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United Methodist Church

Forecaster

Cleaning Up Cancer Carnival June 24

This is making a difference in the world.

Salem is once again partnering with Time in a Bottle for the Cleaning Up Cancer Carnival on Saturday, June 24, 11 AM – 4 PM at Salem. Time in a Bottle is a non-profit organization that provides precious “time” to families battling cancer, undergoing chemotherapy, or any other terminal illness that requires multiple hours away from home and family. They do this by giving five free cleans from the company, Absolutely Clean.

Salem not only hosts the event, we serve that day to help transform the world. That’s why Time in a Bottle is a great community partner. They clean to make a difference. Their goal is not only to give families a great clean, but more importantly, to give them the gift of time so that families battling an illness together don’t have to worry about chores.

Our Outreach Team is inviting all of us to support this fun day and make a difference. Here's how you can help:

- Donate a cake for the cake auction;
- Donate a new item/service for the silent auction;
- Assist with set up the day before the event (June 23);
- Serve at a game booth or inflatable activity;
- Serve with food preparation/serving;
- Assist with parking;
- Serve at the "flamingo" table;
- Serve as a Salem greeter;

- Assist with tear down/clean up after the event.

Please contact the Outreach Team leader, Debbie Klatt, at 816-668-6101 for more information and sign up at the church.

All proceeds go towards cleaning a healthy home for families that are battling cancer or other life threatening illnesses. Admission is FREE. There will be vendors, food, carnival games, bouncy houses, a silent auction, raffle for a YEAR of FREE house cleaning for your own home, music/entertainment, and more! This is a community event, affiliated with the freedom festival, and designed to be fun and affordable for families. Tickets/wristbands are available for purchase for participation in the various fun activities.



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The Month of June



John Louk, Pastor

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Pentecost is the first Sunday in June, celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit, poured out on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension. It is one of the biggest celebrations in the life of the church. Some call it the birthday party for the church. We will baptize children and adults and receive new members.

After that, I will be taking time for vacation and a required “continuing formation” leave through the rest of the month. I would normally be attending Annual Conference, the yearly meeting of United Methodists in our conference, but our oldest daughter, Kaitlyn, is being married that same weekend. I told our bishop I would rather be at the wedding and she graciously confirmed she would make the same choice! Kaitlyn’s wedding is at Salem on Sunday afternoon, June 11. Those who are worshiping at the 11 AM service that day, will likely be encouraged—pleasantly, I hope!—to leave fairly quickly afterwards so the church can be cleaned and prepared as my family will arrive soon after to begin taking pictures.

During my vacation I will have time to prepare for the wedding and perhaps recover, as well! This time is a blessing for rest, recreation, and being with my family. My wife, Joy, and I are also celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary, so we will be going away for a few days.

The last week of the month, I will spend time on the “continuing formation” that is expected of pastors. I will finish a leadership course and work on our staff reorganization, one of Salem’s goals this year.

I am excited to share that while I’m away in June, Joe Dunnwald and Momodu Kamara will be preaching once more at Salem before they are sent to pastor other churches. Previously, we announced that Joe has been called as the new pastor of Immanuel United

Church of Christ in Latimer, Iowa. Joe, Anna, Meg, and Nora will be moving this summer as our congregation sends them into full time ministry. Their last Sunday with us will be July 2.

Now some more big news: I got to announce this past Sunday that Momodu has just been assigned by our district superintendent to pastor the Springdale United Methodist Church, beginning July 1. Momodu was recognized as a Certified Lay Minister last year and has been waiting patiently for an assignment from our our superintendent. We are very excited for Momodu, too!

What a blessing, Salem! We will commission both Joe and Momodu during worship as we send them into ministry to pastor churches. Don’t miss the opportunity to worship with them and hear them preach once more at Salem.

As always, just don’t miss the opportunity to worship. As summer approaches and you’re looking forward to plans you’ve made, vacations, and, in general, summer fun, please remember to continue gathering for worship each week unless you’re sick or gone. It was Jesus’ custom to worship every week. As Christians, we gather every week to worship our God, too, whether that’s with Salem or with brothers and sisters in another congregation.

