around to it, or you were confused about which membership fits you best, or were put off by the notion of stating a membership category. If you have a question about which category fits you best, this might be the easiest way to look at it: if you consider yourself to be an active member in full-standing, choosing to be a Member-in-Covenant would likely be the category that fits you best. If you want to be connected to Salem in a less formal way, you would likely choose to be a Friend of Salem. Our purpose in all of this is to find out how persons see their relationship to the church; how you see your relationship to us will not change the way we relate to you.

Second, is in regards to the discussion on potential changes in worship times. The past two years have seen us issue a couple of surveys and, recently, we have had two membership gatherings to discuss the matter – on top of discussion about the topic at Worship Committee, Board of Christian Education and Consistory. After our most recent Board of Christian Education meeting, we were slated to do yet another survey. Then, the light bulb went on: in all of the previous surveys and discussion we had not heard a consensus opinion to move worship times. So, at our most recent Consistory meeting it was decided that we not change the schedule for the time being. That doesn't mean that a change in worship times won't ever happen, but absent a strong push from the congregation to do so, it won't change now. Another consideration that factored into the decision is the fact that Barb Pahr is going to retire as our organist at the end of summer and that we will need to hire a replacement. Would a change in worship times put us at an advantage or a disadvantage in that search? For all those reasons, we opted not to push ahead on a change.

Third, the UCC's General Synod 32 will be held in Milwaukee from June 21st - 25th, 2019 – the first time a meeting of the General Synod will take place on Wisconsin soil. The Wisconsin Conference will face expenses for hosting this event and in an effort to do our part, we, at Salem will be receiving a freewill offering during the month of June to help offset costs. There will be opportunities for folks to serve as volunteers and come to the event as visitors, and we will let folks know about those opportunities as we learn of them.

Fourth, an opportunity to help the ministry of Samaritan's Hand, Inc. Several years ago, Samaritan's Hand, Inc. was formed to provide a faith-based drug and alcohol treatment program in Sheboygan County. As a response to the growing epidemic of drug abuse in our area, Samaritan's Hand, Inc. is developing a facility to help graduates of their addiction abuse program: Sober House. Salem's Rummage Sale committee voted to donate monies from this year's sale (\$1,000) to that effort and we have invited Samaritan's Hand, Inc. Director, Kully Kollath, to provide a "mission moment" during our June 17th worship service. A freewill offering will be received that day to support the work of that ministry.

That concludes my laundry list of concerns. May you find opportunities to be out in God's good creation and find moments of rest and refreshment during these summer months ahead.

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 Alison Matzdorf
6/19 Ralph Groene
6/20 Barb Pahr
6/23 Scott Raeder
Toni Fuerst
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
6/21 Dale & Linda Zimmermann
6/24 Bill & Judith Helmer
Bill & Joanne Lammers
Terry & Rachel Risse
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



JUNE LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, June 3rd:
Amy & Greta Debbink

Sunday, June 10th:
Faye Hughes & Pat Wachter

Sunday, June 17th:
Pat Schoening & Linda Lehrke

Sunday, June 24th:
Susie Katsma & Cora Meyer

FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

LYMPHOMAS

Lymphomas are cancers of the lymph system. The lymph system includes the lymph nodes, or lymph glands, which are located throughout the body and are connected by small vessels called lymphatics. The spleen is also part of the lymph system. Often, the first symptom of lymphoma is enlargement of lymph nodes with no other obvious symptoms. Lymphomas may also occur outside the lymph nodes in virtually any part of the body.

Swelling of the lymph nodes, which are normally the size of a bean, is not necessarily a sign of lymphoma; many other conditions can cause nodes to enlarge. However, if your glands stay swollen for more than 4 weeks, consult a physician.

Lymphomas are a diverse group of diseases. They include Hodgkin's disease and non-Hodgkin's disease, which are described below.

Hodgkin's Disease - Signs and Symptoms

- Painless swelling of lymph nodes in the neck, armpits, or groin
- Persistent fatigue
- Fever and chills
- Night sweats
- Weight loss and loss of appetite
- Severe itching

Emergency Symptoms

- Sudden onset of high fever from any cause
- Loss of bladder or bowel control
- Numbness or loss of strength in the arms and legs

Hodgkin's disease is named after Thomas Hodgkin, a 19th century English physician. Four major types can be identified on the basis of the appearance of the tissue under the microscope (histologic subtypes).

