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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

Since Easter falls on one of the later possible dates this year, Lent will not begin until March 6th: that means that this is one of those rare Februaries that is “Lent-free.” That’s probably a good thing, since the longer gap between Epiphany and Lent this year is going to allow us to work on a couple of projects that need attention.

The first task that we will spend some time introducing and developing are the changes in church governance and the way that we approach doing ministry that were introduced a couple weeks back in worship. As Salem’s leadership has looked at the challenges facing us as a congregation, we have come to the conclusion that the model of a Consistory that is charged with taking care of every task and detail of ministry is no longer serving us well. Too much responsibility falls on the shoulders of too few people, resulting in frustration, burn-out, and reluctance to become involved. Through study, reflection, and prayer, we feel led to propose a model of governance and ministry that strongly encourages people to find an area of the church’s ministry that they wish to be a part of. Persons involved in those particular ministries would then be given the freedom and the responsibility for carrying the ministry that takes place in their area. With the responsibilities of ministry being spread out to a handful of “ministry teams,” the need for a large, central governing body diminishes, and a smaller Consistory, responsible for carrying out fewer duties, can take its place.

The division of “ministry teams” that we would like to propose comes from Robert Schnase’s book of the biblically-based *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. For those of you who were not involved in the study that we had of this book two years back, those practices are Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. Ministry teams would develop around those five categories, plus a sixth – Administration and Oversight. Persons could choose to be a part of a ministry team, be as involved as they wish, and be involved as long as they wish.

Moving forward, we see the need to work on two actions: introducing the model of the *Five Practices* and encouraging people to share their input on how we can put together a better model of governance and ministry. An introduction to the *Five Practices*--“A Celebration of Ministry” will be held after worship on Sunday, February 17th, in Fellowship Hall; a repeat of that session will take place on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. for those who were unable to attend the first session. Input gathering/listening sessions will take place (at times to be announced) in March. If we are going to move forward on this initiative, we will need **everyone’s** help. Every idea and suggestion is valuable.

I realize that change is difficult to face (and the older we get, the less we welcome it). Personally, I have long outgrown the need to change things just for the sake of change. However, if change can bring about improvement and growth, we should not be afraid or reluctant to accept it. I truly believe the changes that we’re proposing at this time fit into that category.

The second task for February is the setting aside of time to discuss a proposed resolution that will come before the Wisconsin Conference at its annual meeting this April. Per Conference by-laws, resolutions may be proposed in one year, discussed by congregations in the year to follow, and voted on the next meeting year. We are currently in the discussion phase before ratifying vote. The resolution in question concerns a repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery (if that term doesn't sound familiar, don't feel bad: I didn't know about it myself until it had come up in last June's annual meeting). In short, the Doctrine of Discovery refers to a Papal Bull from 1493, which gave Spain the right to take whatever lands non-Christians were occupying in the New World. That principal was affirmed in the 1823 *Johnson v. McIntosh* case argued before the Supreme Court, so it does have an impact on modern case law in this country. We will hold this meeting on Tuesday, February 26th in the Library Room at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is strictly informational. We will not be deciding whether or not Salem will take a stand on the resolution or instructing our delegates on how to vote on the resolution (we've never done that in my time at Salem).

I think that's about enough to discuss during a Lent-free February. Blessings to you all.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Greta Debbink
- 2/2 Lorena McKerrow
- 2/5 Arline DeMunck
- 2/6 Dale Zimmermann
- 2/7 Ashton Debbink
- 2/8 Lori Holzer
- 2/9 Avrien Garcia
Abigail Hoppert
- 2/10 Dena Adamson
- 2/11 Judy Lukaszewski
Laverne Eickberg
- 2/12 Dale Katsma
Margaret Bub
Judy Wilmot
- 2/13 Denise Kleinhans
Molly Hengst
- 2/14 Donald Diver
Richard Groene
Dale Vanderkin
Georgine Littlefield
Pat Schoening
Jenna Iserloth
- 2/15 Carol Fenner
- 2/16 Scott Miller
David Bohrmueller
Andrew Hartmann
- 2/17 Robbie Gremminger
- 2/19 Carrie Ardell
- 2/22 Tammy Huenink
- 2/23 Betty Klemme
- 2/24 Steve Groene
Jered Krueger
- 2/25 Gloria Eldredge
Natalie Richart
- 2/26 Isaac Feldner
- 2/27 Sam Meyer
- 2/28 Nathan Mauk
- 2/29 Helen Toerpe
Kaye Theune

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/27 Richard & Sharon Groene



We would like to honor all couples who have been married 50+ years. This recognition will be held on Sunday, February 10th. Please contact the church office if you would like your name listed in the bulletin.



