

5th Sunday Noisy Change Offering

New Jerusalem provides physical, emotional, and spiritual support for people with AIDS - a hospice, a group home, home care, food, clothing - meeting the real needs of those with AIDS (and those affected). They reach out globally, helping caregivers tend to orphans of those stolen by AIDS, as well as the infected person. New Jerusalem helps put Christ in the crisis of the AIDS pandemic. The 5th Sunday Noisy Change Offering will go to the New Jerusalem kitchen in Newton.

Homeless Shelter Meals

Salem is in charge of Homeless Shelter meals and evening supervision from Aug. 26 through Sept. 1. If you would be able to furnish a meal or do some evening supervision during this time period please contact Judy Shifflett, 772-6494.

Children/Youth Programming

To match up with the revised school year we will not have Children Sunday school or Youth in August or on Labor Day weekend. We will target Sept 13 for a start date and see how conditions are at the time. We are in need of a volunteer or two to help with our youth program for an interim period. Let Ron or Bruce know of your interest.

DS installation service

We have a new DS beginning July 1, Dee Williamston. The Bishop will be installing 3 new DSs in a service August 16 at 4 pm. If you would like to watch this on-line you can register using this link. https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nXcrRnBPRrea-8dAmeSe_Q

August Message Titles

- Aug. 2: Cleansing River
- Aug. 9: Keep your Head in the Clouds
- Aug. 16: He Who Forms the Mountain
- Aug. 23: On a Solid Rock
- Aug. 30: Drought and Parched Souls

Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

August 2020

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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Salem UMC Mission

Disciples making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Column

What a season of disruption we are experiencing. I have heard attributed to a number of people with different wording: Do not waste a crises! The idea is not to just struggle to return to "normal" or "the status quo" but to use the crises as an opportunity to take stock and make adjustments for a stronger future. How can we made this disruption an opportunity?. I first raised this question in the June newsletter.

I hope you are doing this personally. What have you learned of your priorities, habits, passions, weaknesses or whatever? What adjustments do you need to make for a better future? What has sustained you spiritually and what steps will you take to strengthen your walk with Christ?

This is an opportunity to ask questions about church too. What do we leave behind with the pandemic? What do we pick up? How will we relaunch out of the pandemic to be a stronger and focused church?

The 360 Readiness survey we completed leaves us much to consider. The survey was to measure readiness to meet missional challenges. The survey says we are strong in spiritual intensity but not necessary in acting that out. We need to do a better job in welcoming new people who may be different from ourselves and incorporating new people in our ministry. We have a low priority on reaching out to new people or trying new forms of ministry. Some of these will need attention to build a vital church for the future.

Our next step will be to form a small team to dive deeper into what we can learn from the survey, but more importantly to identify next steps. A conference-trained coach will facilitate this discussion. Be in prayer for the process going forward. By next month's newsletter, the team will be formed, and I will let you know who they and the coach are. Consider how you might step up to serve in a new way or a new ministry.

Ron

Salem United Methodist Church Vision: Salem United Methodist Church is a joy filled body of Christ which invites God's people into a connected relationship where they might find acceptance, belonging, trust and unconditional love as they seek to live their discipleship.

August 2020

*Birthdays in Blue
*Anniversaries in Red

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Worship
Sanctuary/On line

Electronic Giving

For electronic giving options such as direct drafts from your checking account, see Suanne Eshleman.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h3>Church Worship</h3> <p>We are open for worship in the sanctuary. We continue to do extra cleaning, practice safe distancing and suggest masks while we are moving around the church. Come and join us when you feel comfortable doing so. We have been averaging around 35 in worship in the sanctuary and around 100 on line.</p>			<h3>Liturgists, Nursery, Ushers, Children's Time for August</h3> <p>We will notify the scheduled volunteers when the church completely re-opens.</p>			1 Steve & Donita Eye
2 COMMUNION Jase Marsh Jane Sommer Smith Gabe Sprout Megan Wendt Jackie Krehbiel Tim & Heidi Porter	3	4 Amanda Will 6:00am - FLC primary voting	5 Matthew Anderson Amanda Fair TJ Friday Karen Jaworsky Bob & Becky Jackson	6 Caroline Longmoor	7 	8 Ann Brenzikofer Elinor Keesling Tate Cowan Donita Eye
9 Talarah Burson Matt Hockett Chris Sauerwein Mark & Cristy Willingham 6:15pm - FLC 4-H	10 Trent Arrowsmith Carmelita Decker Kelly Harms Diana Sattler	11 Joni Krueger Jacey Wedel Douglas & Charlene Lloyd 9:00am - Commodities Distribution 5:30pm - FH Reserved	12 Karol Smith	13 Chloe Crider Corbin Crider	14 Ty Voth	15 Jack Schreiber
16 Garrett Crider Kelly & Cindy Harms David & Raeanne Briar 4:00pm - DS installation by Livestream	17 Donna Bergeson Collin DeVaney Makenzie Dick Marvin Hinde Zach Metzler 6:30pm - Education Team	18 Oakley Gruver Ervin & Denise Bott	19 Trevor Beyer Javen & Beth Schmucker	20 Ava Lewis Mark & Cathy Willis	21 Tom Gatz Arica Kern	22 Kasha Stiner
23 Griffin Davis	24	25 John Bevan Braylee Campa 7:00pm - FLC Finance Committee	26 Dennis & Sherry Schmidt	27	28 Roger & Nancy Campa	29 Rose Mary Miller Ron & Tamera Friday
30 4:00pm - Network Meeting by Zoom	31 Kristin Nolan Maddie Bomberry Debra Enloe					