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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

There is something about the start of a new year that makes people want to turn over a new leaf in life. While the sentiment is admirable, the follow-through isn't always the best. People who study human behavior say that it takes at least three weeks of repetition before a new way of doing things becomes a habit. A good number of us drop those good intention long before the three weeks is up.

The start of a new year does, however, become a symbol for the fact that life moves forward and that things in life change, whether we're in favor of the changes, or not. It is a reminder that life does not stay fixed and unchangeable. Circumstances in every part of our life change, even in the world of the church. The church is not sheltered from the winds of change in the world around us. So much is different than it was 50 years ago, or even 30 years ago. Birth rates and populations shifts, the church's position in society, peoples' attitudes towards the churches, and the expectations that people have of groups and organizations all have changed over the years. It is a far different world for the churches than it was when I first came into ordained ministry.

The world around us has changed. Accordingly, some of our ways of doing things may have to change, too. I know that we've talked about that sort of thing in the past, but then, for one reason or another, we didn't follow through on it. We kicked the can down the road and hoped that things could continue on as they had. Pushing the problem off for a future date never solves the problems, however. Eventually, the concerns have to be faced.

Over the past few months, the leadership at Salem has come to the realization that the way we govern ourselves and the way that we view how the ministries of the church get done will have to change, and that the old, established way of doing things no longer serves us as well as it used to. Pastoral staff and lay leaders have given much prayer, study, and thought to the issue. I sense a resolve to deal with the challenges that I haven't felt before and that gives me a great deal of optimism.

This front page article will be the first in a series of efforts to draw as many people in, as possible, to the process of moving forward on a different approach to how we do ministry. We will be spending considerable time in the next weeks and months talking about this. We will want as much input as possible from persons in our church community. We recognize that any new direction taken in how we organize our ministries will require everyone to be a part of that effort.

There will be much more said in the weeks to come: this is just a start. I ask for your prayers and for a willingness to see what God's Spirit may be leading us.

Your servant in Christ,
Rev. Jim Hoppert



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Cindy Conrad
- 1/2 Dale Knuth
- 1/4 Jim Lehrke
Kevin Lisowe
- 1/5 Betty Davenport
- 1/8 Robert Lorenz
Janice Miller
Ed York
Denise Buss
- 1/9 Ashley Fink
- 1/10 Laurie Born
- 1/11 Todd Kleinhans
Kevin Bunyea
- 1/15 Chris Theune
- 1/18 Janice Koepsell
Corrine Vorpapel
John Hoppert
- 1/19 Einale Mayer
Susan Clarke
Jean Gerber
- 1/21 Kristine Meilahn
Quinn Wilson
- 1/22 Gladys Debbink
Richard Jarosch
- 1/24 Garrett Lindow
- 1/25 Carter Pratt
- 1/26 John Meerstein
- 1/27 Eileen Metze
Andrea Miller
- 1/29 Brandon Debbink
- 1/30 Deanna Lindow
- 1/31 Dan Klotz

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/2 Ken & Pat Schoening
- 1/23 Steve & Janice Koepsell



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 you would like to honor someone you love, or mark a special day, you can sponsor the bulletin (\$20), radio broadcast (\$45) or you can purchase the altar flowers (\$20). Contact the church office at 892-7456 to reserve your day.



All reports for the 2018 Annual Report are due in the church office by January 7, 2019.



The hospitals no longer notify the church if someone is hospitalized, so if you or a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office (892-7456).



If anyone is interested in participating in the Care Meal Ministry, please contact the church office at 892-7456. If you are part of the Care Meal Ministry but would like to be taken off the call list please contact the church office.

Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate

In general practice some 35 years ago there was nothing that gave me such a sad feeling as the delivery of a baby with a cleft palate. Parents ask "why did this happen to us?" and often develop guilty feelings that they are somehow responsible because of something done or left undone during pregnancy.

They can at least be reassured that they are not guilty of omitting some specific measure for preventing this abnormality, since no such measure is known. It is conceivable that some infection or injury of the mother around the sixth to eighth week of pregnancy when fetal structures are being formed might have some effect in production of cleft palate. But there is much more evidence which implicated hereditary factors. In many cases, if family histories are traced, it is found that an uncle or cousin or grandparent or someone else on one side of the family or the other had a cleft palate. However, if neither the mother nor the father of a cleft palate baby has a cleft palate, there is about a 95 per cent chance that children subsequently born to them will be born with a normal palate.

Cleft lip or palate results from failure of lip and palate structures to fuse properly during fetal development. There are many variations of the deformity. The lip may be cleft only on one side, or on both sides, and the lower part of the nose is involved. The defect may involve the soft palate, or it may involve the hard palate as well, with varying degrees of separation. There may be difficulties in feeding the handicapped young baby, because milk easily "backs up" through the nose, but with patience and special feeding devices this can be overcome.

Correction of the defect requires surgery. Operations may be done in several stages as

the child grows older, depending on the surgeon's appraisal of the individual case. Usually the cleft lip is repaired quite early, when the baby is in good general condition and gaining weight. The results usually give a needed boost to the morale of the parents, when the unsightly deformity present at birth is dramatically lessened.

Later closure of the cleft palate, often done in stages, aims to restore structures so that normal speech will be possible. Formation of distinct speech sounds, especially certain consonants, requires complex coordination of muscles and structures of the lips and hard and soft palates and a proper air pathway so the voice does not "escape" in an unintelligible way through the nose.

Defects of the teeth will appear. Dental prostheses may be needed as the child grows older. Speech therapy may be required, not merely to produce intelligible speech, but speech that is not so "queer" that playmates will mimic it.

