



Salem

United Methodist Church

Forecaster

Generation to Generation 2.0

An Update for Salem's Annual Giving and Building Fund

We plant a tree not for this generation, but for the next generation. With that in mind, we completed a \$2.2 million building project two-and-a-half years ago. Our second building campaign, *Generation to Generation*, started a year ago in order to support our annual ministry and continue to pay for our new facility.

A year ago, the church asked everyone to prayerfully consider making two generous commitments for two purposes: 1) a one-year commitment to the 2017 Annual Giving Fund, and 2) a three-year commitment to our Building Fund (2017-2019), over and above annual giving.

Thank you for your generous support of Salem and/or our building campaign. Because of your generosity, our giving is outpacing our spending, allowing us to grow towards doing new ministry with new people. Furthermore, we still owe \$1 million on our new facility, but we continue to be faithful to our plan, paying about \$7,000 each month. Thank you! One way or another, every dollar you give to this church helps change lives!

Now in November, we are focusing on Generation to Generation 2.0, the second year. Will you prayerfully consider making a financial commitment for Salem's 2018 ministry plan? That is a one-year commitment and so important for our ministry goals.

Will those of you newer to our congregation prayerfully consider making a pledge to the building fund for the second and third year, over and above annual giving? There may also be some who didn't make a pledge a year ago and whose situation has now changed. You are also welcome to make a two-year pledge to the building fund.

On Sunday, November 5, everyone will receive their Generation to Generation 2.0 Prayer and Commitment Packet in worship. Two weeks later, on Sunday, November 19, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday, offering our pledges in worship, dedicating them to the glory of God. That is also our 7th anniversary in our new location.

Most of all, please keep Salem in your prayers as we plant trees for the next generation!

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For the Next Generation of Saints



John Louk, Pastor

We plant
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Last year I shared a tale found in the Talmud, the compendium of Jewish civil and ceremonial law and legend, about Honi the Wise One. When he saw something that puzzled him he would ask questions so he could unravel the mystery.

“One day, Honi the Wise One was walking on the road and saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked the man, ‘How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?’ The man replied, ‘Seventy years.’ Honi then asked the man, ‘And do you think you will live another seventy years and eat the fruit of this tree?’ The man answered, ‘Perhaps not. However, when I was born into this world, I found many carob trees planted by my father and grandfather. Just as they planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren so they will be able to eat the fruit of these trees.’”

We reap the fruit of trees planted before we were even born. Our ancestors planted and tended trees for us. Likewise, when we plant trees, we do it for those who follow us. When we plant an acorn, we know it takes many years to grow a great oak tree.

This is the idea behind our capital campaign logo, Generation to Generation. We plant a tree not for this generation, but for the next generation. That is, what we do here and now at Salem has vital consequences for the next generation. We stand on the shoulders of those who went before us. Others will follow us and stand on our shoulders.

This is also the idea behind our celebration of saints this month, beginning with All Saints on November 5, a celebration of the Communion of Saints. This month we give thanks for those who have gone before us, the people who passed the faith along to us and gave and sacrificed and led and built

to lead us to where we are today. We’re standing on their shoulders. We are who we are because of them.

Just as those saints planted trees for us to enjoy, now we plant trees for those following us to enjoy. It’s up to us.

Therefore, we’re asking everyone to make a pledge to our Annual Giving Fund as well as to our Building Fund (for those who haven’t done so yet). This is one of the ways we can plant a tree for the next generation. More than a century ago, the people of Salem did that for us today when they built and paid for the downtown building that was destroyed in the 2008 flood. Even though that building was lost, what we received from it has allowed us to be where we are today in a \$2.5 million facility.

Of course, we know the church is not the building; it’s the people. The facility, however, is an important tool we use as disciples of Jesus Christ for God’s kingdom in the world. It is a mission outpost, an embassy, an island of one culture in the midst of another culture. It is and will be a big, strong, beautiful, fruitful, shady tree.

It’s our turn to do all we can to leave a legacy for another generation. So we give thanks for those who have gone before us, leading us to where we are today. Even as we do that, we follow in their footsteps as saints, blazing the trail for those who will follow us.

Take a moment to remember and consider: Who are the saints who have gone before you in your life? What have they made possible for you? What is God calling you to do now as a saint?

Perhaps, like me, you long to hear those wonderful words from Jesus someday, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Grace and peace to you,

