

Different countries  
Different Cultures  
Different climates  
One body in Christ.

Different languages  
Different livelihoods  
Different lifestyles  
One body in Christ.

Different colors  
Different clothing  
Different customs  
One body in Christ.

One in our love for our Lord  
One in our desire to serve him  
One in our passion to reach others  
One body in Christ around the world.

Together we pray in unity  
Together we stand in faith  
Together we join in love  
One body in Christ around the world.

Someday we'll be together  
Someday in heaven we'll sing  
Someday we'll shout the victory  
"Jesus! Our Lord and King!"

Poem written by Judy Gordon Morrow,  
Author of *The Listening Heart*.

### Children and Youth Programming

The Christian Education Team is now targeting Oct 4 for the start of our Children and Youth Sunday School classes.

We are in need for a volunteer or two to help with our youth program for an interim period until a permanent position can be filled. We can pay a stipend. Let Ron or Bruce know of your interest.

### Double Duty SS

The Double Duty SS Class will start meeting again on September 13<sup>th</sup>. They will be finishing the Barclay book starting with Chapter 8. Gene and Suanne will not be there, but the class will have leadership.

# Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

## September 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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### Church Worship

Our in person worship is now 50 to 60 and we often have around 100 more on line or replaying our service later. If you would like to attend and yet want to be more isolated, the service is projected in the FLC. 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.

Our **Livestream** is an opportunity for you to encourage a friend, neighbor, or family member to try out church and hear of Jesus Christ. Perhaps it is a particular message you know someone needs to hear. This pandemic has people asking spiritual questions and seeking where they can find answers, hope, and meaning.

## Pastor's Column

The seed of my thoughts today is from a Great Plains devotional by Maddi Baugous, pastoral intern at First UMC Omaha.

She tells of purchasing a new car, and among all its cool features, she likes best the light on her side mirrors that flashes to warn her if there is a car in her blind spot. I did not know this feature existed, that sounds very useful as one of our cars has a big blind spot.

What if we had such a feature for our personal and spiritual lives? I fear I have significant blind spots in my life. Wouldn't it be great to have warning of our blind spots? A neighbor in need we are not seeing. The experiences or challenges of others we do not see. A stranger we need to love that we are about to drive by. An injustice in our blind spot. A sin lurking in our blind spot. An un-Christ-like attitude or behavior we are blind to, but is plain to those around us.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a warning light to alert us to what we do not see, what needs attention in our lives? I believe we do. The Holy Spirit is a warning light to a Christian. However, the Spirit does not come by flashing light, but by small still voice. Listen and look, see and hear of your blind spots. It will make your journey safer, less stressful, and more loving.

Ron

## Dillons' Rewards

You can support Salem UMC with your Plus Card when you buy groceries at Dillons! It's basically free money, so why not give it a try? For more information go to the Dillons' website, log into your account and look under the Community Rewards program. It's incredibly easy to do. You can look up the church by name. Here is the link below to get started: <https://www.dillons.com/topic/community-rewards-3>

**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.

# September 2020

## Salem UMC Mission

Disciples making disciples for Jesus Christ.

### 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
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Liturgists, Nursery, Ushers, Children's Time for Sept.</b> We will notify the scheduled volunteers when the church completely re-opens.</p> </div>		<p><b>1</b> Robert Sprout Cody Faris Bob &amp; Sandra Crider 9:30am - Companions</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> Kylie Moore Kim Storer</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> Becky Bever</p>
<p><b>6 COMMUNION</b> Shelby Faris Neal &amp; Sheila Williams Message: Refining Fire</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Carly Stavola Staci Kempf 9:00am - Commodities Distribution 9:30am - Companions 5:30pm - FH Reserved</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Kati Snelling Riley Thomas</p>	<p><b>11</b> Lori Jolliff Vera Sills</p>	<p><b>12</b> Elma Harms Terry &amp; Carol Sauerwein</p>
<p><b>13</b> Jean Mitchell Message: God of the Mountain</p>	<p><b>14</b> Jim Adams Mary Lewallen</p>	<p><b>15</b> Bruce Jolliff Diane Foreman 9:30am - Companions</p>	<p><b>16</b> Bruce Cook Robert Hoch Bruce &amp; Lori Jolliff</p>	<p><b>17</b> Kermit Teppen</p>	<p><b>18</b> Sandra Crider Rene Ensz Neal Williams Jason &amp; Gail Marsh</p>	<p><b>19</b> Patrick Redington Kayla Anderson 12:00pm - FLC Reserved</p>
<p><b>20</b> Message: Rain 6:15pm - FLC 4-H</p>	<p><b>21</b> Caroline Rickard 6:30pm - Christian Ed. Team Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b> Rusty Jolliff William &amp; Veta Simpson 9:30am - Companions 7:00pm - Finance Committee</p>	<p><b>23</b> Jessica Williams</p>	<p><b>24</b> Elisha Guest David &amp; Kristine Peaney</p>	<p><b>25</b> Evan &amp; Joyce Hockett</p>	<p><b>26</b> Cattie Arrowsmith Erin Morse</p>
<p><b>27</b> Pat Dorsett Brad &amp; Rene' Ensz Message: A Walk in the Snow 4:00pm - Network Meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b> Samantha Commons</p>	<p><b>29</b> Angie Weidenbener 9:30am - Companions</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>*Birthdays in Blue *Anniversaries in Red</p>  </div>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shower</b></p> <p>You're invited to a drive-by baby shower honoring Staci Kempf, Sara Lewis and their soon to arrive baby boys. Join us Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Enter the church parking lot from Old Main and follow the signs to drop off gifts, give congratulations and pick up a snack. You will stay in your vehicle and please wear a mask to keep the girls and babies safe. Feel free to honk, play music or even decorate your car. Sara and Staci are both registered at Target and Amazon. If you have any questions contact Annessa Russell at (316) 804-0813 or annessad@yahoo.com</p> </div>		