Today, the end results of expert care are often so excellent that it is too bad the parents cannot foresee them at the dreadful moment when they first see their newborn cleft palate baby. It is unfortunately, true, however, that the more complicated cases require rather costly teamwork of pediatrician, surgeon, dental specialist and speech therapist. There are a number of "cleft palate clinics" around the country with staffs of specialist teams, and some of the states have programs of assistance in rehabilitation of cleft palate patients. Specific information about community facilities can be given by the doctor who delivers the baby or the pediatrician who assumes its care and by the government's National Institute of Dental Research in Bethesda, Maryland.



I want to thank all of the people over the past ten years that have contributed to the Welcome Table.

Special thanks to the people who donated baked goods and desserts and also the delicious deviled eggs.

Thank you to the wonderful crew who helped set tables, prepare some food and clean up afterwards.

Thanks to the guy who ran the dishwasher.

Blessings to each of you for your help and assistance.

Former Coordinator,
Sharon Klemme



Dear Salem Family,

Over the past six and a half years you have offered words of encouragement and support for our California family - Jon, Rebecca, Olivia and Rachel. We thank you sincerely for all the support you have given them as well as us.

On Saturday, December 8, 2018, at about 5:15AM Pacific time our son-in-law, Jon Huntley, ended his journey with ALS. He is at peace now. As time passes we will heal, but Jon will still be in our hearts and thoughts as special days come and go.

Peace.

Art and Barb Pahr

JANUARY LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Epiphany

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 13, 2019

The Baptism of Christ

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 29

Epistle: Acts 8:14-17

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Hebrew Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm: Psalm 19

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED

Courtney Wolfert

FUNERAL

11/25/18 Richard Wimmmler at Salem UCC



May God's love light your way and lead you into a new year that shines with His special joy.

SPECIAL GIFTS TEAM

On December 2, our congregation met for a special session and passed the proposal for our Special Gifts Committee. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

The development of this team is really intended to ensure that special gifts in memory or honor of a loved one – or any unique gift – is acknowledged, and also considered in terms of how it impacts our church ministries and mission. Moreover, we have a goal of ensuring that gifts received are impactful toward sharing God’s love within our congregation, and even our broader community.

The team involved in developing this update included Julie Sukowaty, Mary Bender, Tom Daigle, Mary Mullen, Pam Miller, Michelle Mauk, Lorena McKerrow and Lindsey Zorn, along with Rev. Hoppert.

Moving forward we will be reorganizing under the revised bylaws that were reviewed at our special congregational meeting on December 2. And, in the coming months our plan is to develop materials to promote special giving, and provide some easy guidelines and examples to consider.

To that end, we will be working along with other Salem teams to develop a list of needs for consideration in distributing unspecified funds.

We are also looking to take some first steps in developing more of a team approach to the management of our church ministries. There may be special projects or short-term initiatives connected to this ministry.

If you feel that this is an area in which you’d like to participate in church life, please reach out to one of the team listed above to share your interest.

Thank you.

Mary Mullen
Special Gifts Team Member

CALLED TO CARE

Given certain changes and transitions that have happened over the last four years, we have come to the realization that the “Called to Care” ministry that was begun in 2014 will need to be re-tooled. We feel that it is valuable visitation ministry of church and we are looking for persons who may want to do visitation as part of a team or a group of people. It doesn't matter if you have a lot of time to devote to that ministry or just a little: we are looking for persons all across the spectrum. If you think you have a gift for visiting people and believe that presence and prayer are important parts of a visitation ministry, perhaps this is a ministry that you would like to share. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 892-7456.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to all who contributed to the Mitten Tree. All donations will be given to those in need in Sheboygan County.

Thank you also to those who supported the Adopt-A-Family Mission. The representative from the Family Resource Center was very appreciative of all the gifts that were given.

All donations given to the Tree of Hope will be donated to the Plymouth Food Pantry. Thank you for support of those in Plymouth and the surrounding area.

JANUARY USHER LIST

Saturday, January 5th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse
Bruce & Barb Hengst, Bob Becher

Sunday, January 6th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Mary Bender
Norman & Karen Raeder, Steve Fieck

Saturday, January 12th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Roger Rortvedt, Dick Groene, Lori Holzer

Sunday, January 13th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Amy Nischik
Ansel Tupper, Janice Bunyea, Mary Mullen

Saturday, January 19th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Ed & Darla Ardell, Sharon Klemme

Sunday, January 20th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Susan Clarke
Bette Humbracht, Betty Klemme, Evie Kretsch

Saturday, January 26th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Consistory
Ray & Robbie Gremminger, Judy Wilmot

Sunday, January 27th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Linda Bosman
Dale & Janis Knuth, Cheryl Rortvedt

Saturday, February 2nd:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse
Jerry & Reta Klemme, Bob Becher

Sunday, February 3rd:

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

THIS YEAR

It is never too late to begin a new habit—or to re-covenant our side of the promise with God—or to name anew the responsibilities we have as faithful people. In the new year . . .

- Mend a quarrel
- Seek out a forgotten friend
- Dismiss suspicion; replace it with trust
- Give a soft answer
- Encourage youth
- Keep a promise
- Find the time
- Forgo a grudge
- Forgive an enemy
- Listen
- Apologize if you are wrong
- Try to understand
- Think first of someone else
- Appreciate
- Be kind; be gentle
- Laugh a little
- Laugh a little more
- Welcome a stranger
- Speak your love
- Speak it again
- Speak it still again

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