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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

With the recent snap of cold weather that has descended upon us as I write, it is not a hard thing to imagine December and Advent being right around the corner. While the world around us plunges headlong into the Christmas season, it's a different matter for the church: we journey through a season called Advent. Advent is about waiting for a future which has not yet arrived. It is about expectations and wondering about what is to come next. We ponder what we shall become, as individuals, as a church, and the world around us.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/2	Julaine Thiel
12/4	Scott Bunyea
12/5	Ken Schoening
12/6	Janet Lau
12/8	Ross Bub Lynell Jenquin
12/9	Charles Machut
12/10	Jeremy Pratt
12/11	Annette Bunyea
12/13	William Laack
12/14	Cora Meyer Eric Raeder Melissa Laman
12/15	Maureen Greuel Gloria J. Kleinhans
12/16	Delaney Fischer
12/18	Carol Fischer-Melger Marceline Kraemer Megan Thiel Kristen Mahler Lilly Hengst
12/19	Thomas Nabak Norman Raeder Ansel Tupper
12/20	Marilyn Rooker
12/21	Kimberly Laack
12/22	Zoey Meinnert Virginia Radloff
12/23	Gary Ferguson
12/24	Gail Matzdorf
12/25	Carol Stib
12/27	Harmon Gundersen
12/29	Arlene Heckmann
12/30	Trenton Krueger

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/2	Ed & Darla Ardell
12/4	Steve & Cheryl Rortvedt
12/16	Dale & Judi Miller
12/18	Dale & Susie Katsma
12/20	Fritz & Kay Scheible
12/31	Roger & Gloria Eldredge



TRAIN UP A CHILD MINISTRY

Train up a Child has been focusing on our faith community's young children and families for a number of years. Our core group includes Judi Miller, Molly Hengst, Angie Hartman and Mary Mullen.

Train Up a Child hosts our annual Birthday Party for Baby Jesus, Easter Egg Hunt fellowship and reception, as well as the Little Lambs Child Care area. Our group continues to look for new ways to connect with families of small children in our church community and in the Plymouth community at large.

As we head into the new year, Judi Miller will be stepping down so that she can join in worship with Dale at Salem Plankroad UCC. We would like to thank Judi for her steadfast service, and also extend an invitation to Salem members to join in this ministry. We look forward to anyone, especially those with young families, who may add some new perspective to what our team can do to help serve this segment of our family of faith.

If you're interested in becoming part of this ministry team, please reach out to Mary Mullen, Angie Fontany, or Molly Hengst.

Thank you!



In case of inclement weather, please tune to WJUB or WHBL for any weather related cancellations. You can also view cancellations on WTMJ 4, FOX6 and WISN 12. If confirmation classes are cancelled on Wednesday evenings, students will be contacted.



Thank you for your kind words and the outpouring of support from dad's church family. It means so much to know he was appreciated and will be missed by so many. Dad was soft spoken and hard working.

A special thanks to all the ladies who's "helping hands" prepared a delicious meal for us. Please know that you, too, are appreciated!

The Family of Albert Nysse



Dear Salem Church,

Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your community. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening continues to be able to bring these health screenings into your area and for that, we are very appreciative.

We look forward to working together again.

Sincerely,
Karen McGaffney, Life Line Screening



Thank you to the Care Meal Ministry for providing a wonderful, warm meal to our family after my recent surgery. We are very blessed to have such an amazing church family.

Thank you,
Melissa & Kyle Odekirk

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. Donations made to this mission will be given to the Plymouth Food Pantry. Listed below are items that will be collected during the Sundays of Advent.

1st Sunday of Advent, December 2nd:

Paper Products

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 9th:

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

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 16th:

Non-perishable food items

4th Sunday of Advent, December 23rd:

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 16th.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Watch for the Adopt-A-Family tree that will be placed in the Gathering Area in the coming weeks. All gifts will need to be returned to Salem no later than December 9th.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

Screening Younger for Colorectal Cancer

Thanks to recommended screening starting at age 55, the overall incidence of colorectal cancer declined over the past two decades. However, there is a sobering exception to the encouraging trend: Among those under 50, the rate has risen 51 percent since 1994, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS).