THANK YOU

Dear Care Meal Ministry Members,

Thank you all so much for providing a delicious dinner for my family and I, but most importantly thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers!

Courtney Wolfert



Dear Salem Members,

The Plymouth Food Pantry would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$283 to our pantry from the Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Also, thank you for the gifts from you Tree of Hope! We appreciate your support in this season of caring and sharing.

Sincerely,
Plymouth Food Pantry

FROM THE PARISH NURSE . . .

BELL'S PALSY

Signs and Symptoms – Sagging muscles and weakness on one side of the face and inability to close one eye.

Bell's palsy (also known as facial palsy) is a paralysis of the muscles that control expression on one side of your face. Bell's palsy results from damage to the facial nerve, a nerve that runs beneath the ear to the muscles of the face of the same side. This damage results in weakness of these muscles because the electrical impulses directed to them are impaired by the damaged nerve.

The cause of the disorder is unknown, and its development is not well understood. The prevalent theory is that the facial nerve becomes swollen and injured, perhaps by a viral infection such as herpes zoster. The nerve then has no room to expand within its bony channel. Bell's palsy is due to this restriction or compression.

Full paralysis on one side will leave you looking expressionless, and you will have virtually no movement of the muscles from the forehead to the mouth on the paralyzed side. The corner of your mouth may droop, and you may have difficulty retaining saliva on that side of your mouth. When you move the muscles of the unaffected side, facial distortions result. The eye on your affected side may close only partially, and tears may leak from the eye. Some persons complain of pain behind the ear, in the jaw, or on the entire side of the face. You may feel that the unaffected side is twisted or contracted, and you may experience changes in salivation and sense of taste, heightened sensitivity to sound, or difficulty in speaking or eating. Extra tearing from your eye on the affected side may result if the lid loses its normal function of moving tears into your tear ducts.

One-sided facial weakness is a common neurologic sign, and Bell's palsy is the most common cause. It occurs at any age, but it is most common between 30 and 60 years. Sometimes it seems to be associated with an infection of the middle ear. Annually, about 40,000 Americans get the disorder (1 person in 60 or 70) during their lifetimes. If it involves both sides of the face, other disorders such as Lyme disease or sarcoidosis may be the cause.

Diagnosis – The onset is fairly abrupt, and you may notice it when you wake up. Pain behind your ear can precede the palsy by a day or two. Maximal weakness or paralysis may be apparent within 48 hours after onset.

Your physician may be able to make a preliminary diagnosis by looking at your face and asking you to attempt to move your facial muscles. Other conditions, such as a stroke, can cause one-sided facial paralysis, and careful evaluation is needed to exclude these disorders. Abrupt onset with no prior symptoms, however, is indicative of Bell's palsy. After several days, your physician may arrange for you to be tested by electromyography to determine the severity of your nerve damage.

How serious is Bell's palsy? – Bell's palsy is usually a temporary problem. In 80 percent of cases recovery begins in 2 to 3 weeks and is complete within a few months. A mild case may be noticeable only when you smile, and it normally disappears in 1 month. A partial resolution of the paralysis by the end of the first week suggests a favorable outcome.

Recovery after total paralysis is variable, and electromyography may be helpful for determining the possibility of long-term or incomplete regeneration of nerve fibers. If the damage to the facial nerve is unusually severe, the fibers may become irreversibly damaged. Another complication can arise from misdirected regrowth of nerve fibers, which can result in contraction of other muscles during facial movement or "crocodile tears" during salivation.

Treatment – Treatment is controversial. Some physicians believe that recovery, to whatever extent, will occur without treatment. If you cannot close your eye, however, it will need to be protected. Excessive dryness in your eye may lead to corneal ulcer. A temporary patch or ointment may be recommended for sleeping. Use of moisturizing eye drops, such as methylcellulose drops, during waking hours will help guard your eye from dust and dryness. Use of eyeglasses also may help. Physicians sometimes prescribe corticosteroid medication, such as prednisone, to reduce the suspected swelling of your facial nerve. Physical therapy and facial massage to prevent long-term contracture may be recommended.

