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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**

November will soon be upon us, and with it will come that annual habit we have in most churches to focus on giftedness and gratitude. Even though we are gifted every single day of the year, we seem to focus on November as a particular time to express our gratitude for such gifts (whether we chalk that up to centuries-old patterns of harvesting and ingathering or the American celebration of giving thanks on the fourth Thursday in November, I'm not certain). However, here we are, encouraged to take stock of our giftedness and how we respond to that awareness of giftedness in our lives, in our congregation, and in the wider world. Do our lives reflect gratitude for all that God has given to us?

Included in the body of this newsletter will be information about the Commitment/Festival weekend of November 10-11; an additional mailing will also be sent out concerning that weekend, as well. As always, we encourage people to give prayerful consideration to those decisions. There is no "right" answer for these questions, and what is right is ultimately up to us to decide.

In keeping with the subject of giftedness, I also want to tell you of some proposed changes to the workings of what has been known as the "Memorial Committee." That committee has been entrusted with linking special gifts (given in honor or memory of loved ones) to the ministries and programs of Salem. However, the direction and structure of that committee has not always been clear and easy to follow, which has helped neither the committee nor the congregation. In order to provide direction on the structure, acceptance and use of these special gifts, some changes have been proposed to Salem's by-laws. Included in the list of proposed changes, we would be making membership on the committee an elected position (like the Salem Green board, and the Zoar-Salem Cemetery board), establishing guidelines for the management, acceptance, disbursement, and acknowledgement of gifts, developing a prioritized list of current and future needs with the help of other Salem committees, instituting a regular pattern of communication with Salem's Consistory, and creating a new name for the committee (reflective of the proposed changes) – the Special Gifts Committee.

In order to make these changes to the by-laws we will need to call a special congregational meeting, following the 8:30 a.m. worship service on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. More details will follow in the weeks ahead.

And one more "giftedness" related announcement: Salem will be hosting the Thanksgiving Eve worship service that we share with First Congregational UCC on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Combined choirs from the two churches will provide special music and pie and coffee will follow our worship time. I hope that many of you will be able to attend this special service of worship.

Have a mindful, blessed November.

Your servant in Christ,  
Rev. Jim Hoppert



# NOVEMBER

## Birthdays

11/3 Josiah Gundersen  
Kelly Wolfert  
11/4 Jacob Koepsell  
11/5 Vivian Meerstein  
Ron Lee  
Levi Flunker  
11/6 Rachel Risse  
11/7 Alyssia Kleinhans  
Tabitha Huenink  
11/10 Jill Pilling  
Breeley Gutschow  
11/12 James Lindow  
Ian Schoenefeld  
11/13 Justin Picard  
Thomas Daigle  
Eleanor Dees  
11/14 Norbert Gumtow  
Ronald Holzmann  
Susie Katsma  
Sharon Odekirk  
Julie Sukowaty  
Samantha Sippel  
Alexandra Pilling  
11/18 Linda Johnson  
11/19 Gerald Klemme  
11/20 Peter Jenquin  
Marsha Meyer  
11/21 Jeff Bender  
Courtney Wolfert  
11/22 Carl Holzer  
Kim Pagel  
11/23 Linda Krueger  
Judy Paulson  
Becky Gremminger  
11/24 Wanda Meyer  
11/26 Wesley Huibregtse  
Lauren Bunyea

11/28 Vyra Thiel  
11/29 Fritz Scheible  
11/30 Todd Fischer  
David Hengst  
Judy Meerstein  
Ashley Krueger

## Anniversaries

11/4 Jeff & Mary Bender  
Bret & Jennie Schoenefeld  
11/5 Carl & Lori Holzer  
11/6 Richard & Judy Rortvedt  
Scott & Rhonda Raeder  
Ed & Lynn York  
11/12 Scott & Pam Miller  
11/15 Tom & Ruth Miller  
11/22 Gerald & Donna Picard



Don't forget, Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.



The most beautiful way to start and end the day is with a grateful heart.

## NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, November 4, 2018 -

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18

Psalms 146

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Sunday, November 11, 2018 -

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalms 127

Epistle: Hebrews 9:24-38

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 18, 2018 -

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

Psalms 16

Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

Thursday, November 22, 2018

Thanksgiving

Hebrew Scripture: Joel 2:21-27

Psalms 126

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Reign of Christ

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 93

Epistle: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37



### SCRIP News -

Hello to all of the people who order SCRIP. There is a new program that GLCSrip is offering. I'm thinking it may help the snow

birds or people who just simply run out of a card they may need right away.