The cause of Hodgkin's disease is not known. Fifty to 90 percent of individuals with this disease have Epstein-Barr virus in malignant cells. Whether this is the cause is not known.

Individuals with AIDS are at high risk for the development of Hodgkin's disease.

Hodgkin's disease usually affects people between 15 and 35 years, but it can occur in those older than 50. The presence of Hodgkin's disease often is suspected when an enlarged lymph node is detected.

Diagnosis - To determine whether you have Hodgkin's disease, your physician will ask about previous medical problems, conduct a thorough physical examination, take a chest X-ray, and obtain tests of your blood and urine.

Most important will be a lymph node biopsy, in which lymph node tissue is removed and studied for the presence of the patterns of Hodgkin's disease. Occasionally, only a portion of the node is removed for examination under a microscope. The remainder of the node, still in place is then used as a marker to evaluate your response to treatment.

If your physician finds that you have Hodgkin's disease, he or she will conduct more tests to find out how advanced the tumor is and to decide how best to treat it. This testing process is called staging the tumor and may involve a bilateral bone marrow biopsy, a computed tomographic scan of your abdomen and chest, a gallium scan or an operation to explore the abdomen (a laparotomy).

How serious is Hodgkin's disease? When Hodgkin's disease is detected early and treated properly, as many as 90 percent of the cases can be completely cured. Years ago the disease was almost always fatal. Of patients with the most advanced stages of the disease, 50 - 80 percent have no disease 10 years after chemotherapy and are considered cured.

Treatment - Radiation therapy is the main treatment when the spread of the disease is limited. Radiation therapy is sometimes used in combination with chemotherapy. When one lymph node region is involved, 90 percent of affected persons are disease-free after 10 years. For those who have two lymph node regions involved, either above or below the diaphragm,

70 percent are alive and disease-free after 10 years.

Medication - For advanced Hodgkin's disease, chemotherapy is the primary treatment. Two-thirds of persons are alive and disease-free long-term after chemotherapy. If there is a relapse after chemotherapy, the treatment can be repeated at higher doses, with or without radiation therapy, followed by autologous bone marrow transplantation. In this process, bone marrow is removed before chemotherapy and replaced afterward, allowing the use of larger doses of anticancer drugs.

Surgery - Occasionally, an operation will be performed to explore the abdomen (laparotomy) in order to determine the extent of the disease.

Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma - Signs and symptoms

- Painless enlargement of lymph nodes, with or without swelling of the abdomen
- Persistent fatigue
- Fever or chills
- Night sweats
- Loss of appetite

Emergency Symptoms

- Sudden onset of high fever, from any cause
- Severe constipation or profuse urination
- Mental confusion, drowsiness
- Involuntary loss of urine or stool
- Numbness or loss of strength in the arms or legs

Non-Hodgkin's lymphomas are a group of tumors that arise from the lymphocytes (white blood cells). These tumors are classified according to their cell size as seen under the microscope. They are also grouped into three broad categories by level of activity of the malignant cells: low grade, intermediate grade, and high grade.

These tumors are more common than Hodgkin's disease. They occur more frequently among people who have received organ transplants because their immune mechanisms are inhibited by immunosuppressive therapy. Individuals with AIDS are at higher risk for developing this disorder. The disease typically is detected in

persons from ages 45 to 70 and, unlike Hodgkin's disease, it often occurs in older persons.

Diagnosis - If your physician suspects that you have non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, he or she will do a physical examination and obtain laboratory tests on your blood and urine, a computed tomography scan of your abdomen, and a bone marrow study by aspiration and biopsy. Your physician will also perform a lymph node biopsy for classifying the disease.

How serious is Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma?

Low-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma is not curable but the survival rate is good and it is very responsive to initial therapy. The 5-year survival rate is about 75 percent. If you have this disease but have no symptoms, your physician may recommend observation only.

In contrast, some of the intermediate-and high-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphomas are curable with aggressive treatments, but survival is usually less than 1 ½ years if treatment does not produce a complete remission. Sixty to 80 percent of affected individuals enter a complete remission with chemotherapy. The risk of relapse and death relates to your age and other factors.