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COMMUNION SCHEDULE 2019

January 12, 2019 – 4:30 pm
January 13, 2019 – 8:30 am
February 9, 2019 – 4:30 pm
February 10, 2019 – 8:30 am
March 6, 2019 – 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday
March 9, 2019 – 4:30 pm
March 10, 2019 – 8:30 am
April 18, 2019 – 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday
April 20, 2019 – 4:30 pm – Holy Saturday
April 21, 2019 – 7:00 am and 9:30 am – Easter
May 4, 2019 – 4:30 pm
May 5, 2019 – 8:30 am – Confirmation
June 8, 2019 – 4:30 pm
June 9, 2019 – 8:30 am – Pentecost
July 13, 2019 – 4:30 pm
July 14, 2019 – 8:30 am
August 10, 2019 – 4:30 pm
August 11, 2019 – 8:30 am
September 7, 2019 – 4:30 pm
September 8, 2019 – 8:30 am – Faith Formation
Weekend
October 5, 2019 – 4:30 pm
October 6, 2019 – 8:30 am – World Communion
Weekend
November 2, 2019 – 4:30 pm
November 3, 2019 – 8:30 am – All Saints'
Weekend
December 7, 2019 – 4:30 pm
December 8, 2019 – 8:30 am
December 24, 2019 – 4:30 pm – Christmas Eve
December 24, 2019 – 10:00 pm – Christmas Eve

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, February 3, 2019 -
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Sunday, February 10, 2019 -
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm: Psalm 138
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, February 17, 2019 -
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm: Psalm 1
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Sunday, February 24, 2019 -
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

Sign up on the calendar in the Gathering Area if you would like to host coffee fellowship.

We will have supplies that are needed but you can also bring in baked goods. If you would like to host coffee fellowship but are not sure what is required, please contact the church office and someone can assist you.

If you like to bake but do not want to host coffee fellowship, you can bring in baked goods and they will be put in the freezer until needed.

LABORS OF LOVE

We have come to expect that worship will be filled with prayer, music, spirit and teaching; and Christian education, fellowship, and all sorts of mission opportunities will be available in the life of our church. We expect gifts will be accounted for and acknowledged and expenses paid; bathrooms and windows will be cleaned and bulletins, newsletters, and reports will be composed and distributed. We rely on our staff for counsel and support as they share in our high points and low ones.

For many years, we have taken time to recognize various groups and their contributions within our church. Until now, there has not been a time set aside to acknowledge our gratitude for the many ways in which our staff, at Salem, works to shape our ministries and impact our lives through their labors of love for God, God's people and creation.

Please join us for 8:30 am worship on Sunday, February 17 as we recognize and show appreciation for our valued staff: Eileen Brooks, Cindy Conrad, Anne Hernandez, Rev. Jim Hoppert, Marsha Meyer, Pam Miller, Mary Mullen, Bob Plahmer, Cheryl Rortvedt, Brittany Seifert, Jennie Schoenefeld and Ron Schoenefeld. We also invite you to join us for fellowship and for a Celebration of Ministry following the worship service.

Thank you,
Salem Consistory

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped share the story of the birth of Jesus by contributing their time and talent to the Living Nativity in December. We hosted over 100 people in the two-day event.

Cast

Lauren Bunyea
Tom Daigle
Greta Debbink

Terry Debbink
Delaney Fischer
Todd Fischer
Rev. James Hoppert
Kevin Lisowe
Chase Markus
Scot Markus
Sam Meyer
Peter Meyer
Cassie Pilling
Bret Schoenefeld

Costume Help

Dawn Fischer
Lorena McKerrow
Dawn Pilling

Lighting & Sound

Scott Bunyea

Greeter

Ron Schoenefeld

Animals

Bret Schoenefeld

Refreshment Hostesses

Sharon Klemme
Judy Wilmot

Stable Set Up and Take Down

Jeff Greuel
Andy Hartmann

Thanks to all who made homemade goodies for the time of refreshment.

