

Salem

United Methodist Church

Forecaster

Cleaning Up Cancer Carnival June 30

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 30, 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.

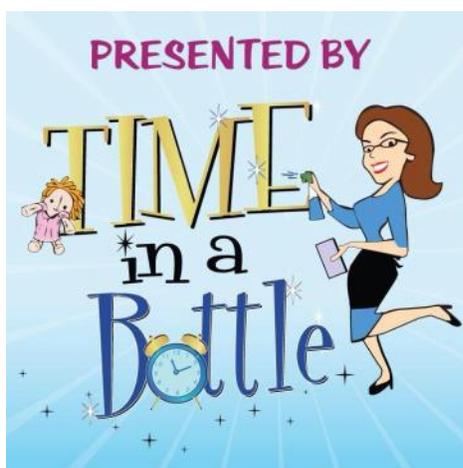
Our Outreach Team is inviting all of us to support this fun day and make a difference. Here's how you can help:

- Donate baked goods for the event ;
- Donate items/service for the silent auction;
- Assist with set up the day before the event (June 29);
- Serve at a game/activity booth;
- Serve with food preparation/ serving;

- Assist with parking;
- 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 or debbienkc@yahoo.com 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, games, 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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Gathering for Worship This Summer



John Louk, Pastor

“Don’t stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing.” Hebrews 10:25

In the first church I pastored, I was shocked one Sunday at the end of the school year, when a young mom indicated they’d see me in September. I said, “Oh, do you go somewhere for the summer?” She said, “No, we just don’t go to church during the summer.” They were good, well-meaning people. They knew other people continued to gather for worship each week, but they treated it like summer break from school.

I was still a young pastor. I stammered a bit but I didn’t know how to address that with her in the moment. No one has said that to me since. And I do a much better job of teaching that we gather together for worship each week unless sick or out of town.

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. It’s vital to the kind of people we are. We gather not only for God, but for one another too.

The New Testament book, The Acts of the Apostles, tells a story about Paul on his second missionary journey. Paul was in modern-day Turkey. He and his companions had been trying to go here and there, but the Spirit kept holding them back. Then one night Paul had a dream or a vision. He saw a man from Greece pleading, “Come over here and help us.” Right away they concluded that God was calling them to a new part of the world (the West!) to share the story of Jesus.

Immediately Paul, Silas, Timothy, and maybe even Luke left for the coast of Turkey and boarded a boat and left the Middle East for the very first time in their lives. They sailed straight across the Aegean Sea and landed at Neapolis, the nearest Greek seaport. From there, just a few miles away, they reached Philippi, a major Greek city and a Roman colony. They remained in the city for several days. On the sabbath day, they went outside the city gate by the river where they supposed

there was a place of prayer, a gathering for worship (Acts 16:6-13).

Now I know this was a mission trip but, seriously, what a great vacation! Paul and his companions went to Greece. They were right near the Mediterranean Sea. It was the first time they were there. It must have been wonderful. And when the day of worship arrived, they looked for a gathering of worshipers so they could join with them.

That’s a good example for us. Please plan to worship wherever you are. Of course, if you’re home, gather with us at Salem! But I want to especially encourage you to include Sunday worship in your travel and vacation plans. Anywhere you go, most likely, there will be Christians gathering for worship. Like Paul and his companions, you might have to look a little, but it will be worth it. Gathering with brothers and sisters in Christ in other communities and settings while on vacation can be an opportunity to discover the rich beauty and diversity that exists within the Church.

It was Jesus’ custom to worship every week, too. Once, Jesus told a parable about a farmer sowing seed. Some of the seed fell on the path, some fell on rock, some fell among thorns, and some fell into good soil. When Jesus explained the parable he said, “As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear [the word of God]; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature” (Luke 8:14).

If you are intent on becoming like Jesus (that is a disciple’s intention), then you rearrange your life, your schedule, so nothing gets in the way. Time away, fun experiences, vacations can be and should be wonderful. But don’t let the cares and riches and pleasures of life choke your desire to be like Jesus.