There are wonderful things happening in my family’s life, in Salem’s life, and in the church. This will be a June to remember.

Grace and peace to you,
John Louk

Summer Worship Series — *Genesis: The Beginning of Our Story*

In June we conclude our 50 day Easter season and fully enter into the season after Pentecost, which is simply called Ordinary Time. This season begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include twenty three to twenty eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter, but the first Sunday is always Trinity Sunday, and the last Sunday is always Christ the King.

The scripture lessons during Ordinary Time follow a semi-continuous cycle through books of the Bible. Our summer worship series will focus on *Genesis: The Beginning of Our Story*. “Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing... in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:1-3)

The liturgical color for this season is green, symbolizing growth in Christ, though red is the color for Pentecost and white is the color for Trinity Sunday, All Saints, and Christ the King Sunday. Come and worship!

June 4 **Pentecost — Ending *The Great 50 Days***

Acts 2:1-21 The Coming of the Holy Spirit
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b When God Sends Forth the Spirit
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Spiritual Gifts
John 7:37-39 Rivers of Living Water

Holy Communion

Baptisms and New Members

June 11 **Trinity Sunday**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath
Psalm 8 Divine Majesty and Human Dignity
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Trinitarian Benediction
Matthew 28:16-20 The Commissioning of the Disciples



June 18 **Genesis: The Beginning of Our Story**

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 The Lord Has Heard My Voice
Romans 5:1-8 Christ died for us while we were sinners
Matthew 9:35-10:23 The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few
Holy Communion

June 25 **Genesis: The Beginning of Our Story**

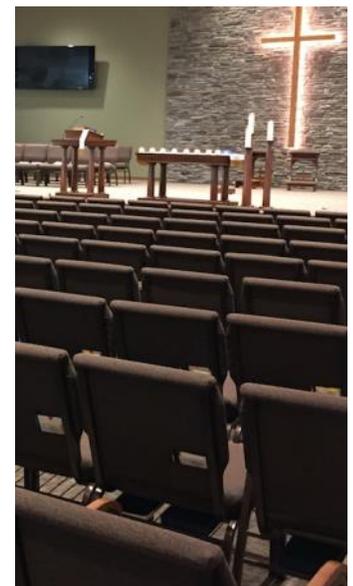
Genesis 21:8-21 Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Supplication for Help against Enemies
Romans 6:1b-11 Dying and Rising with Christ
Matthew 10:24-39 Jesus Speaks about Whom to Fear

Come and Worship!

Sundays

9 AM—Contemporary

11 AM—Traditional



June 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:30 AM Foster Grandparent Program Meeting 1 PM Mission Team 5:30 PM Salem Servants Serve Green Square	2	3 8 AM UM Men's Breakfast 12:30 PM Baby Shower
4 Day of Pentecost 9 AM Contemporary Worship 9 AM Lectionary Class 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Adult Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship 12:30 PM Women's Care Group (Fazoli's) 1:30 PM Friendship Force	5 5 PM GriefShare	6 9:30 AM Prayer Room	7 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study	8 9:30 AM UMW Sarah Circle 5:55 PM UMW Rachel Circle	9	10 7 PM Kaitlyn Louk and Dana Bohan Wedding Rehearsal
11 1st Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Contemporary Worship 9 AM Lectionary Class 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Adult Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship 12 PM Kaitlyn Louk and Dana Bohan wedding	12	13	14 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study	15	16	17
18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day 9 AM Contemporary Worship 9 AM Lectionary Class 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Adult Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship	19 <u>Forecaster articles due to Church Office</u>	20 9:30 AM Prayer Room 5:15 PM Leadership Board	21 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study 12 PM Golden Links (Pizza Ranch)	22 5 PM UMM Strawberry Festival	23 Cleaning up Cancer Carnival Set up	24 11 AM—4 PM Cleaning up Cancer Carnival
25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost/Kingdomtide 9 AM Contemporary Worship 9 AM Lectionary Class 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 Connecting Point 10:10 AM Adult Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship 2 PM Graduation Party	26	27 12:30 PM Cards and Fellowship	28 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study	29	30	Salem Office hours: Monday—Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM (closed holidays)

