

Salem

United Methodist Church

Forecaster

Fall Kickoff September 9

Engaging in Discipleship

Each Fall, after summer vacations, camps, VBS, and other activities, we kickoff a new year of ministries. It's an exciting time to re-engage in those things that help us follow Jesus.

Sunday School for children, begins on September 9. Classes (3 years old through 8th grade) will meet from 10:10-10:50 AM on the Lower Level. Parents, please come in person to register your child the first Sunday they attend.

There are Sunday classes for adults, too. The 9 AM Lectionary Class, led by Dorothy Higdon, meets in the Parlor. The 10:10 AM "Bible 101" class, led by Tim King, meets in Lower Level Room 5. High School students are welcome in the adult classes too.

Confirmation begins again on September 12 at 5:15 PM in Lower Level Room 5.

The Youth Group meets in the Youth Room weekly on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30 PM, beginning September 5 (continuing on after the Back to School Bash August 29). All students in 6th - 12th grade are welcome. Bring a friend!

"Dinner for Six" returns to Salem this fall! This is for everyone — singles and couples — and is a fun way to

meet and get to know some others at Salem as you dine together monthly September through November. Director, Linda Curson, invites you to sing in the Choir. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 7 PM in the Choir Room. The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals in October, under the direction of Julia Titus.

Small groups are forming for the fall. This is an essential part of following Jesus. So if you're not participating in any other small group, our Director of Discipleship, Tim King, is forming groups around a small group experience called *Follow*, based on Jesus' invitation to follow him. Watch for sign-up information. These 8-week groups will start the middle of September.

On September 9, our Fall kickoff, everyone who comes will receive a paper invitation to give to a friend to invite them to church the next Sunday, on the 16th, which is National Back to Church Sunday. Here we go!



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A Simple Method of Making New Disciples of Jesus



John Louk, Pastor

**Get
people's
attention
and share
the love story
of Jesus**

I recently returned home from the School of Congregational Development in San Diego. One of the plenary speakers was Pastor Sam Yun, who is starting a church in the northern California Bay Area called Embrace (www.embracechurch.org).

I felt a bit of a kinship with Pastor Sam, or P. Sam as his congregation calls him. He's a church planter like me. He's a fourth generation pastor. So like me, he grew up as a PK, a perfect kid. No, it stands for "pastor's kid." His dad is also retired, and like me, much of what he knows in ministry is from first watching his dad.

Unlike me, he said his dad is quite the SOB...son of a bishop, that is. P. Sam's grandfather was a bishop of the Methodist church in Korea. As a preacher he was incredibly powerful. As a bishop he was scary; he was very strict in his episcopal leadership. But to P. Sam, he was just his grandfather whom he loved, who would sneak ice cream with him.

His great-grandfather was the first generation pastor in this family. Somewhere around 1902 he heard the gospel message, gave his heart and life to Jesus, and spent the rest of his life spreading this good news.

Originally, his great-grandfather was a fur trader on the peninsula of Korea. After hearing the gospel message, he still continued his fur trade. His specialty was selling fur-lined clothing because of how cold it can get in the winter.

His great-grandfather had acquired a phonograph. For those who are younger, a phonograph was an early sound-reproducing machine invented in 1877 by Thomas Edison. After improvements in the early years, it played vinyl "records." That was the dominant audio format throughout most

of the twentieth century until tapes, CDs, and now digital formats took over.

Somehow, twenty-five years after it was invented in America, P. Sam's great-grandfather acquired a phonograph in Korea. It was all encased in one box. It had a lid, a horn that pushed out to the side, and a crank to turn. His great-grandfather had only one record to play.

At the end of a long day of fur trading, he'd go to the center of the market place, unpack the phonograph, put that record on, crank it up, and put the needle on the record. He'd sit down on the lid, take out a pipe and smoke, and let the music come out of this magic box that no one had ever seen before.

And a crowd would form.