In an attempt to help reverse this trend, the ACS has issued an updated guideline that calls for screening to begin at age 45 for individuals at average risk of colorectal cancer. Previously, the accepted U.S. standard was to start screening at age 50.

Despite the faster rise in colorectal cancer among younger adults, incidence rates among those aged 45 to 49 are actually lower than those of people aged 50 to 54. The ACS attributes this partly to the uptake of screening at age 50, which results in a higher rate of detection of the disease, including cases that are early and asymptomatic.

“(Implementing the ACS guidelines) is a way to prevent this disease from happening in younger persons,” Susan K. Peterson, Ph, D., M.P.H., of the department of behavioral science in the division of cancer prevention and population sciences of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, said in an interview with *CURE*®. “(And it is) one way to potentially stem the occurrence of these cancers and the morbidity and mortality from them.” Screening can lead to removal of premalignant polyps before they turn into cancer, and to earlier detection of cancers that have already developed, improving health outcomes compared with later detection.

ACS RECOMMENDATION – The ACS based its recommendation on colorectal cancer incidence rates, a computer model that demonstrated a benefit to screening beginning at age 45, and the expectation that this will lead

to catching the disease earlier, just as it has for older adults.

The guidelines recently published in *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*, recommend the following:

- Adults aged 45 and older at average risk of colorectal cancer should undergo regular screening – either with a high-sensitivity stool-based test or a visual exam such as a colonoscopy, depending on patient preference and test availability or insurance coverage.
- All positive results on non-colonoscopy screening tests, such as fecal occult blood, should be followed up with timely colonoscopy.
- Average-risk adults in good health with a life expectancy of greater than 10 years should continue screening through age 75; for those 76 to 85, clinicians should individualize screening decisions based on patient preference, life expectancy, health status and prior screening history. Those over 85 should be discouraged from continuing colorectal cancer screening.

“The guidelines do not recommend only going (with) colonoscopy – which is oftentimes considered the gold standard of screening tests – so patients have a choice of what test they can use,” Peterson said. “Sometimes a colonoscopy can be a bit off-putting.”

Patients can be screened annually with a fecal immunochemical test or a high-sensitivity guaiac-based fecal occult blood test, both of which detect blood in the stool; every three years with a multitarget stool DNA test, which can detect not only blood in the stool but also abnormal DNA; every five years with CT colonography (a virtual colonoscopy using X-ray equipment) or flexible sigmoidoscopy (which examines the lower part of the large intestine); or every 10 years with a colonoscopy, which examines the entire colon.

WHAT TO KNOW – To follow the new guidelines, the first step for patients is to find out if any relatives have or had cancer. “If you

have a family history of colon cancer, you may benefit from being tested for an inherited gene mutation that indicates you have one of the known hereditary cancer syndromes," Peterson said. Even if those syndromes are ruled out, having a first-degree relative who was diagnosed with colorectal cancer increases an individual's risk, she said: "Everyone should know their family history, be aware of it and share that information with their doctors."

In addition, patients' discussions with their doctors should start before age 45 to at least determine when screening should start. Any middle-aged or younger individuals who have symptoms, such as abdominal pain, blood in the stool, narrowing of stools or fatigue, but are dismissed by a health care professional because of their age, should seek a second opinion.

"Talking about this, although uncomfortable, and becoming aware is really important," Peterson said. "Boiling it down: This should be a wake-up call that if you are younger than 45 and are identifying symptoms that might be related to colorectal cancer, go to your doctor, and do not put it off."

DECEMBER USHER LIST

Saturday, December 1st:

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

Sunday, December 2nd:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Susan Clarke
Terry, Amy & Greta Debbink

Saturday, December 8th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Kay Scheible, Bruce & Barb Hengst

Sunday, December 9th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender
Cindy Conrad, Annette Bunyea, Tom Daigle

Saturday, December 15th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Lori Holzer, Linda Krueger, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, December 16th:

9:00 a.m. Head Usher: Bret Schoenefeld
Confirmation Students

Saturday, December 22nd:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Dick Groene, Kevin & Debbie Lisowe

