

Chapel Chimes

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

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SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN



First Notes

by Rev. Jim Hoppert

One of the first resource books I bought for my office library when I started here at Salem all those years ago was *The Handbook of the Christian Year* by Hoyt L. Hickman, et al. (later revised to *The New Handbook of the Christian Year* a few years later). Since the UCC Book of Worship hadn't come out yet, this resource was a helpful guide to navigating the church year for this greenhorn pastor back in the day. One of the more helpful bits of advice that the book gave came in the section about Advent and Christmas, where it stated (in so many words) that the pace of worship activities in Advent shouldn't be so hurried and jam-packed that we head to the finish line at Christmas Day ready to collapse. What was said about Advent/Christmas I found applied to Lent/Easter, as well: leave something in the tank for Eastertide.

I think that we've managed to do that this year, so far. Even after a well-planned Lenten season, we still have some things left to bring out during the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Of course, there is Easter day (with its two services of worship and a breakfast scheduled in between), but beyond that we will have a service that features the choirs of Salem and St. Peter's UCC, Kiel, plus various instrumental music, here, at Salem on April 21st at 10:00 a.m. If you're a fan of any kind of church music, you'll definitely not want to miss this worship service. On May 5th we will be conducting the rite of Confirmation for our third-year class, which gives each of us an opportunity to reflect on our own baptismal promises and our journeys of faith. It's an important day in the life of the church.

These days after Easter give us the chance to bask in the good news of the resurrection. May our preparation during the days of Lent carry us through the next stage of the journey.

Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert



Many, many thanks to everyone who played a a role in the Lenten activities. This includes all who:

- helped with worship services in any way
- arranged an altar in fellowship hall
- organized, served, cleaned up after and contributed to the simple suppers
- led the bread-baking
- organized and assisted with completing the service projects
- delivered Easter baskets
- coordinated and helped with Easter breakfast
- ordered Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary
- participated in worship.

These activities happened only through sharing your talents and your joyful participation.



April Events

Special music for worship

On Sunday, April 21, the Mendelssohn Choir from St. Peter's UCC in Kiel will join Salem's Chancel Choir to provide special music during our worship time, Join us in worship to hear music of the combined choirs accompanied by instrumentalists from both churches (including the person who has been providing our organ accompaniments for the past months.) Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 10 a.m. service for this very special service. Following worship Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Chancel Choir and Salem Cares.



Honor Earth Day on April 22: Making one small difference in your daily life can make a big difference for our planet!

Americans purchase about 50 billion water bottles per year, averaging about 13 bottles per month for every person in the U.S. That means by using a reusable water bottle, you could save an average of 156 plastic bottles annually. Also, Americans throw away around 25 billion Styrofoam coffee cups every year. Use reusable cups/mugs when your favorite coffee vendor allows it!

We're offering an easy way to reduce, reuse, and recycle!
See page 7 for more details.



Delegates Needed for NEA Annual Meeting

Two delegates from Salem UCC are needed to represent our congregation at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Northeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference UCC on Saturday, Apr. 20 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Daycholah Center in Green Lake. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Breanna Illene, who will be talking about doing church in the digital age. There will also be breakout sessions on the keynote topic, and on pending changes in the governance structure of the associations. If you are interested in participating in this important work of the church, please contact the church office. The deadline to register is Thursday, Apr. 4. No special qualifications are needed to serve as a delegate.

April Lectionary Readings

Sunday, April 7

Hebrew Scripture: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 21

Hebrew Scripture: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel: John 10:11-18



Sunday, April 14

Hebrew Scripture: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, April 28

Hebrew Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8

*Keeping these church family members in
our thoughts and prayers*

**Marian Lisowe
Eugene Boll
Mariann Picard
Tim Miller
Margaret Johnston**

**Rollie Bruggink
Georgine Littlefield
Carole Hummell
Bob Metze
Dolores Bohrmueller
Evie Meinnert**

Plymouth Food Pantry Appreciates Our Support

Salem will be collecting jars of jam and jelly to help the Plymouth Food Pantry in April.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