The new MyScripWallet.com pairs the power of ShopWithScrip.com with the convenience of mobile ordering. New features make it easier than ever to earn on MyScripWallet.com. With a variety of updates, you can now: 1. Enroll and set up online payments (PrestoPay™) 2. Add a reloadable card 3. Order all card types – physical gift cards, reloads, and eGift cards (ScripNow®) and 4. Pay online or by check. If anybody is interested in this, please stop by and see me at the SCRIP table on Sunday mornings. Thank you, Cyndi Huibregtse [the SCRIP lady]



Mark your calendars now to attend the combined Christmas Choir Program on Sunday Dec. 9 at 4pm. The concert will feature the choirs from Salem UCC, First Congregational UCC of Plymouth and St Peter's UCC and Bethlehem UCC of Kiel. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of St. Peter's UCC, 424 Fremont Street, Kiel. Come, share the music of the holiday season!

Anyone who is interested in participating with the choir in this mass choir concert can join the Chancel Choir in rehearsal on Wednesday evenings from 7:30- 8:00pm in the choir room. No special training is needed, just a desire to serve the Lord in songs of the holiday season.

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O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

--Psalm 107:1

## FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

### BRONCHITIS

The condition commonly called bronchitis is usually more extensive than the name indicates. It is often an acute infection of the air passages beginning with the nose and extending through the bronchioles. It may "act like" a common cold which 'settles' in the nose or chest. Raw or burning sensations are felt in the back of the throat, then in the larynx, and later a burning, tight sensation may extend down the windpipe and the bronchial tubes. Occasionally the first manifestation is hoarseness.

**Acute bronchitis** may result from inhaled irritants such as fog, smoke or chemicals. It may be part of such conditions as chickenpox, influenza, measles and whooping cough. It may be due to allergy.

Usually there is mild fever for a day or so and after a few days pus-containing sputum is abundant. Usually, symptoms gradually disappear without after effects. However, in elderly people with emphysema acute bronchitis can be serious. Among children an acute condition known as laryngotracheobronchitis occurs, causing severe illness. The main problem is one of keeping airways open.

**Chronic bronchitis** usually develops slowly and appears in people past life's midway point. It occurs about four times more often in men than women, and more often among city dwellers than rural residents. In Great Britain about one-fourth of deaths of men of this age period are caused by chronic bronchitis. In that country the disease causes about 30,000 deaths annually. It usually begins with tracheobronchitis, with recovery, but repeated attacks occur until finally the condition persists continuously, usually with more severe symptoms during winter months.

The most significant symptom is cough, which may be constant or intermittent. Nearly

always mucus is coughed up which may be clear, or may contain pus, or streaks of blood. In many cases no medical help is sought since the patient is not severely ill or incapacitated. If a physician is consulted, his thorough examination usually reveals an essentially normal chest. Nevertheless, cough and expectoration persists. Symptoms of chronic bronchitis may be caused by other more serious conditions, for example, tuberculosis. In all cases the sputum should be examined from time to time not only for tuberculosis germs but for other infecting organisms for which there may be specific drugs.

The outlook is good in chronic tracheobronchitis per se. However, there can be unpleasant complications. Coughing may be so severe as to break one or more ribs or rupture a blood vessel on the surface of the lung, causing spontaneous lung collapse. Severe coughing may precipitate inguinal hernia, cause hemorrhages of the eyes or brain coverings, rupture blood vessels and impair "sweeping" cells (cilia) which remove foreign particles from the lungs. Large amounts of mucus and pus may obstruct the bronchioles, with resulting emphysema.

**Treatment** begins with removal of any discoverable cause of irritation such as dust or smoke. Inhalation of cold air should be avoided. Room temperatures should be kept at 65 to 70° F. with relative humidity of about 40 percent. Air should circulate gently – not in cold gusty drafts. Air should be filtered if possible.