He'd let the needle go until it hit the end of the record. If you're old enough you remember that sound when the needle runs out of grooves and hits the end of the record. Then he'd take the needle off, look at the crowd, and share the love story of Jesus. Then he'd invite people to follow Jesus and, amazingly, people actually said yes to that invitation.

P. Sam said he was struck by the simplicity of method from this one story of his great-grandfather. All he did was get people's attention, share the love story of Jesus, and invite others to follow.

We tend to make things more complex than they need to be. Simple things change the world!

The question is, Salem, how do we, how could we, how will we simply get people's attention, share the love story of Jesus with them, and invite them to follow? That's our mission, should you choose to accept it.

Grace and peace to you,

John Louk

Worship Series—*Faith and Works: Living as Christians*

In September we are midway through Ordinary Time. Our new worship series will focus on the New Testament Letter of James. While Martin Luther dismissed the Letter of James as “an epistle of straw,” John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement believed it to be central for Christian faith and life. This month we’ll sit down with James, the brother of Jesus, to hear wisdom for putting our faith into practice.

On September 9, our Fall kickoff, everyone will receive a paper invitation that day to give to a friend to invite them to church the next Sunday (16th) which is National Back to Church Sunday. This is an exciting time not only to re-engage in weekly worship but also to invite someone you know to come and see what’s going on at Salem. The liturgical color for this season is green, symbolizing growth in Christ. Come and worship!

Sept 2 ***Faith and Works***

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; 8:6-7 Seat Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 Song for a Royal Wedding
James 1:17-27 Hearing and Doing the Word
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Evil Comes from Within
Holy Communion

Sept 9 ***Faith and Works***

Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 A Good Name and Favor
Psalm 125 The Security of God’s People
James 2:1-17 Faith without Works Is Dead
Mark 7:24-37 A Woman’s Faith and a Deaf Man

Sept 16 ***Faith and Works***

Proverbs 1:20-33 Listening to Wisdom
Psalm 19 God’s Glory in Creation and the Law
James 3:1-12 The Tongue Is a Fire
Mark 8:27-38 Peter’s Declaration about Jesus
Holy Communion

Sept 23 ***Faith and Works***

Proverbs 31:10-31 Ode to a Capable Wife
Psalm 1 The Two Ways
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Draw Near to God
Mark 9:30-37 Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Sept 30 ***Faith and Works***

Esther 7:1-10; 9:20-22 The Story of Esther
Psalm 124 Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord
James 5:13-20 Prayer for the Suffering
Mark 9:38-50 Jesus Teaches on Temptation

Come and Worship!

Sundays

9 AM—Modern

11 AM—Traditional



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 1 Myron Williams
- 1 Becky Johnson
- 2 Charlene Harrison
- 2 Josie Lanz
- 2 Roger Newhard
- 3 Caleb Meyer
- 8 Jan Johnson
- 8 Lucas Oltman
- 14 Marilyn Ward
- 15 Susan Heald
- 17 Archer Ayers
- 23 Dawn Fouch
- 24 Dan Kendall
- 25 Kathy Schooley
- 25 Casie Meyer
- 26 Tom McMillen
- 26 Carole Beaton
- 28 Bob Thompson



- 29 Percy Caviness
- 29 Linda Nolan
- 29 Doug Whitmer
- 29 Wilma Livermore

Anniversaries:

- 1 Justin & Kristin Jacobus
- 2 Chuck & Linda Curson
- 3 Bud & Bev Carnahan
- 4 Doris & Warren Holst
- 15 Marty & Jodi Anderson
- 21 Mark & Dawn Fouch
- 30 Charlene & Tom Harrison

Salem Servants



Salem Servants are serving at Green Square Meals at the Ecumenical Community Center every first and fourth Thursday of the month (September 6 and 27) at 3:30 PM. Any questions contact Linda Curson at lcursion@me.com or (319) 651-8029; or Donna Borntreger at donnajborntreger@gmail.com or (319) 213-1077.