Grace and peace to you,

John Louk

June 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Salem Office hours: Monday—Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM (closed holidays)</p>					<p>1 8:30 AM Foster Grandparent Program Meeting</p>	<p>2 8 AM UM Men's Breakfast 1 PM Alyssa Agricola's Graduation Party</p>
<p>3 9 AM Worship (Modern) 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship (Traditional)</p>	<p>4 12 PM Recreation for Seniors</p>	<p>5 7 AM Polling Place for Elections 9:30 AM Prayer Room 9:30 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>6 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study</p>	<p>7 12 PM Mission Team 12:30 PM Options of Linn County 3:30 PM Salem Servants Serve Green Square Meals</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 9 AM Chrysalis Meeting</p>
<p>10 9 AM Worship (Modern) 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship (Traditional) 12:30 PM Women's Care Group</p>	<p>11 12 PM Recreation for Seniors</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study</p>	<p>14 9:30 AM UMW Sarah Circle Meeting 12:30 PM Options of Linn County 5:55 PM UMW Rachel Circle Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 9 AM Chrysalis Meeting</p>
<p>17 Father's Day 9 AM Worship (Modern) 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship (Traditional)</p>	<p>18 <u>Forecaster articles due to Church Office</u> 12 PM Recreation for Seniors</p>	<p>19 9:30 AM Prayer Room</p>	<p>20 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study 12 PM Golden Links</p>	<p>21 12:30 PM Options of Linn County 5 PM UMM Strawberry Festival</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9 AM Worship (Modern) 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Connecting Point 11 AM Worship (Traditional)</p>	<p>25 12 PM Recreation for Seniors</p>	<p>26 12:30 PM Cards and Fellowship</p>	<p>27 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study 6 PM Church in Our Backyard</p>	<p>28 9:30 AM Days for Girls Workshop 12:30 PM Options of Linn County 3:30 PM Salem Servants Serve Green Square Meals</p>	<p>29 10 AM Cleaning up Cancer Carnival Set up</p>	<p>30 11 AM—4 PM Cleaning up Cancer Carnival</p>

Worship in Ordinary Time

In June we fully enter into the season after Pentecost, which is simply called Ordinary Time. This season begins the day after Pentecost (May 20) and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent (December 2). It may include twenty-three to twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter, but the first Sunday is always Trinity Sunday (May 27), and the last Sunday is always Christ the King (November 25). This season lasts six months!

Scripture readings in Advent/Christmas/Epiphany and Lent/Easter/Pentecost all relate together based on the calendar. Now we enter a time when the scripture readings do not intentionally relate together. Rather, we begin to follow a continuous or semi-continuous track of scripture readings and they all stand on their own. We'll be reading 1 Samuel, a Psalm, 2 Corinthians, and the Gospel of Mark.

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

June 3 **Ordinary Time**

1 Samuel 3:1-20	Samuel's Calling
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-8	The Inescapable God
2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Treasure in Clay Jars
Mark 2:23-3:6	Jesus Heals on the Sabbath
Holy Communion	

June 10 **Ordinary Time — Annual Conference Sunday**

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)	Israel Demands a King
Psalm 138	All the Kings of the Earth Shall Praise the Lord
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Living by Faith
Mark 3:20-35	The True Family of Jesus

June 17 **Ordinary Time**

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	David Anointed as King
Psalm 20	The Lord Will Help His Anointed
2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Anyone in Christ Is a New Creation
Mark 4:26-34	Parables of Seed
Holy Communion	

June 24 **Ordinary Time**

1 Samuel 17:1-49	David and Goliath
Psalm 9:9-20	The LORD Is a Stronghold
2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Now Is the Day of Salvation
Mark 4:35-41	Jesus Stills a Storm

Come and Worship!

Sundays

9 AM—Modern

11 AM—Traditional



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 6 Mia Frame
- 7 Louis Busch
- 8 Kathy Wickham
- 8 Keeton Oltman
- 9 Donna Sanders
- 11 Emerson Bergmann
- 11 Addie Rand
- 11 Simon Vieira
- 13 Max Burrier
- 14 Shelly Johnson
- 14 Bill Lefebure
- 15 Paul Meyer
- 15 Joe Jacobus
- 15 Delores McKenzie
- 16 Heidi Pankey
- 17 Hap Junge
- 21 Karen Beltramea
- 24 Charlie Thomas
- 25 Tim Schilling
- 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
- 17 Harold & Patty Wischmeyer
- 20 John & Joy Louk
- 20 Bob & Grace Thompson
- 21 Don & Kay Feldmann
- 23 Dave & Cheryi Davis
- 29 Troy & Kelly Bergmann
- 29 Gary & Gayle Kennedy

Salem Servants



Salem Servants are serving at Green Square Meals at the Ecumenical Community Center every first and fourth Thursday of the month (June 7 and 28) at 3:30 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.

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 10. Location yet to be determined.



Church in Our Backyard

What do you get when you combine a picnic with friends and church? You get "CHURCH IN OUR BACKYARD." Everyone is invited to come to Salem's backyard on the last Wednesday of each month from June through August for a great time of fellowship, food, singing and devotions. All you need to do is bring a lawn chair, something you'd like to cook on our grill, and a dish to share. We'll supply drinks, plates and utensils. Our fire pit and patio area off the Youth Room on the lower level will be a nice spot for cooking and fellowship.



CHURCH IN OUR BACKYARD will start around 6 PM and finish around 7:30 PM. Dates are: June 27, July 25, and August 29. We hope to see you there! Contact Tim King at 396-4857 for more information.