There should be an effort by the individual to suppress coughing except as necessary to raise secretions. In some persons coughing becomes a useless habit which perpetuates the bronchitis. No drug which completely suppresses the cough reflex should be taken. Cough should be controlled, but is it essential to clean the air passages. Sleeping pills and sedative drugs should be avoided by persons with chronic bronchitis, since they numb the sensibilities so the cough reflex does not operate normally and secretions accumulate.

Medicines intended to soften secretions in air passages (expectorants) may be helpful. This may be aided to some extent by drinking water to maintain adequate fluid intake. If sputum examination reveals bacteria for which a specific drug exists it should be given.

Otherwise the use of antimicrobial drugs is not only unhelpful but may be harmful. There is no reason to reduce regular working activities unless acute reinfections or symptoms of pneumonia develop.

**Prevention** of chronic bronchitis gets little attention because symptoms are mild and not considered important. Prevention begins by awareness of potential dangers of repeated common colds, or inhaling smoke and dust, and by the un-wisdom of breathing cold air during sleeping hours. Antibiotic substances do not affect viruses which cause most acute respiratory episodes and should not be given continuously in hope of preventing bronchitis flare ups. Drugs which dilate the bronchial tubes are often helpful when bronchitis is complicated by asthmatic tendencies.



A note from the Parish Nurse to remind our church family that we do have medical equipment that has been donated. We have hospital beds, a bath chair, wheel chair, walker, canes, bandages, etc.

If you are looking for something in particular, please contact Robbie Gremminger (980-3977) because we may be able to get it for you. Also, stop in the nurse's office to see a portion of what's available.

In the same way, if you have anything to donate it is very much appreciated. Thank you!

## THANK YOU

Dear Salem Church & Members,

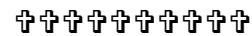
Thank you for the use of your facilities for our annual salad luncheon. Your support and helpful staff and members (Pam and dishwashers) are very much appreciated.

In appreciation,  
Women's Civic Society of Plymouth  
Salad Luncheon Committee



Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers following my surgery. Your kindness meant a lot to me.

Nola Fieck



Dear Members of Salem,

Thank you for the sympathy card in the loss of Albert, our wonderful father, father-in-law and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by us all. But we know he's in heaven with my dad and they have a lot to catching up on.

Love always, Jean & Larry Nysse and Family

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We will begin a four-week Advent book study, "Awaiting the Already: An Advent Journey Through the Gospels" on Monday, November 26th at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. The study, authored by Magrey deVega, is a compilation of the accounts found in the four Gospels, and leads us on an Advent journey towards the coming of the Christ. Cost of the book is \$13. If you wish to order one through the church please do so by November 12<sup>th</sup>; otherwise you may order a copy through Amazon or another online dealer.

## ZOAR-SALEM CEMETERY NEWS

We are approaching the end of another year and I want to bring an update to the congregation and lot owners regarding happenings at Zoar-Salem Cemetery.

We began the year welcoming Sandy Meusegades as a new board member, succeeding Lynn York as a part of the board. Al Babler continued as property caretaker and Dirkse and Huibregtse took over as the excavator for grave openings at the cemetery.

Salem was fortunate to receive a donation of \$1000 toward cemetery maintenance expense from Henry and Sandy Meusegades. We cannot thank them enough for this generous gift. As the perpetual care fund is small with low interest rates and increases in costs, the earned interest does not cover our costs so their gift was much appreciated. Without donations or grants, any excess expenses are covered by the church budget. Any parties interested in contributing in any way to either annual expenses or perpetual care should contact the church office who can put them in touch with the board.

The other year end item is nomination of a board member for a new 3 year term. Roger Rortvedt's term ends in January and we thank him for his service on the board. Any Salem member or cemetery lot owner is eligible to serve on the board. Please contact the church office if you would consider serving on the cemetery board. We need a candidate to be present at the annual meeting in early 2019.

Blessings for all,  
Terry Risse - Chair

## COMMITMENT/FESTIVAL WEEKEND

"Commitment Weekend" will be celebrated during worship, November 10-11. The Church & Ministry and Mission & Stewardship committees invite all members and friends of

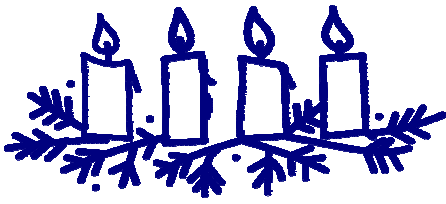
Salem to join together as we recommit ourselves in relationship with God and with one another for the year ahead. We pray that all members and friends of Salem will take this opportunity to open our hearts and minds to God's will for our lives and for our congregation. Membership Profile forms will be available for us to reaffirm our relationship for another year and to update contact information as needed.