New Student Ministry Director

We're very pleased to announce that Andy Knapp has joined Salem's staff team as the new Student Ministry Director. The primary purpose of this position is to lead the church's ministry of discipling youth (generally middle and high school students, 6th-12th graders) in the way of Jesus Christ in order to transform the world. Andy is married to Nicole and they have a sweet baby, Kaeli, who was born May 11 with a congenital heart defect. She's had three open heart surgeries since she was born and is now recovering from her full repair at



the University of Iowa. If you'd like to contact Andy, his email address is a.knapp@salemchurchcr.com.

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, September 9, at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

In Gratitude

Deb Black and I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to serve in the nursery while Salia Henderson was on maternity leave. Shelly Johnson, Troy and Kelly Bergmann, Susan Kohl, Karen Beltramea, Percy Caviness, Joni Salazar, Jodi Anderson, Sandy Minger, Ronda Johnson and Amy Schilling. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Susan Lillard



Thank you to everyone who sent a card and have been continuing to pray for my recovery. It's taking longer than I expected, but with your continued prayers and good wishes, I should be well again soon.

Delores Cross

Church Nametags



Church nametags will be ordered at the beginning of each quarter. The next order will be turned in October 8. If you would like a nametag, please fill out the brightly dotted envelope in the pew pocket, and put it in the offering basket. Questions, contact Percy Caviness at (319) 396-6082.

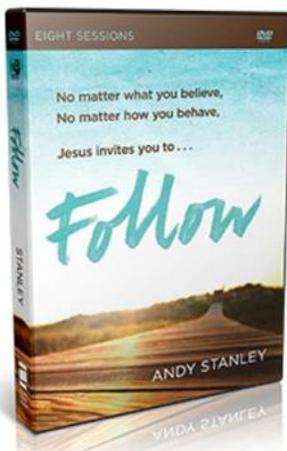
All Golden Agers Welcome!

Golden Links will meet on Wednesday, September 19, at 12 PM at Pizza Ranch (2450 Westdale Drive SW). Dave Higdon will be the speaker. Please join us! Call Josie Lanz (319) 362-3859 or Judy Thomas (319) 390-6574 for more information.



Follow Jesus This Fall

Have you ever felt like the Christian life is a long game of "Jesus Says"? If our faith becomes something that is only focused on "doing the right things," we are missing the relationship that Jesus is offering us. *Follow* is an 8 week small group experience from Andy Stanley about the invitation Jesus gives us all—"follow Me". Participating in this or another small group is essential for following Jesus. Whether you have made a decision to be a Christian or you are one who is considering Jesus' invitation for a personal relationship, this small group will be a blessing and encouragement. Jesus says "follow Me".



How will you respond? Watch for more information about signing up for small groups to begin mid-September. Questions, contact Tim King at (319) 396-4857 or t.king@salemchurchcr.com.

Join The Choir



Fall is coming and choir is starting soon. The first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 5 at 7 PM. We are trying something new this year. Choir will be taking one Sunday off per month. We will not be singing the first Sunday of each month, with no rehearsal the last Wednesday of the month. We are always looking for new members, so if this schedule works for you please join us. Help us praise God in song during the 10 AM worship service. Questions, contact Linda Curson at (319) 651-8029 or l.curson@salemchurchcr.com.

Lectionary Class

The adult Lectionary Class will be starting Sunday, September 9, at 9 AM in the Parlor.

The Lectionary is the listings of scriptures for each week. There is an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, New Testament reading and a Gospel reading for each week. The class reads and shares the meaningful things that speak to them. It is a chance to share for one hour the scriptures that are read in worship.



The Bible and The Upper Room Disciplines are the resources used. The study and sharing can help persons grow in their spiritual life with the daily devotionals and the group sharing.

Bible 101

There's also a new "Bible 101" class for adults and high school students on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time at 10:10-10:50 AM in Lower Level Room 5.