John Louk

November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints Day 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Mom's Small Group 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 8:30 AM Foster Grandparent Program Meeting 1 PM Mission Team 3:30 PM Salem Servants Serve Green Square Meals 5:45 PM Pine Ridge Condo Assoc. Meeting	3	4 8 AM UM Men's Breakfast
5 All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time ends 9 AM Worship (Modern) 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship (Traditional)	6 6 PM Women's Small Group	7 7 AM Polling Place for Elections 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 9:30 AM Prayer Room	8 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Mom's Small Group 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30 AM UMW Sarah Circle 5:55 PM UMW Rachel Circle	10	11 Veterans Day
12 9 AM Worship (Modern) 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship (Traditional) 12:30 PM Women's Care Group	13 6 PM Women's Small Group	14 6 PM Riviera Homeowners Assoc. Meeting	15 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study 12 PM Golden Links 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Mom's Small Group 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	16 5 PM Surviving the Holidays from GriefShare	17	18
19 Gen2Gen 2.0 Commitment Sunday and 7th Anniversary in New Location 9 AM Worship (Modern) 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship (Traditional)	20 <u>Forecaster articles due to Church Office</u>	21 9:30 AM Prayer Room 5:15 PM Leadership Board	22 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study 6:30 PM Mom's Small Group	23 Thanksgiving Day Church Offices Closed	24	25
26 Christ the King Sunday 9 AM Worship (Modern) 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Connecting Point 10:10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship (Traditional) 5 PM Salem Son Walkers	27	28 12:30 PM Cards and Fellowship	29 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Mom's Small Group 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	30 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal		Salem Office hours: Monday—Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM (closed holidays)

Worship Series—*Generations of Saints*

In November we come to the end of Ordinary Time and the end of the Christian year. We will celebrate All Saints on November 5, receiving Holy Communion and reading the names of those who have died this past year. On November 5, 12, and 19 we will also focus on our generosity with the second year of our Generation to Generation campaign. On November 19 we will make our commitments during worship as we celebrate our seven-year anniversary in our new location. The last Sunday of November celebrates the reign of Christ. While the liturgical color for this season is green, symbolizing growth in Christ, the color on All Saints and on Christ the King is white, symbolizing joy and festivity. Come and worship!

Nov 5 ***Generations of Saints* — All Saints Sunday (Gen2Gen 2.0 Packets)**

Joshua 3:7–17	Israel Crosses the Jordan
Psalm 34:1–10, 22	Happy Are Those Who Take Refuge in the Lord
Revelation 7:9–17	The Multitude from Every Nation a
Matthew 23:1–12	The Greatest Will Be Servants
Holy Communion	

Nov 12 ***Generations of Saints* (Gen2Gen 2.0)**

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25	The Tribes Renew the Covenant
Psalm 78:1–7	Telling Our Children About the Lord
1 Thess 4:13–18	The Coming of the Lord
Matthew 25:1–13	The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Nov 19 ***Generations of Saints* (Gen2Gen 2.0 Commitment Sunday) (7th Anniversary)**

Judges 4:1–7	Deborah the Judge
Psalm 123	Supplication for Mercy
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11	The Coming of the Lord
Matthew 25:14–30	The Parable of the Talents
Holy Communion	

Nov 26 ***Generations of Saints* — Christ the King Sunday**

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24	God, the True Shepherd
Psalm 100 (UMH 821)	All Lands Summoned to Praise God
Ephesians 1:15–23	The Riches of God’s Inheritance Among the Saints
Matthew 25:31–46	The Judgment of the Nations

Come and Worship!

Sundays

9 AM—Modern

11 AM—Traditional



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 1 Debra Hadenfeldt
- 1 Joy Louk
- 2 Don Feldmann
- 3 Justin Jacobus
- 9 Isabella Lindo Steele
- 14 Dorothy Higdon
- 16 Marie Engvall
- 16 Linda Dahl
- 17 Allan Johnson
- 18 Rick Black
- 18 Melinda Gipple
- 21 Scarlett Vieira
- 23 Jefferson Saint Cyr
- 25 Susan Kohl
- 26 Caleb Carver



Anniversaries:

- 10 Stephanie & Paul Meyer
- 15 Eric & Melissa Cashen
- 15 Lee & Kay Haring
- 19 Ralph & Janet Wilfong
- 20 Glenda & Tom McMillen
- 22 Tim King & Nancy Rawson
- 24 Amy & Tim Schilling
- 25 Joni & Raul Salazar

In Gratitude



I want to express my thanks to everyone for their calls, cards, prayers, food, and visits while I was recovering from surgery.

Doris Holst

Meals Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to provide meals to those persons that are just getting out of the hospital. If this is something you would like to do, please call Sandy Minger at 319-651-5140 to get your name on a list.



November Mission Focus: Blessing Bags

Joni Salazar



Have you ever come across a homeless individual and felt uncomfortable? You see them and you know they are in need, but you are not sure what to do.

The mission is to serve, empower, and bless those who need it most. While this may seem simple, the big picture is that we are encouraging our congregation to get involved in something that allows us to be of service during a time when the world needs it most.

This month we are collecting items to make blessing bags for the homeless in shelters (Willis Dady, Mission of Hope, and Madge Phillips). The staff pass these out to men and women so

they have some new supplies to add to their backpacks.

Items we are collecting are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, trial size bottles of shampoo, trial size bottles of body wash, trial size bottles of lotion, band-aids, bars of soap, combs, deodorant, and lip balm.

Please bring items to the Mission Center. We will deliver these to the area homeless shelters before Christmas. If you have questions, please contact Mission Team Leader Joni Salazar at 319-573-3943 or salazar412@mchsi.com.