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 7 Louis Busch
- 7 Larry Wittmer
- 8 Keeton Oltman
- 8 Kathy Wickham
- 9 Donna Sanders
- 10 Dolly Akers
- 11 Emerson Bergmann
- 11 Addie Rand
- 11 Simon Vieira
- 13 Max Burrier
- 14 Shelly Johnson
- 14 Bill Lefebure
- 15 Joseph Jacobus
- 15 Paul Meyer
- 16 Delores McKenzie
- 17 Heidi Pankey
- 19 Lori Ballentine
- 21 Karen Beltramea
- 24 Charlie Thomas
- 25 Tim Schilling
- 25 Krista Stutzman
- 27 Shirley Hartgrave
- 27 Larry Janda
- 28 Linda Curson



- 29 Westley Ellis
- 30 Jim Carver

Anniversaries:

- 1 Kyle & Dolores Cross
- 6 Frank & Pat Conrad
- 7 Richard & Heidi Pankey
- 9 Jim & Percy Caviness
- 9 Dave & Dorothy Higdon
- 13 Dave & Ginnie Clark
- 16 Gary & Kaye Briesemeister
- 17 Harold & Patty Wischmeyer
- 20 John & Joy Louk
- 20 Bob & Grace Thompson
- 21 Don & Kay Feldmann
- 23 David & Cheryl Davis
- 25 Rick & Gail Lindo
- 29 Troy & Kelly Bergmann
- 29 Gary & Gayle Kennedy

In Gratitude



Thank you for the cards, prayers and food that were provided during my recuperation from my broken ankle. Your concern was greatly appreciated.

God Bless you,
Sheryl Hansen

Thanks to all who contributed to the purchase of Salem's new Bunn coffee maker for our kitchen. Enjoy the freshly brewed coffee!

Judy Thomas



United Methodist Women **Nan Livingston, President**

Sarah Circle will meet on Thursday, June 8 at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Nan Livingston is hostess. The program, "A Community For Climate Justice" to explore the creation story and remember UMW members' commitment to renew and affirm care for the world, given by Dorothy Higdon. We may have some handwork again to do for "Days for Girls," which provides feminine hygiene solutions for thousands of South African girls.

Rachel Circle is meeting Thursday, June 8th at 5:55 PM at the Jones Park Parkview Pavilion. Please bring a dish to share and table service. Drinks will be furnished. Family is welcome at this meeting.



Women's Care Group



Women's Care Group meets monthly to encourage and care for one another, and to extend that care beyond the walls of Salem.

Please plan to join us Sunday, June 4, at 12:30 PM at Fazoli's on Edgewood.

All Golden-Agers Welcome!

Golden Links will meet on Wednesday, June 21, at 12 PM at Pizza Ranch (2450 Westdale Drive SW). All seniors are invited. Please join us!

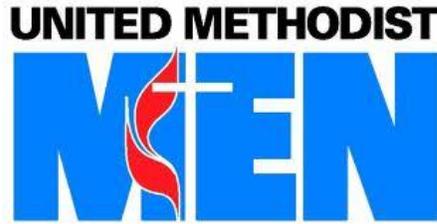
Call Jeff Cook (393-9180), Judy Thomas (390-6574) or Dick Talbott (247-9919) for information.



United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men's breakfast is Saturday, May 6, at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the United Methodist Men. Please make your reservations by calling Jeff Cook at 319-393-9180.

Mark Minger



The United Methodist Men are hosting a Strawberry Festival Thursday, June 22, 5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall!

Come enjoy fresh strawberries, homemade ice cream, delicious cake, coffee and juice.

Adults \$5
Children 6-12 \$3
Children under 6 Free
All proceeds go to missions.