4/1	Rollie Bruggink	4/15	Benjamin Picard
4/1	Wade Kleinhans	4/16	Karlee Hartmann
4/3	Corbin Krueger	4/17	Donald Tenpas
4/3	Megan Quade	4/19	Dave Barts
4/3	Lillian Fontany	4/19	Gail Kleinhans
4/5	James Hoppert	4/20	Judith Helmer
4/5	Carol Thelen	4/21	John Humbracht
4/7	Kay Halle	4/22	Paulette Klotz
4/8	Tara Meinnert	4/22	Amelia Zorn
4/10	Terry Debbink	4/25	Mark Leverenz
4/10	Kenneth Mauk	4/26	Edward Ardell
4/12	Samuel Veldman	4/28	Deegan Quade
4/14	Hannah Kanis	4/29	Jean Halle

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/3 Jeff & Maureen Greuel
- 4/11 Josh & Angela Bender
- 4/22 LeRoy & Sandra Fritsch
- 4/24 Todd & Dawn Fischer
- 4/27 Ben & Tara Meinnert
- 4/30 Donald & Judy Miller



Reminder from Special Gifts and Endowment Teams

ENDOWMENT GRANT REQUESTS DUE APRIL 22

The Endowment Team is pleased to share that we have over \$9,000 to distribute in grants this Spring.

These gifts are used to encourage Christian stewardship and enable the Church to continue and expand its mission. They can be used for existing ministries, innovative ideas, or capital improvements. A few examples of previous requests include updating technology in the sanctuary, aiding an affiliated church in Malawi, fulfilling our benevolence goals, sponsoring our members in their ministries at Back Bay Mission, and many more.

Please get creative and consider making a grant request; we would love to hear your ideas!

Applications are available in the church office and are **due April 22**. Please contact any member of the Endowment Team with questions.

Endowment Team members:

Tom Daigle, Josh Bender, Leslie Blad, and Alayne Krause

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT REQUESTS DUE APRIL 5

Thanks to the generous gifts provided to Salem from past and current members, the Special Gifts team is pleased to offer financial assistance to support members of our congregation who are continuing their education at technical, two-year and four-year colleges.

The team encourages active members of Salem who are enrolled in an accredited college or technical school to **complete a scholarship grant application by April 5**.

Grants are distributed in \$500 increments per semester. A maximum of \$1,000 will be granted to qualified applicants.

Applications are available in the church office. Please contact a member of the Special Gifts team if you have questions.

Special Gifts Team members:

Mary Mullen, Faye Hughes, Jackie Veldman, Cindy Conrad, Kay Scheible and Josh Bender

Summer Camp Opportunities

If you are making plans for camping this summer, you are encouraged to check out the opportunities at Moon Beach, Daycholah Center and Cedar Valley. there are a variety of camps for youth and families. These sites are operated by United Church Camps, Inc., part of the Wisconsin Conference UCC. Financial assistance to attend these camps is available through the Northeast Association the UCC. For more information, check out the UCCI website at ucci.org.



Are you doing some spring cleaning and finding items you no longer need? Please consider bringing them to Salem! We are collecting items that will be donated to Revolution Resale, a thrift shop in Sheboygan that supports families and individuals desiring freedom from addiction.

Collection Times

Fri., Apr. 26 and Sat., Apr. 27

10 am - noon each day

Please bring items to east entrance. Someone will be on hand to help unload and move items into the church.

Acceptable Items:

Clothing for children and adults in good condition, small household appliances, home decor, kitchenware, towels and bedding in good condition, books, DVDs/CDs, art supplies, sporting goods.

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Not accepted: tvs of any size, large appliances, or furniture of any size

**Questions: Contact the church office,
Lorena McKerrow or Linda Bosman**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00am Men's Coffee	2 <i>Items due for Bulletin</i> 10:00am Staff	3 2pm Communion at Salem Green 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Combined Choir Rehearsal	4	5 <i>Items due for Council meeting</i> <i>Scholarship grant applications due</i>	6
7 9:00am Church School 9:15am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous	8 9:00am Men's Coffee 9:00am Women's Coffee	9 <i>Items due for Bulletin</i> 10:00am Staff 6:30pm Council	10 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13
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28 9:00am Church School 10:00am Worship 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous	29 9:00am Men's Coffee 9:00am Salem Cares	30 <i>Items due for Bulletin</i> 10:00am Staff 6:30pm Endowment Team meeting				

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PASTOR: Rev. James M. Hoppert
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Anne Hernandez / CHOIR DIRECTOR: Eileen Brooks
CONSISTORY PRESIDENT: Paul Clarke
TREASURER: Joshua Bender
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Mary Mullen
CUSTODIAN: Shannon Mendenhall
CHURCH SECRETARY: Linda Bosman/Sandy Rabe
ORGANIST: Scott Weir

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