Surviving the Holidays from GriefShare



Sometimes the holidays are hard to face. Grief, loneliness and other situations can make it hard to feel the joy everyone else seems to find in the season. Surviving the Holidays from GriefShare offers support and encouragement. You are invited to attend on November 16 from 5 - 6:30 PM at Salem. For more information, please contact our Director of Care Ministries, Deb Black at 319-350-8843 or d.black@salemchurchcr.com.

United Methodist Women

Sarah Circle and **Rachel Circle** will meet together for an evening meal on Thursday, November 9 at 5:55 PM.

Rachel Circle will be the hosts and Sarah Circle will lead the program.

“THE SACRED SPACE OF SHARING FOOD and SHARING IN MISSION”

The focus will be understanding the significance of food and fellowship in scripture and the sharing the Least Coin ‘token of love’ as we are a part of a Global Movement of prayers for Peace, Justice and Reconciliation.

Nan Livingston, President

Members are reminded to bring their thanksgiving offerings.

Each are also encouraged to bring the Least Coin offerings.

Each member is invited to bring canned food for the food bank as well.



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, November 12, at 12:30 PM at Fazoli's on Edgewood.



Ladies Advent Christmas Tea



Attention Ladies of the church. Please mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Advent Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 3 at 3:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. For questions contact Nan Livingston 632-1330 or Kathy Wickham 573-9427.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men's breakfast is Saturday, November 4, at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall. All men are invited for fellowship and breakfast. Please make your reservations by calling Jeff Cook at 319-393-9180.

Mark Minger



All Golden Agers Welcome!



Golden Links will meet on Wednesday, November 15, at 12 PM at Pizza Ranch (2450 Westdale Drive SW). Josie Lanz will give the program. Please join us! Call Jeff Cook (393-9180), Judy Thomas (390-6574) or Dick Talbott (247-9919) for information.

Salem Servants

Salem Servants are serving at Green Square Meals at the Ecumenical Community Center every first and fourth Thursday of the month at 3:30 PM. (November 2 but not November 23 since it is Thanksgiving). Any questions contact Linda Curson at lcurson@me.com or 319-651-8029; or Donna Borntreger at donnajborntreger@gmail.com or 319-213-1077.



Report of the Leadership Board

Following the subcommittee meetings at 5:15 PM, the full board met at 5:39 PM. LB Chair Nancy Rawson led the meeting. She opened with prayer and shared scripture readings from Deuteronomy 4:29-31 and Psalm 40:9-10 reminding us that if we search for God, we will find Him. The LB members also shared God sightings (times in their everyday lives when they saw God at work) and prayer concerns.

Treasurer's Report – *Linda Curson reported on the income and expenses for this year (January – September). The church's finances continue to be in good order.

Reconfiguration of Sanctuary Seating – The LB members provided feedback to the new seating arrangement in the sanctuary including many positive comments and some suggestions for improvement.

Wireless Microphones – The LB approved the purchase of new wireless microphones (including one handheld microphone) to improve the sound system in the sanctuary. After reviewing the results of a frequency study that showed a lot of activity on the frequency our sound system was using, it was recommended that we change to a different frequency for less interference.

Van Buren School Weekend Backpack Program – Van Buren Elementary School will be using space at our church on Friday mornings (generally from 8:30 – 10 AM) to assemble backpacks of food for their students to take home for weekend meals/snacks. 75% of the student body at this school qualify for reduced or free lunches. One of our congregation members, Morgan Exline, works at Van Buren and is a part of this program. The packing dates will be placed on the calendar and is expected to begin November 10.

Birthday and Anniversary Cards – The LB approved a request from Heidi Pankey to use specific preprinted birthday and anniversary cards to represent Salem sentiments. This is an important relationship-building ministry in our church.

Fall Church Conference – The annual church conference will be held on October 24 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids. This will be a joint meeting with area United Methodist congregations. In preparation for the conference, the LB completed the S/PPRC Appointment Advisory Consultation Form for the 2018 Appointment Year and discussed the pastor's compensation and benefits for next year. The LB also discussed nominations to the Leadership

Meeting Notes 10-17-17

Board for 2018. The church's goals for 2017 were reviewed and the LB provided answers to the following questions:

- **Current Year's Goals:**
What are you learning as you are living out these goals (2017)?
- **Discerning God's Preferred Future:** Based on your current reality, what is God asking of your congregation at this time?
- **Deciding Next Steps:**
What are your goals for next year (2018) to help you accomplish what God is asking of you?

Trustees – Safety and security issues were discussed including appropriate times to lock the church doors and the possible installation of a security monitor covering the main entrance. The LB will continue to consider solutions to these issues.

Stewardship – *Plans were discussed for the fall stewardship campaign. This will be the second year of the Generation to Generation building fund campaign but worshippers will also have the opportunity to have an annual giving pledge. *A proposal to create an appendix of informal photos to supplement the church's 2015 photo directory will be discussed in further detail in January.

SPRC – *The pastor's compensation and benefits for 2018 were discussed and presented to the full board earlier in the meeting. Staff compensation will be addressed next month.

Closing – Pastor John closed with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**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	Modern Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:10 AM	Children and Adult 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)

