

LIVING OUT GOD'S LOVE

Salem United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming Congregation

NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2024



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER:

Week of October 6

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 and Psalm 26
Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Week of October 13

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and
Psalm 22:1-15
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Week of October 20

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) and
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

Week of October 27

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and
Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear Friends,

One of the things I have really enjoyed about learning the history of Salem is seeing how the church worked to handle the many and different changes of the past 101 years. On the one hand, Salem is a pretty traditional church. We do not launch into changes just because things are new. On the other, when there are people in need, people step up.

This was true when children needed Vacation Bible School in 1931. It was true when Vietnamese refugees needed support in the 1970s. And when local families were hungry in the 1980s.

Verona has changed over the past 101 years as well. Now we face a shortage of affordable housing. We have large numbers of younger people moving to town for employment, most often living in apartments. Perhaps far from home.

It seems to me that one of the needs now is community. As we move into autumn, let us think of ways to practice good and healthy community, and invite our neighbors into it. Maybe some movie nights? Potluck dinner and game night? Open mic talent show? Chili cook-off?

Salem has a wonderful, warm, caring community. I believe this is something a lot of our neighbors could use right about now.

What do you think?

Grace and Peace,
Phil

COUNCIL CORNER



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1: Judy Hansen
- 8: Skylar Flood
- 9: William Pechan
- 13: Anna Yurs
- 14: Mark Hodel, Emily Syal
- 15: John Cashman, Dianne Gintz, Julie Adams, Ephraam Bahr
- 16: Kory Blake, Kati Hart
- 17: Abbey Reece
- 22: Ken Anderson
- 26: Becky Hagenston
- 29: John Hageman
- 30: Larry Skupien

*Let the church office know if we missed your birthday.

HOW TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

Cara will continue to help with office tasks from afar until a new office administrator is hired. In the mean time, please use the following e-mail: office@salemchurchverona.org

Cara's e-mail will eventually be deactivated.

And just like that fall is upon us and we are in the middle of a busy season at church. The choirs are back, and Christian education has resumed for all ages. We have started our stewardship campaign and will be finishing up our capitol campaign this month.

I am sure you are finding it easier to know where to park as the parking lot project has been completed. I was at the church almost every day while the work was being done and it was quite the project. Tri County Paving is a very professional group and does great work.

The first day of the project, Tri County removed the old blacktop. The next job was to determine the integrity of the foundation of the parking lot. We had anticipated that we could have some foundation that needed replacement, but this is where we ran into a big issue. All the bids we had included the removal and replacement of the black top, but not the replacement of the foundation.

Tri County determined that we needed to replace the entire foundation of the parking lot. I was on site as they were rolling a full dump truck over every foot of the area and watching the ground roll. In some places we had 4 inches of foundation, in some areas we had none. The foundation should be 15 inches. The bill and the work involved in doing this doubled the price of the parking lot.

That same night we had a special council meeting, including members of the building and grounds committee. We reviewed the situation, and the council voted to move forward with replacing the foundation.

As Tri County did this work, they brought in the large excavator and took out about 190 loads of dirt and replaced it with 190 loads of foundation. That was a lot of earth being moved.

This was a big and costly project, but I am confident that we now have a very solid foundation for the parking area that will last a long, long time.

The capital campaign to fund this project is underway and I am happy to report that we already have some significant contributions. The campaign is going to run through October 15 when we have asked for all the pledge cards to be returned, and we will tally and reveal the results. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to this campaign.

"He is like a man building a house, who dug deep, and laid the foundation upon rock; and when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house, and could not shake it, because it had been well built." - Luke 6:49

We have been through a lot of foundation changes in the last few years at Salem. Much of it has been difficult, some of the work is ongoing but we have been working hard and trying to build a solid foundation. I think that we have been doing that. We are literally and figuratively Paving the Way Forward for our future, and we need your continued help.

Thank you for your support of Salem UCC!!!

John Cashman

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 4

Salem will host another blood drive on Monday, November 4. As for prior blood drives, we will need a few people to help with check-in and run the cantina. We could also use some donations of baked goods for the donors to have after giving blood. The Red Cross provides drinks and some snacks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school classes have resumed for ages 3-adult.

Sunday mornings at 9am

- Age 3-5th grade meet in the lower level
- Middle/High School meet in the upstairs youth room
- Adults meet in the conference room

**the third Sunday of each month, children and youth will meet for Youth Choir*

GUEST PREACHER - OCTOBER 6

Rachel Baumann from the UCC Wisconsin Conference will preach on Sunday, October 6th, also World Communion Sunday. We will also conclude our weeks-long 101st anniversary celebration.

PLEDGE DUE DATE REMINDERS

Please make note of these important dates coming up:

Capital Campaign pledges are due on October 15.

2025 Stewardship pledges are due on October 6.

Thank you for your generous support to Salem!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	3	4 10AM-2PM - Serve at Meals for Madison	5
6 World Communion Sunday 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship Stewardship Pledges Due	7 Eve - Scouts	8 Eve - Scouts 6PM - Finance 7PM - Council	9 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	10	11 October 11-13 Middle School Knock Knock Retreat at Daycholah Center	12
13 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship	14 Eve - Scouts	15 Eve - Scouts Capital Campaign Pledges Due	16 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	17	18	19
20 9AM - Youth Choir 9AM - Adult Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship	21 Eve - Scouts	22 Eve - Scouts	23 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	24 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	25	26
27 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship	28 Eve - Scouts	29	30 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	31		

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 6

Guest Preacher: **Rachel Baumann** from the UCC
Wisconsin Conference

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES

Please return by October 15

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS RESUMED

Ages 3 through adult, Sunday mornings at 9am

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