Salem Servants

Salem Servants are serving at Green Square Meals at the Ecumenical Community Center every first Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM.

Any questions contact Linda Curson at lcurson@me.com or 319-651-8029; or Donna Borntreger at donnajborntreger@gmail.com or 319-213-1077.



June Mission Focus: Matthew 25



Matthew 25 believes that for kids to flourish, they need to be healthy. They are working to shift the food culture in certain Cedar Rapids neighborhoods through the urban farm and school gardens.

Matthew 25 provides hands-on education that builds community among classmates and empowers students to make meaningful and long-term contributions to their own health and their community through gardening.

Matthew 25 offers weekly, hands-on food education programming for students throughout the growing season. Schools that are currently

participating include: Harrison Elementary, Madison Elementary, Taylor Elementary, and Roosevelt Middle School.

Some of the Community Development Programs include: Neighborhood Revitalization, Cultivate Hope, Home Gardens, Flower Pot Project, CSA Shares, Urban Farm, and Tool Library.

School Support Programs include: Book Buddies, Music Mentoring, School Collections, Community Arts/Youth Arts, and Summer Meals.

A special offering will be received for Matthew 25 in worship on Sunday, June 25.

For more information please check out Matthew 25 at www.hub25.org.

For additional information, please contact Joni Salazar (319-573-3943) or Evelyn Prasil (319-366-3683.)

Heifer Update

To date Salem UMC has given \$2178 in coins, cash and checks for the Lenten program for Heifer International. What a great gift to the world, as Heifer works with communities to end poverty, hunger, and care for the earth with this offering! Heifer programs help people raise livestock, chickens, goats, bunnies, and much more by "passing on the gift" of a pregnant animal. Thanks to everyone for participating.



2017 Summer Camps



Iowa United Methodist Camps offer many different activities at each of their sites, staffed by caring individuals. Every camper can find something that they'll enjoy. Family camps are a summer special, and retreat opportunities are available all year long.

For more information and to register, visit iaumc.org/camps. Catalogs are available in the Church Office.

Matthew 25 also has a number of great options for summer camps!

Youth completing Kindergarten-8th grade are invited to explore local foods at Matthew 25's Urban Farm in Cedar Rapids through three series of Food Camps.

For more information and to register, visit hub25.org/programs/cultivate-hope/farm-summer-camp.



Vacation Bible School



Amy Schilling is this year's VBS Director! In Vacation Bible School we will be learning about how we

are lovingly crafted by God. We look forward to spending some time with the kids of Salem and our local community as well as learning more about our amazing God! We will meet the evenings of Sunday, July 16 – Thursday, July 20. If you would like to join in the fun and lend a hand, please feel free to reach out to Amy at (319-573-1933) or sign up on the upcoming volunteer poster in the Fellowship Hall.

Update from Last Month on the Future of The United Methodist Church

Last month we shared that the Council of Bishops announced a special General Conference in February 2019 to decide on the proposals about human sexuality from the Commission on the Way Forward. In the meantime, the Judicial Council, The United Methodist Church's top court, met to make a decision on the Western Jurisdiction's election in July 2016 of Bishop Karen Oliveto, who is legally married to another woman. Our *Book of Discipline* bans same-sex weddings and "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy.

The Judicial Council ruled that the consecration of a gay bishop violated church law, however, Bishop Oliveto remains a bishop

until another administrative or judicial is completed. In other words, our top court ruled it was wrong for her to be consecrated a bishop, but they don't have the authority to remove her. That's a different process. Along with that, they also ruled that a same-marriage license is a public declaration (i.e. proof) that a person is a self-avowed practicing homosexual.

For more information see <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/consecration-of-gay-bishop-against-church-law> .

Field Outreach Minister Farewell Gathering



Bishop Laurie Haller has appointed East Central District Field Outreach Minister, Rev. Dr. Jill Sanders, to be the senior pastor of Ames Collegiate United Methodist Church, beginning on July 1. Please mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, June 25 when we will gather at Lovely Lane UMC (2424 42nd Street N.E., Cedar Rapids) from 4-7 PM to celebrate Jill's ministry and say "farewell." (Please note this is a time change.)

