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# Chapel Chimes

"SHARING FAITH, LIFTING UP, REACHING OUT AND  
GROWING TOGETHER"

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN



## First Notes

by Rev. Jim Hoppert

We are firmly into the fall season and the start of the church program year. If we continue that space program analogy that I used in last month's newsletter, we have gone well past "clearing the tower": the spacecraft is in orbit and is carrying out the flight plan. We had a successful Children's Sabbath and a Hymn Sing in October (I wasn't there in person to hear the Hymn Sing, but I caught it on-line). We've hit our stride in Church School and Confirmation programming.

Our November schedule will continue with our celebration of All Saints on the 6th and a joint celebration of Thanksgiving with First Congregational UCC on the 23rd. For the first time since 2018, we will be hosting that service, which will feature music from both choirs and a time of fellowship after worship (read: pie and coffee). The following Sunday will be the beginning of the Advent season. This year we will be working with a "homegrown" Advent series, "Moving Towards God's Vision," and our theme for the First Sunday of Advent will be "Time to Awaken and Be Ready."

Over the next few days we will be firming up our Advent and Christmas plans for the Faith Formation and Worship Teams.

I know that our culture will be rushing headlong into Christmas as soon as the calendar reaches November, but we still have a lot of important things to cover in the meantime before that ever happens. Time—as it always does—moves quickly. My word of encouragement is to stay in the moment and enjoy the journey.

Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert



## Join us for Thanksgiving Eve service---and pie!



Salem UCC will serve as host of the combined Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 23. Please help welcome the members of First Congregational UCC by joining in the service and fellowship immediately following service. Also, donations of pies (pumpkin and apple) would be greatly appreciated. If baking pies isn't your thing, your assistance in serving and cleaning up following the fellowship would also be welcomed! A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

## All Saints Day -- Sunday, Nov. 6

Join us in remembering those members who have gone on to the Church Triumphant in the past year.



## Baptism celebration planned

Baptismal rites will be celebrated for Cole Timothy Chisholm, son of Tyler and Lauren Chisholm on Sun., Nov. 6.

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**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOV. 6.  
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK!**

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*Salem youth and Rev. Hoppert provided special music during Children's Sabbath in October. Thank you for your joyful version of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."*

## PLEASE NOTE

The annual congregational meeting in January 2023 will include a review of suggested changes to our Constitution and Bylaws, followed by a vote to amend these church documents.

The documents, with suggested changes highlighted, will be available for review prior to the meeting; we'll alert you to their availability through the weekly bulletins.

## Can you help?

A church yard clean-up session is planned for Saturday, Nov. 12 from 8 - noon. We'll be raking leaves, picking up sticks, and trimming shrubs. Rakes are provided. If you can help for an hour or two, it would assure that these chores are done before winter.



## Opportunities to participate in activities of the church

- **Adult Faith Formation:** Rev. Hoppert leads a short Bible study starting at 9 a.m., focused on the the Lectionary readings for the day. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion.
- **Coffee Fellowship:** If anyone would like to host coffee time before the service, please call the church office and let us know in advance so we can promote it. The coffee and various supplies are provided.
- **Ushering:** Greeting members and visitors and handing out bulletins are the main responsibilities.
- **Faith Formation Assistance:** The teachers welcome any member who can occasionally assist with various activities, ranging from teaching to helping with music, craft and other activities for Sunday School students. This does not have to be a weekly commitment.
- **Chancel Choir:** New voices are welcomed at any time of the year. Simply come to a rehearsal on Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. and bring your voice and enthusiasm. The choir typically sings during worship every first and third Sunday.
- **Consistory Member:** New members will be needed to join the leadership group in 2023. (If you have heard from past members that being a member is time consuming, please ask a current member about the time requirements. Meetings and governance style have been significantly streamlined to make the position more doable for individuals.)

Contact the church office if you have questions or wish to sign up for any of these activities or positions.



## Special Gifts Team Update

The Special Gifts Team met on October 20 to review new grant requests. The following gifts were approved:

- Sponsorship to Fairview School's Walk-A-Thon fundraiser in the amount of \$200.
- \$1,000 to be used for landscaping around the church, including the bell tower area.
- A gift of \$500 to help support Back Bay Mission, in honor of their 100 years of service.

We are thankful for the gifts we have received, and our goal is to provide a balance of gifts that support our local community needs as well as the broader church needs.

In addition to the gifts noted above we will be fulfilling the second semester scholarship grants

for Cassie Clarke, Morgan Clarke, and Pietje Markus.

Our team will meet in January to prepare for our annual meeting and schedule our meeting dates for the 2023 calendar year.

Grant requests (including scholarship grant requests) will be due March 31, 2023 so that we can make decisions on scholarships during our April meeting.

Yours in faith,

Mary Mullen

On behalf of the Special Gifts Team

*"It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich!"*

*—Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



# November Celebrations



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|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 02 | Nicole Walber     | 14 | Susie Katsma     |
| 03 | Josiah Gundersen  | 14 | Todd Bruggink    |
| 03 | Kelly Wolfert     | 19 | Gerald Klemme    |
| 04 | Sean Mullen       | 20 | Marsha Meyer     |
| 06 | Rachel Risse      | 21 | Courtney Wolfert |
| 07 | Alyssia Kleinhans | 21 | Jeff Bender      |
| 07 | Tabitha Munz      | 22 | Carl Holzer      |
| 10 | Breeley Gutschow  | 23 | Judy Paulson     |
| 10 | Guinevere Mauk    | 23 | Linda Krueger    |
| 10 | Jill Pilling      | 24 | Wanda Meyer      |
| 12 | Ian Schoenefeld   | 26 | Karen LeMahieu   |
| 12 | Jim Lindow        | 26 | Lauren Bunyea    |
| 13 | Justin Picard     | 26 | Wes Huibregtse   |
| 13 | Tom Daigle        | 28 | Vyra Thiel       |
| 14 | Ali Pilling       | 29 | Robert Scheible  |
| 14 | Ronald Holzmann   | 30 | Ashley Krueger   |
| 14 | Samantha Sippel   | 30 | Judith Meerstein |
| 14 | Sharon Odekirk    | 30 | Todd Fischer     |