Mission Focus: Church World Service Blankets+ Joni Salazar

For many people in the U.S. and around the world, struggling against the bitter cold is a daily challenge. Homeless persons in the U.S. seek shelter and warmth all winter. Around the world, disasters force people from their warm homes, sending them to shelters and refugee camps. CWS is there. The CWS Blankets+ program provides warmth, hope, and care during cold and trying times. A gift of just \$10 provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to those struggling and in need. For over 60 years, Church World Service has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and help them access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:



- Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
- Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens
- Literacy training and micro-credit for women struggling to realize their potential

A special offering will be received on Sunday, September 30, at both worship services. For more information, contact Joni Salazar at (319) 573-3943.

Days for Girls Workshops



Days for Girls International gives girls access to quality feminine hygiene by: partnering with organizations to distribute feminine hygiene kits,

raising awareness, and helping communities around the world start their own kit-making programs.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month in Fellowship Hall. Some sewing and non-sewing projects are offered. Also needed to fill out the kits are dark-colored washcloths, hipster/bikini style panties (girls 14-16 or Adult 5-7) and 100% cotton or polyester cotton-blend material for drawstring bags. Questions, contact Joan Erbe at (319) 363-7498.

Hygiene Kits and School Kits



We will continue to accept Hygiene Kits and School Kits. Please drop the completed kits off at the Mission Center. Thank you.

The hygiene kit includes:

- 1 Hand towel
 - 1 Washcloth
 - 1 Adult size toothbrush
 - 6 Adhesive Band-Aids
 - 1 Bath-size soap 3 oz. (No Ivory or Jergens soap)
 - 1 Comb 6 inches long
 - 1 nail file
 - \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste
- Please put all items in a one gallon zip lock bag.

The school kit includes:

- One pair round tip scissors only
 - One box of 24 crayons
 - Three, one-subject wide ruled notebooks only
(No 3 or 5-subject notebooks)
 - One package of wide ruled loose-leaf paper
 - One 1 inch or longer hand-held pencil sharpener
 - One metric ruler
 - Six unsharpened pencils
 - One 2 inch eraser
 - \$1 for shipping
- Please put all items inside a 2 gallon zip lock bag.



Salem Library News



There is a suggestion box in the library, on a display shelf, to the left of the cabinet. We would like your

suggestions of series to complete, what you would like to read by author and title, and from those leading a small group, please look over the reference books to tell us what you wouldn't use and what you would like to see on the shelves.

At this time our reference shelves and our fiction shelves are overflowing. The Christian Growth/Living shelves are full. Our thought is to remove what we can that won't be used to make room for what is needed or that you are interested in.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men’s breakfast is Saturday, September 8, at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by Jana Bodensteiner, Director of Development and Communications at Matthew 25. All men are invited for fellowship and breakfast. Please make your reservations by calling Jeff Cook at (319) 393-9180.

Mark Minger



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



Sarah Circle will meet on Thursday, September 13, at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Hostess will be Cheryl Davis.

The lesson will focus on the “Fellowship of the Least Coin,” a world wide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation.

Christian women around the world meet and pray with each other. Through this, they are reminded to live a forgiving life with others. “Least

Nan Livingston, President

Coins” are given with each prayer. The focus is on prayer and reconciliation rather than on the money.

We may wonder what can one penny do? Come to Sarah Circle and learn what the coins can do for peace and reconciliation. A mission that makes a difference. Bring with you the smallest coin and learn what each penny can do.

Rachel Circle will meet on Thursday, September 13, at 5:55 PM in Fellowship Hall. Linda Dahl will lead the lesson. Carole Beaton will be the hostess.

Report of the Leadership Board

Following the subcommittee meetings at 5:15 PM, the full board met at 5:35 PM. Chair Nancy Rawson led the meeting. She opened with prayer and shared a scripture reading from 1 Peter 3:8-16 reminding us to always be ready to testify to the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. The LB members also shared God sightings (times in their everyday lives when they saw God at work).