Report of the Leadership Board

Following the subcommittee meetings at 5:15 PM, the full board met at 5:45 PM. LB Chair Nancy Rawson led the meeting. She opened with prayer and a scripture reading from John 14 that reminds us that Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life.” Nancy Rawson and Myron Williams shared their faith stories.

Treasurer’s Report – •Linda Curson reported on the income and expenses for the first four months (January – April) of this year. Due to generous giving, particularly around Easter, the church finances are in great shape. •The building fund total will continue to be monitored. We still plan to apply additional funding to the principal amount of our building loan at a time when it is fiscally responsible to do so. •We will be transitioning to Vanco Payment Solutions for the processing of online giving. Linda Curson will be helping Salem members change over to this new system. •During the Lenten season, contributions to support Heifer International exceeded \$2,000.

Another Set of Eyes Ministry Appraisal – As a follow-up to the recently conducted evaluation of the performance of the pastor, the LB will work to help Pastor John identify three or four priority areas for him to focus on for Salem. The LB also requested that Pastor John evaluate the Leadership Board’s performance in an effort to serve Salem in the best possible way.

Inactive Members – Although there is always a desire to re-engage members of the church who have “fallen away” from living out their membership vows, it is not always possible. The United Methodist Church has a two-year procedure in which the names of inactive members are “read” at the yearly conference meeting before their memberships are withdrawn. However, there are scenarios in which members notify the church that they will no longer attend Salem as they plan to worship elsewhere. In these situations, the LB agreed that the church may withdraw such individuals from membership without going through the two-year Reading of the Names procedure.

Trustees –•The countertop and the doors for the storage area in Fellowship Hall have been installed. The contractor is still working on the construction of carts to hold the tables and chairs within the storage area. •Work will likely begin after Memorial Day on the improvements to our property to help with water run-off issues. •A donated spending account at Edgewood Do it Best Hardware will end July 1. Our building superintendent will discuss a continued relationship with them for our hardware needs.

Meeting Notes 5-16-17

•The two storage sheds were removed from the outback area. Plans are to level the ground there and reseed it. The possibility of changing the shingles on the bell tower to match the church shingles was discussed, as well as the possibility of painting the storage outback building to match the color of the main building. •Ladco recommended some filter changes and repairs while conducting their planned maintenance. •The recent energy audit proposed the use of motion sensor lights for some of the bathrooms to save energy. *Groundhogs continue to be a problem on the property.

Stewardship – The subcommittee will take a new approach in the development of a written policy for handling money received by the church.

SPRC – •Pastor John asked for feedback from the LB on a continuing formation opportunity. The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program offers pastors the option to apply for a grant to cover expenses related to a sabbatical leave. Eligibility requires support from the congregation and the conference. The LB agreed to have continued conversations on this topic as Pastor John learns more about this opportunity. •The LB agreed to pursue the possibility of a commissioning celebration for Anna and Joe Dunnwald. This summer Joe will become the pastor of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Latimer, Iowa. •Salem has hired Melinda Gipple as the new Administrative Assistant. Melinda began working May 3. Our previous Administrative Assistant, Julie Lefebure, has transitioned into her new role as Director of Communication.

Closing – Rev. Louk closed with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.





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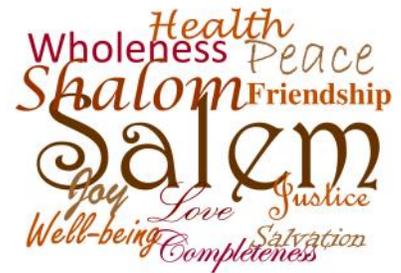
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**Salem's mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
"connecting people, building community, transforming lives through Jesus"**

Salem's Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Lower Level Room 6
10:00 AM	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:10 AM	Sunday School	Lower Level
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

Nursery for infants through 4-year-olds is available on the Lower Level during worship services and Sunday School.



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(closed standard holidays)