Treatment - Chemotherapy with a combination of anti-cancer drugs is usually used.

Surgery - An operation to decrease the size of the tumor (debulking) has been used when the lymphoma involves the stomach or in cases of other unusual appearances of the disease, but it is not used in treating most people.

Other Therapies - Radiation therapy is used in some instances of low-grade and intermediate-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Nutrition - To maintain your quality of life, it is important that you follow guidelines for proper nutrition. However, this has not been proved to increase the chances of survival.

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

Greetings from the Mission & Stewardship Committee!

Our Back Bay Mission team recently returned from another successful trip to Biloxi, MS, where they built a new porch with a ramp for a neighbor who needed to be able to get into her new home in her wheelchair. As always, they also helped at the local food pantry and soup kitchen and had the opportunity to meet some wonderful new people.

It's always wonderful to see everyone so energized and excited to serve when they return from the trip. As you see the team members, be sure to ask them about all they did. This year's team was Marsha Meyer, Alayne Bosman, Linda Bosman, Tom Daigle, Anne Hernandez, Lorena McKerrow, Kay Scheible, Jennie Schoenefeld, and Jen Velier.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of our 5 for 5 missions. Here is where we stand on our goals for the year so far:
OCWM - (Ongoing; Goal: \$15,300) \$4,442
One Great Hour of Sharing (2/25-3/11; Goal: \$750) \$702
Strengthen the Church (4/29-5/27; Goal: 400) \$205 through 5/13

Neighbors in Need will be coming up in September. In the meantime, it would be great to top off our other missions. OCWM is about \$1,000 behind where we would like it to be to keep on track for our annual goal. Please prayerfully consider if you may be able to contribute a bit more to help us reach our goal. As a reminder, OCWM stands for Our Church's Wider Mission and supports the ongoing operation of the larger United Church of Christ, as well as supporting UCC global mission and outreach opportunities.

Hope everyone is having a blessed spring. See you at church!

On behalf of Mission & Stewardship,
Bret Schoenefeld

JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, June 3, 2018-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm: Psalm 139

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

Sunday, June 10, 2018-Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

Psalm: Psalm 138

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, June 17, 2018- Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm: Psalm 20

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 24, 2018-Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:32-49

Psalm: Psalm 9:9-20

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41



I am putting together medical equipment to loan out to our congregation during times of need. So far we've collected a hospital bed, bath chair, crutches and walkers. If you have any item you would like donate or if you are someone who could use an item, please let me know. As we get more items the list will grow. Contact Robbie Gremminger (920) 980-3977 or call Pam at the church office at (920) 892-7456 for questions or for more information.

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who prayed for me or sent cards and good wishes during my hospitalization and recovery. Thank you to Rev. Hoppert for his hospital visit and for the delicious care meal Andrea brought to us.

Joanne Lammers



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.



A father is neither an anchor to hold us back
nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light
whose love shows us the way.

JUNE USHER LIST

Saturday, June 2nd:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Sharon Klemme, Judy Wilmot, Lori Holzer

Sunday, June 3rd:

8:30 am Head Usher: Terry Risse
Betty Klemme, Evie Kretsch, Bette Humbracht

Saturday, June 9th:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Ray & Robbie Gremminger, Bob Becher

Sunday, June 10th:

8:30 am Head Usher: Sheila Wagner
Ansel Tupper, Janice Bunyea, Mary Mullen

Saturday, June 16th:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Ken & Pat Schoening, Roger Rortvedt

Sunday, June 17th:

8:30 am Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Cindy Conrad, Annette Bunyea, Lynn York

Saturday, June 23rd:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Roger Rortvedt
Jerry & Reta Klemme, Sharon Klemme

Sunday, June 24th:

8:30 am Head Usher: Bret Schoenefeld
Dale & Janis Knuth, Steve Fieck

Saturday, June 30th:

4:30 pm Head Usher: Kay Scheible
Bruce & Barb Hengst, Linda Krueger

Sunday, July 1st:

8:30 am Head Usher: Consistory Member
Norman & Karen Raeder, Cheryl Rortvedt