Anne Hernandez
Living Nativity Coordinator



*How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.
1 John 3:17-18*

FEBRUARY USHER LIST

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: Mary Bender
Terry, Amy & Greta Debbink

Saturday, February 9th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Roger Rortvedt, Ansel Tupper, Janice Bunyea

Sunday, February 10th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Terry Risse
Rachel Risse, Al Bosman, Cindy Conrad

Saturday, February 16th:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Linda Krueger, Richard Groene, Annette
Bunyea

Sunday, February 17th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Susan Clarke
Norman & Karen Raeder, Maureen Rudebeck

Saturday, February 23rd:

4:30 p.m. Head Usher: Kymn Schicker
Sharon Klemme, Judy Wilmot, Lori Holzer

Sunday, February 24th:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Carol Barts
Dale & Janis Knuth, Bette Humbracht

Saturday, March 2nd:

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

Sunday, March 3rd:

8:30 a.m. Head Usher: Consistory
Steve Fieck, Betty Klemme, Evie Kretsch



VALENTINES TO GIVE YOUR CHILDREN

Acceptance – Teach kids that you love them for who and what they are. Give this gift with a kiss.

Self-confidence – Help children understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a hug.

Life without needless fears – Don't let your kids see you as a worrier. Give this gift with laughter.

Appreciation – Help children acquire a spark of gratitude and enjoy all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.

Faith – Introduce your children to God, the best friend they'll ever have. Give this gift by taking them to church every Sunday.

Newsletter, Newsletter

Join the General Synod 32 Team - Volunteer!

Your help is key to the success of the Wisconsin Conferences hosting the 32nd General Synod of the UCC at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. Over 3,000 people are expected to attend and we need 300 to 400 volunteers to assist the local Arrangements Committee over this 5-day event. Here is an opportunity to experience the wider United Church of Christ and to learn about our denomination and the many ministries we are engaged in on behalf of Jesus Christ.

Extravagant Hospitality and Welcome:

Welcome and direct attendees at Mitchel Airport, the Intermodal Station downtown and in designated hotels.

Registration Table: Assist with motorized scooters, or other accommodations.

Childcare and Children's Ministry: Provide supervision and program leadership for age-appropriate child care and children's activities for infants through age 12. All volunteers in this area will have a background check.

Word Processing for Education and

Committees: Use your word processing skills to maintain edits in pronouncements of assigned committees.

Floor Stewards: Assist delegates during plenary sessions as needed.

Exhibit Hall Support: Assist in the area designated for UCC and related agencies and vendors.

Worship Ushers: Usher during worship services during Synod.

Volunteer Support: Support volunteers before and during General Synod.

App-bassadors: Help delegates and visitors to access the General Synod app.

Outdoor Festival: Direct and assist attendees at the Sunday Festival at Frank Zeidler Square Park. All members of the Wisconsin Conference are invited!

Flexible On-Call: On-call volunteers will cover needs which arise unexpectedly.

The online volunteer registration and scheduling is ready to go and we hope you will help Wisconsin SHINE! Here are some things you should know before you begin.

Registration will be easier on a screen larger than your phone. When you register you will create a password to use later, so be ready to record it.

We are only accepting volunteers from Wisconsin Conference UCC congregations.

After you register you will receive a series of emails.

The first is a confirmation of your registration.

Next (up to 24 hours later) you will receive an email link for scheduling. Review the list of opportunities, sign up for what you want to do and the specific time slots. Note that additional opportunities will be added in the next few weeks.

When we have confirmed your registration of 6+ volunteer hours, you will receive a Synod discount code allowing you to register for General Synod at a reduced cost of \$60. This email will come up to 72 hours after scheduling. This code is only for Wisconsin UCC volunteers, so please do not share it with others.

Hosting General Synod is an honor and will require many people and talents to make it a success. **Please consider volunteering more than 6 hours.**

If you want to volunteer but do not plan to register for and attend Synod, you can provide hospitality at hotels, the Airport or the Intermodal Station; you can assist with the Outdoor Festival or for select Mission Projects. This will be described on the scheduling website.

To get started go to bit.ly/2CtiHVV-synodvolunteer. This link is also available through the Wisconsin Conference website at wcucc.org/synodvolunteer.

We look forward to seeing you in June!