Annual Conference



Annual Conference, the yearly gathering of Iowa United Methodists, occurs June 9-11 in Des Moines. In addition to serving as pastor at Springdale UMC, Momodu Kamara is representing Salem along with Pastor John, and Rev. Dave and Dorothy Higdon are members of the Annual Conference too. Pastor John and

his daughter, Mara, are playing in the band that is leading worship 9-11 AM that Sunday morning for what is often referred to as the "ordination service."

You can keep up with what is happening at Annual Conference by checking out the Conference home page at www.iaumc.org. The entire conference will be live-streamed there. You'll also be able to access news items, announcements, photos, and videos. Please pray for this annual gathering of United Methodists in Iowa.

All Golden Agers Welcome!

Golden Links will meet on Wednesday, June 20, at 12 PM at Pizza Ranch (2450 Westdale Drive SW). Program by Kathy Wickham. Please join us! Call Josie Lanz (362-3859) or Judy Thomas (390-6574) for information.



Church-Wide Garage Sale Coming Soon!

The United Methodist Women have begun planning our 2018 Church-Wide Garage Sale Extravaganza being held on Thursday, August 2 and Friday, August 3, in Fellowship Hall. We would greatly appreciate your donations of items to sell with some exceptions. Please NO clothing or furniture. Also NO baby cribs, car seats or items that could have recalls associated with them. The proceeds of our sale go to UMW Mission projects in our area. Have fun finding those treasures for this terrific United Methodist Women Fundraiser. Thanking you in advance. Questions, contact Charlene Harrison at 393-9511.



Library News



Come explore the Salem Library. We have a wide variety of books, some CDs and DVDs from adult through toddler.

Here are a few Adult fiction authors to take a look at; Ted Decker, Jerry Jenkins, Donna Fleisher, Irene Hannon, Jan Karon, Karen Kingsberry, Beverly Lewis, Max Lucado, and Francine Rivers.

School Kit Bags

We are getting ready to start School Kits soon, but we need some help. We need someone handy at cutting material to make the school bags. Then, we also need people to start sewing several bags. Please contact Joni Salazar at (319)573-3943 or Kathy Wickham at (319)362-9429 and we can give you the material and/or school bag pattern.



New Worship Coordinator

We're very pleased to announce that Jodi Anderson has joined Salem's staff team as the new Worship Coordinator. The primary purpose of this position is to lead a worship design team to create Salem's Sunday morning worship (and other special) services, and to oversee the leaders, who are already in place, of the various components (lectors, communion stewards, greeters, ushers, etc.).



Jodi is also one of our new members. She joined the church in May. She has regularly worshiped at the 9 AM service, and will get to know the 11 AM worshipers over the coming weeks. If you'd like to contact Jodi, her email address is j.anderson@salemchurchcr.com.

Job Opportunity- Service Coordinator



We're hiring! Do you, or someone you know, have a passion for seeing people connect to the church and make a difference in the world? Would you like to help people discover their spiritual gifts and where they could serve most fruitfully? Do you have experience recruiting others to volunteer? We're

expanding Salem's staff team with a new position: Service Coordinator. The primary purpose of this position is to help Salem members and friends engage in service somewhere within the church as well as beyond the walls of the church. This person will lead a team to help Salem fulfill the second part of our mission, disciples of Jesus who "transform the world." Stop by the church office for the job description and application or access them on our website at <http://salemchurchcr.com/resources/job-opportunities>.

June Mission Focus: Matthew 25

In 2006, two brothers began this ministry. Matthew 25 helps strengthen and elevate neighborhoods on the west side of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. When those neighbors needed help recovering from the 2008 flood, Matthew 25 partnered with other organizations to rebuild 25 blocks and renew their neighborhoods – Block by Block.

Using their neighborhood organizational and community development skills, Matthew 25 has grown today into a stable, committed organization that is a leader in finding a neighborhood's potential and building on it. Through volunteers, partners, and contributors, our innovative programs help people strengthen their own communities.

In the summer Matthew 25 offers summer camps in the garden. The kids learn about how food is grown, create snacks and a lunch using farm-fresh, organic produce, learn cooking skills, and find hidden ingredients around the farm.

Matthew 25 also has a Tool Library. It has a collection of tools and



miscellaneous supplies made available to community members and organizations to maintain and improve their homes, gardens and communities. Please consider helping Matthew 25 by donating to their different programs for housing and neighborhoods or the summer camps. They are always welcoming volunteers throughout the year to help people and communities.

Here is an event coming up soon:

Cultivate Hope Market

June 5 from 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Buy fresh, local produce directly from our Urban Farm! The market will take place every Tuesday from 4:00-6:30 PM until November. The June 5 market will also feature activities for kids and a free yoga class.