As another expression of our commitment, "Festival Weekend" will be held at the same time. All are asked to prayerfully consider doubling our usual weekly gifts as we celebrate in response to all God does for us. Our previous Festival Weekend, in July, was a great success; with gifts exceeding \$6,000, compared to the weekly average of \$3,500. If we can do the same in November, it will go a long way towards balancing out the church's expenses as we start looking forward to 2019.

Please watch for more information regarding Commitment / Festival Weekend and Membership Profile forms. We look forward to seeing you on November 10 and 11!



From Salem's Church Ambassador . . . Mission House Lecture: "So Many Ways of Saying God". This program will explore the ways in which faith is being remade for the modern age through a dialogue between two acclaimed authors: Christian Wiman, a professor in religion and literature at Yale Divinity School, published poet and former editor of Poetry magazine; and Barton Sutter, retired faculty member of University of Wisconsin in Superior, winner of the Minnesota Book Award and author of the newly published book of poems, *Nordic Accordion*. You can find more information at [Lakeland.edu/UlrichCenter](http://Lakeland.edu/UlrichCenter).



## ADVENT MISSIONS

### TREE OF HOPE

Advent is a privileged and much-loved time for expressing hope in public, for working to restore others' hope, and for strengthening the dreams that carry us through the entire year. You can bring hope to those in need by participating in the "Tree of Hope" drive. Listed below are items that will be collected during the Sundays of Advent.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Paper Products

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 9<sup>th</sup>:

Soap and personal care products: laundry soap, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, cleaning products, hand lotion, dish soap, etc.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 16<sup>th</sup>:

Non-perishable food items

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Baby care items: diapers, baby wipes, baby cereal, etc.



### MITTEN TREE

We will be collecting hats, mittens, scarves, etc. for our mitten tree located in the Gathering Area. We will be accepting donations through December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Watch for the Adopt-A-Family tree that will be placed in the Gathering Area in the coming weeks.



## LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Amy & Greta Debbink

Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Susie Katsma & Janice Miller

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>:

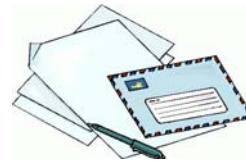
8:30 a.m. Gail Kleinhans

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Jennifer & Hannah Velier

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Pat Schoening & Linda Lehrke



## ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

If your child is in college, please contact the church office (892-7456) with their college address. The ladies of the Red Tent Ministry would like to reach out to them while they are away at school.

## KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

### HOSPITALIZED

Melissa Odekirk, Ginny Radloff

### FUNERAL

9/29/18 Jeanne LeMahieu at Salem UCC





## NOVEMBER USHER LIST

### Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker  
Mary Bender, Ed & Darla Ardell

### Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman  
Terry Debbink, Carol Barts, Annette Bunyea

### Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kay Scheible  
Ray & Robbie Gremminger, Bob Becher

### Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse  
Norman & Karen Raeder, Cheryl Rortvedt

### Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker  
Ansel Tupper, Janice Bunyea, Judy Wilmot

### Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Bret Schoenefeld  
Marvin & Judy Paulson, Steve Fieck

### Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>:

7:00 p.m. Head Usher: Amy Nischik  
Betty Klemme, Evie Kretsch, Susan Clarke

### Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender  
Bruce & Barb Hengst, Linda Krueger

### Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Lorena McKerrow  
Dale & Janis Knuth, Bette Humbracht

### Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>:

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

### Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member  
Terry, Amy & Greta Debbink



## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

\_\_\_\_ Red Poinsettia

\_\_\_\_ Pink Poinsettia

\_\_\_\_ White Poinsettia

\_\_\_\_ Marble Poinsettia

\$10.00 Each

(All poinsettias are 6 ½ inches tall with 4-6 blooms. Red will be ordered if a color is not selected.)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased by:

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In memory of:

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In honor of:

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Return your order form (with payment) to the church office no later than November 11<sup>th</sup>. We cannot accept any late order.