Treasurer's Report – *Linda Curson reported on the income and expenses for this year (January – July). Overall our financial situation continues to improve from our deficit from earlier in the year when expenses were higher than income. July proved to be a month of generous giving. We will continue to monitor the church's finances. *The church has received notice of our 2019 apportionments, which has increased \$1,705 for a total of \$46,843 for the year. However, an Apportionment Sustainability Task Force has concluded, after an extensive study, that congregations cannot sustain this level of apportionment obligations. They are recommending a 25% decrease in apportionments beginning in 2021.

Director of Student Ministry – The SPRC recommends the hiring of Andrew Knapp as the Director of Student Ministry, contingent upon the results of a background check. In this quarter-time position, Knapp will work closely with the existing team in leading the church's ministry of discipling youth in the way of Jesus Christ to transform the world. This hiring is timed in conjunction with the start of the school year in order to have an energetic beginning for the youth program this fall. Linda Curson believes that, with God's help, funding for this position will not be an issue. The LB agreed to proceed with this hiring.

Sunday School – The Leadership Board discussed the need for additional teachers for the Sunday School program this school year.

Leadership Board Development/Training – The LB continued discussing the book: *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* by Tod Bolsinger. When we are sent out as apostles, we are given the "power of attorney" to represent Jesus in all things. We need to get people's attention, tell them about Jesus and invite them to be a part of living the kingdom here and now.

Fall Church Conference – The annual church conference will be held on October 29 at 7 PM here at Salem. Rev. Mike Morgan will be the presiding elder. The LB will begin to work on reports that need to be filed in conjunction with the conference and will discuss nominations for new Leadership Board members for terms beginning in January.

Church Directory – It has been three years since our last church directory. Heidi Pankey provided an update on possible dates yet this year for a new campaign. The choices were few. The LB recommended waiting until the fall of 2019 for this campaign.

Chrysalis – Cedar Rapids Chrysalis Flight 48 was held at Salem at the end of July. Many teens experienced Christian spiritual renewal and felt God's grace and love in a new way during the weekend. The logistics of the weekend (pros and cons) were

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discussed. The CR Chrysalis Community has asked Salem to consider hosting the next Chrysalis Flight in March 2019. The LB agreed to this request. However, since most of the attendees are not from our congregation, a "behind-the-scenes" support group from Salem is needed to ensure the weekend progresses smoothly.

Trustees – The project to dedicate a portion of the church's property (approximately one acre on the west side) to prairie flowers and grasses is underway. The area has been marked off and seeds have been ordered. This will reduce the area that needs to be mowed and, more importantly, will provide an area that can be included in local Monarch butterfly restoration efforts. The Trustees will continue to evaluate mowing and property care of the church's land.

Stewardship – *Plans were discussed for the fall stewardship campaign. This will be the third year of the Generation to Generation building fund campaign but worshippers will also have the opportunity to make an annual giving pledge. The LB encouraged the use of video testimonies from congregation members as part of the campaign presentation. *The Memorial and Honor Giving Policies have been finalized. These policies will be shared with people utilizing the church for memorial services, available in the church office, and will be posted on the website.

SPRC – *Reviews will be conducted on three of our new staff members as their 90 day probationary periods have been completed. The reviews will include an introduction to the process for the 12-month review.

Other Items – *A need for better signage in the elevator was expressed, particularly for the buttons indicating which floor is desired (1 and 2). The Trustees will pursue this request. *Don Kamara suggested the church offer a Financial Peace University (Dave Ramsey) class like we have held in the past. This idea will be pursued. An eight-week small group opportunity based on Andy Stanley's *Follow* series is being offered this fall.

Closing – Nancy Rawson closed with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 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
9:00 AM	Lectionary Class	Parlor
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.



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