Summer Meals

The Summer Food Service Program, or Summer Meals, provides free meals to any child 18 or younger at seven area locations. Kids 18 and under can receive free meals at the following sites from June 5-August 22.

Cedar Terrace, 1834 Gretchen Dr SW (off 16th Avenue near Stoney Point)

Cedar Valley Townhomes, 3000 J St SW

Five Seasons Mobile Homes, 3421 Blairs Ferry Rd NE (west of Walmart)

Hiawatha Public Library, 150 W Willman St in Hiawatha

Johnson School, 355 18th St SE

Kirkwood Estates, 615 Miller Ave Dr SW (near US-30 and Kirkwood Blvd)

Marion Public Library, 1095 Sixth Ave in Marion

*Serving at these sites begins at 12:30 PM. All other sites are 11:30 AM.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men's breakfast is Saturday, June 2, 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



The United Methodist Men are hosting a Strawberry Festival on Thursday, June 21, from 5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall!

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

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



Cards and Fellowship

Come and enjoy an afternoon with your Christian friends!

Cards and Fellowship meets the last Tuesday of the month in Fellowship Hall. Come at 12:30 PM for a potluck, followed by devotions and games. Usually a hot UNO game, also Royal Rummy and Kings in the Corner. If you would like to try another game, please bring it and directions and we will join in.



Everyone is welcome so invite friends and relatives. The food is delicious! Love to see you all!

United Methodist Women

Nan Livingston, President



Sarah Circle will meet on Thursday, June 14, at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Judy Thomas is hostess. Theme for the program by Dorothy Higdon: making a commitment to connect with God through prayer and Bible

study, and how the transfiguration of Jesus calls us, as United Methodist Women members, to respond to needs in our communities.

Rachel Circle will meet on Thursday, June 14, at 5:55 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Report of the Leadership Board

Following the subcommittee meetings at 5:15 PM, the full board met at 5:43 PM. Chair Nancy Rawson led the meeting. She opened with prayer and shared a scripture reading from Matthew 28:18-20 reminding us that God is with us always.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Curson reported on the income and expenses for the first four months (January – April) of this year. April was another healthy giving month but we still have a deficit from earlier in the year when expenses were higher than income. Overall our expenses are higher for this year due to increased salaries, a larger commitment to our apportionment giving, and other unanticipated expenses including snow removal fees. We will continue to monitor the church's finances. * The Cedar Rapids Emmaus Community has committed to donate \$200 per year for three years (for a total of \$600) toward the costs associated with pouring a concrete slab on church property for the storage of their equipment trailer. *The LB reviewed the Spring Builder's Call from the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church. This Builder's Call will support the First United Methodist Church of North Liberty. The LB agreed to make an offering of \$250 for this cause.

Leadership Board Meeting Schedule – Due to scheduling conflicts, the Leadership Board will not meet in June. The July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24, instead of the previous scheduled date of July 17. The LB will stay in contact during this time should any issues arise.

Other Items – *A request was received from a church member to borrow some of the blue metal folding chairs stored on the lower level. The LB agreed to this request and will consider any future requests on a case-by-case basis. *Church-in-our-Backyard, a time for food, worship, and fellowship, will be revived this summer with events to be held monthly in the church's backyard. *Dinner for small groups of six or eight will also be reintroduced this fall. *After a successful six-week trial period, the church received a request from a group of seniors to continue to meet on Monday afternoons to play Mexican Train (dominoes). The LB agreed to allow this group to continue to meet unless the church is closed or if the church has an event that comes up such as a funeral service.

Trustees – *Due to some elevator overload issues, the Trustees are recommending the installation of a sign on the outside of the elevator stating the load capacity. *The concrete slab by the garage has been completed. This slab

Meeting Notes 5-8-18

will be used to park the supply trailer for the Cedar Rapids Walk to Emmaus Community on church property. A gravel approach on both ends will be constructed. *AV cable installation in the Sanctuary is progressing. *The LB agreed to donate an unused snow blower to the Margaret Bock House. *A projector bulb will be replaced in Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship – *The LB agreed to support a request for camp scholarships to Pictured Rocks for two children who attend Salem. *The Stewardship Subcommittee will lead the implementation and communication of the church's Memorial Policy.

SPRC – *A majority of the annual staff evaluations will be conducted on May 23. It is a two-step process where the staff member completes a self-evaluation and then meets with the pastor and a member of the SPRC. *The summer schedule for Pastor John was discussed. Pulpit coverage has been arranged. *A candidate for the Worship Coordinator will be interviewed. *Job descriptions for the Service Coordinator and the Community Ambassador are in the final stages.

Another Set of Eyes Ministry Appraisal – The LB conducted an evaluation of the performance of the pastor. The responses will be compiled for the final report.

Closing –Nancy Rawson closed with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.





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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	Modern Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
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.

Salem Office hours: Monday—Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM
(closed standard holidays)