Sunday, December 23rd:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Bette Humbracht, Betty Klemme, Mary Mullen

Monday, December 24th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Tom Daigle
Marin & Judy Paulson, Ron Schoenefeld
10:00 p.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member

Tuesday, December 25th:

10:00 a.m. Head Usher: Lorena McKerrow
Bill & Joanne Lammers, Carol Barts

Saturday, December 29th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Ray & Robbie Gremminger, Sharon Klemme

Sunday, December 30th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Amy Nischik
Dale & Janis Knuth, Evie Kretsch

Saturday, January 5th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member
Jerry & Reta Klemme, Bob Becher

Sunday, January 6th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Consistory Member
Norm & Karen Raeder, Steve Fieck



*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

The Mission & Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for all of your support in 2018. As we start looking forward to the end of the year, we would like to call you attention to the offering that will be received for The Christmas Fund from November 25 through December 23. The Christmas Fund helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to lower-income retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy or lay church employees in need, and Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks to hundreds of UCC retirees. As a congregation, our goal is to contribute at least \$700 to The Christmas Fund in 2018.

Please also remember Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) in your giving as we approach the end of 2018. Our 2018 goal for OCWM is \$15,300, and we still have about \$3,500 to go with seven weekends remaining in the year. Again, whatever support you can offer is appreciated.

Finally, as we approach the Christmas season, please also keep an eye out for the Adopt-A-Family Tree, Tree of Hope and the Mitten Tree for an opportunity to share our gifts with those in need in our community. Have a blessed Christmas!

ZOAR-SALEM CEMETERY BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

We are looking for a person to serve as a board member for the cemetery. The board meets twice each year and works with the consistory to manage and maintain the cemetery. 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 present at the annual meeting in early 2019.

MESSAGE FROM CONSISTORY PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in Christ, on behalf of the Consistory, I thank you for your ongoing interest and participation in the life of our church. During 2018, our church leadership teams have been meeting to review Salem's ministries and missions. We are prayerfully considering what is working well and how we may benefit from transformation. One thing is clear - LOVE must be at the forefront of our communications, planning and actions. As a congregation, we are the hands, feet, mouths and hearts of the Church. Let each of us be a model in our congregation and in our community, to live out the purpose of fulfilling God's plan of a just world for all. What then, does that mean for each of us, individually? That is something that no one else can determine for another. If you have not already done so, please consider your own gifts, talents and treasures and the ways in which you may share them within our congregation, throughout the community and beyond. The timely return of updated membership profile forms is appreciated. As we embark on the season of Advent, the beginning of our church year, it is an appropriate time for us to take moments during the busyness of holiday happenings for focus on faith, and love, and service to others. Let us prepare our hearts, minds and lives for the coming of the Christ Child. My prayer is that we will find this time ahead filled with hope, peace, love and joy. **May we experience the blessings of Christmas and light this world as we bless one another!** - Mary Bender, Consistory President



Membership slips/profiles and pledge cards can still be turned into the church office. If you are in need of either of the forms, they can be found in the narthex.



Salem UCC will be hosting a living nativity on Friday, December 7th and Saturday, December 8th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. A living nativity is a reenactment of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. There will be a program of scripture and music, which will accompany live animals, and the costumed characters of Mary, Joseph, shepherds, Herod, wise men and angels. Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Area. In the spirit of Christmas, please bring a food item which will be donated to the Plymouth Food Pantry.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday, December 7th/Saturday, December 8th:
6:30-8:30 p.m. – Living Nativity

Sunday, December 9th:
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Caroling
4:00 p.m. “Sing Joy” Combined Choir Concert
at St. Peter’s UCC, Kiel

Sunday, December 16th:
9:00 a.m. All Church Christmas Program

Monday, December 24th:
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

Tuesday, December 25th:
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service



***St. Peter’s U.C.C. and
Bethlehem U.C.C. of Kiel
First Congregational U.C.C. and
Salem U.C.C. of Plymouth***

Presents . . .

***Sing
Joy***

Sunday, December 9, 2018

4:00 p.m.

St. Peter’s U.C.C.

424 Fremont Street, Kiel

(Freewill offering for U.C.C. Hurricane Fund)