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| <b>4</b>  | <b>Jeff &amp; Mary Bender</b>        |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Bret &amp; Jennie Schoenefeld</b> |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Carl &amp; Lori Holzer</b>        |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Scott &amp; Rhonda Scott</b>      |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Ed &amp; Lynn York</b>            |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Adam &amp; Lindsey Zorn</b>       |



Sending warm thoughts and blessings for comfort and healing to these members of our church family.

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| <b>Rollie and Kathy Bruggink</b>       |                     |
| <b>Eugene and Georgine Littlefield</b> |                     |
| <b>Florence Blanke</b>                 | <b>Tim Miller</b>   |
| <b>Carol Groene</b>                    | <b>Eugene Boll</b>  |
| <b>June Miller</b>                     | <b>Don Hurlburt</b> |
| <b>Ben Meinnert</b>                    | <b>JoAnn Kraus</b>  |
| <b>Jean Halida</b>                     |                     |





## Mission and Service Team looking for a leader

The Salem Consistory has been governing during the past two years using a Team structure based on the biblically-based book "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." Essentially, we have moved from a model of work done by committees to a model of ministry done by ministry teams. As you may recall from articles in past Chapel Chimes, the five main teams are Faith Formation (i.e. Christian Education), Generosity, Hospitality, Mission and Service and Worship, plus Administration/Operations.

Most of the teams have a representative from the congregation or Consistory who leads the team and reports back to the Consistory as needed with updates or requests for support. The one team that is lacking a leader is the Mission and Service team.

**The purpose of Salem's Mission and Service team is to make a positive difference in the lives of others, reflecting the love and care of Jesus Christ, whether or not they will ever be a part of the community of faith.**

Examples of Salem's past and current mission and service activities are volunteering at the Welcome Table and Food Pantry, serving on mission trips, supporting parish nurse activities and the Angel Tree during Advent.

Although it's always wonderful (and usually always fun) when we can do these activities as a group, helping others doesn't require acting as a group; individual efforts are just as meaningful for you and for those you are helping. We certainly have many members who are volunteering for numerous boards, projects, and activities in our communities because they have a personal reason or passion for that service. We are grateful that you choose to help others in whatever way and hopeful that you may choose to serve Salem in a similar way.

If any member has an interest in either serving as the Team Leader for Mission and Service, or has an idea (or 2 or 3) about mission/service projects we could undertake as a small or large group, please contact Paul Clarke, Consistory president, or the church office.

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## Consider Scrip cards for upcoming purchases

If you are looking ahead and already starting your holiday shopping---or as you plan your holiday meals or travel---remember that the church has Scrip cards for MANY area retailers, plus Amazon for online shoppers.

Using Scrip cards is an easy way to help support the church finances. Scrip will be sold before and/or after services in November and December, and is always available during office hours.





### **Nov. 6 - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Hebrew Scripture: Haggai 1:15b-2:9  
Psalm: Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22  
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

### **Nov. 13 - Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25  
Psalm: Psalm 98  
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

### **Nov. 20 - Reign of Christ**

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm: Psalm 46  
Epistle: Colossians 1:11-20  
Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

### **Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day**

Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm: Psalm 100  
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9  
Gospel: John 6:25-35

### **Nov. 27 - First Sunday of Advent**

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm: Psalm 122  
Epistle: Romans 13:11-14  
Gospel: Matthew 26:36-44

## **Lectionary Readings for November**



**SCIO MISSION: "educate and advocate for social justice and dignity, and to improve the quality of life for all people."**

Items that we would especially appreciate at this time are copy paper, black Sharpies, ballpoint pens, bus passes, and birthday decorations (adult and child). *Please bring items to the church office and we will deliver them.*



We have had some unexpected transitions in Bridgeway, as well as some hardships among our aftercare families, such as serious medical issues, mental health instability, and reduced employment. If you are able to help some of our families with holiday gifts, we would be grateful that they have an opportunity to create warm memories during difficult times. Please contact executive director, Lisa Stephan, at [lisa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](mailto:lisa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org).



# November 2022

Sum	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm NA	2 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA	3 7pm NA	4 <i>Consistory Items Due</i> 7pm NA	5
6 <b>Holy Communion All Saints' Day</b> 9-9:45 am Faith Formation 10-11 am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	7 9am Men's Coffee	8 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Consistory 7pm NA	9 5:30pm Mentor Meal with Yr. 3 Confirmands 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir	10 7pm NA	11 7pm NA	12 9am Amateur Radio Exam (registration 8:30 am)
9 9-9:45 am Faith Formation 10-11 am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	14 9am Men's Coffee	15 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 1pm Salem Green BOD 7pm NA	16 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 7pm NA	18 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i> 7pm NA	19
20 9-9:45 am Faith Formation 10-11 am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	21 9am Men's Coffee	22 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm NA	23 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service with First Congregational/UCC	24 7pm NA	25 7pm NA	26
27 9-9:45 am Faith Formation 10-11 am Worship (Livestream and in-person) 7pm AA	28 9am Men's Coffee	29 <i>Bulletin Deadline</i> 10am Staff Meeting 7pm NA	30 6:15pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			<b>Note: Rev. Hoppert will be on vacation Nov. 14 through Nov. 20. Please contact the church office during his absence for assistance with urgent matters.</b>