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NEWSLETTER | JUNE 2023

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE:

Week of June 4:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Week of June 11:

Genesis 12:1-9 and Psalm 33:1-12

or Hosea 5:15-6:6 and

Psalm 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Week of June 18:

Genesis 18:1-15, (21-1-7) and

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

or Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Week of June 25:

Genesis 21:8-21 and

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

or Jeremiah 20:7-13 and

Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

THE COUNCIL CORNER

Thank You!

A big thank you to all who pitched in to spruce up the church and grounds in May. Many hands made fast work of mounds and mounds of mulch.

Welcome Hobson Family!

Pastor Philip Hobson will join us as Salem's settled pastor in June 4th.

Planning is underway for summer picnic to welcome Pastor Phil, Mary and Mira Hobson and to celebrate our church's 100th anniversary. Stay tuned for a date to add to your calendar.

THANK YOU FROM SALEM YOUTH

The youth of Salem offer heartfelt thanks to the congregation for the generous support at their May 21 bake sale. \$978 was raised to help fund their June SALT Trip. Thank you for the support that is always so readily available to our youth.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Sunday morning worship will move to 9am for the summer beginning on June 4.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4: Dennis Bieri
- 5: Cindy Remus, Eric Hauser
- 6: Dick Steele, Benjamin Shubak
- 7: Jodi Moll, Kash Hageman
- 10: Michael Cashman
- 11: Hannah Worley
- 15: Karen Williams, Mark Shubak, Kailey Hodel
- 17: Dave Triplett
- 18: Charles Hustad, Blaise Westphal
- 22: Anna Putney
- 25: Doug Smith
- 27: Sue Thiede, Shirley Zurbuchen, Nadia Graese
- 29. Ben Hauser, Chase Runnheim

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

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, June 11 as we recognize our graduating seniors during worship. Lyida Durnen and Amy Luginbuhl are graduating from Verona Area High School and Reid Adams is graduating from Vel Phillips Memorial High School in Madison.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING DATE CHANGE

The June meeting of the Women's Guild will be held the second Thursday of the month due to a conflict. The meeting will be on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. Our first item of business will be a question and answer session with George Adams, who will be there to answer questions we have regarding a transfer of the Guild to committee status under the Salem UCC umbrella. If we are ready, a vote will be taken at this meeting.

Other business items include review of purchase of new tables for the Fellowship Hall, potential distribution of monies to VBS, youth mission trip, camp scholarships, and perhaps a few others.

Hope to see you on June 8th!

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

These Days, Our Daily Bread and *The Upper Room* devotional booklets are provided by the Women's Guild and available on the wall inside the main entrance to the church and in the information box near the outdoor labyrinth. Please help yourself.



LIVING OUT GOD'S LOVE THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sarah Pundt, Director of Christian Education
608-692-3239 or spundt@salemchurchverona.org

Sunday School

The Sunday school program year has come to a close. Thank you to our teachers and assistants who shared their love of God and faith with our young people and with each other. Thank you to our families for sharing their children with Salem for the purpose of growing their faith. Thank you to the adults who participated in the adult class and grew through fellowship and discussion. We are teachers to each other. Our Sunday school classes will resume next fall on September 17.

Church Nursery

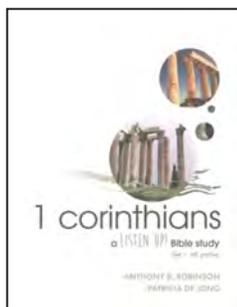
We are hiring! If you know someone who is 18+ and loves children, please let them know that we are hiring caregivers for our church nursery and contact Sarah Pundt. Families, please watch the weekly news for nursery care notices and availability.

Nursery care will be provided on June 4 from 9-10am.

Church Library

Our church library has many fiction and non-fiction titles for you to enjoy as summer reading. The children's library is located in the lower-level Sunday school area.

Listen Up! Bible Study



The Salem UCC library has a collection of Bible Study resources available. These studies can be done individually, but also are ideal for a small group setting. Start your own Bible study or contact Sarah Pundt if you are interested in joining a group. Choose and check out your selected study in Fellowship Hall.

Parents Promise July 13 @ 7pm

We will not be meeting in June but please join us for our July gathering. This group is for parents of tweens, teens, and young adults. Join this circle of parents for conversation and fellowship as we support each other in raising young people of faith. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome! We will meet in the church library on the first floor.



Vacation Bible School

10:15am-12pm

July 9, 30, & Aug. 13

Please contact Sarah Pundt if you would like to register or to volunteer.

See attached flyer for full information!

The UCC Beyond Salem

The UCC Beyond Salem For information on UCC Resources and Events, use the following links to access programming of particular interest.

UCC Digital Programming

<https://www.ucc.org/programming-webinars/>

UCC News Digest

<https://www.ucc.org/news/>

WI Conference Life Newsletter

<https://www.wcucc.org/about-wcucc/1446-2/>

UCCI Camps <https://ucci.org/>

Registration has opened for the many summer offerings for all ages!



You're Invited to Vacation Bible School!

Location: Salem UCC, 502 Mark Dr., Verona, WI

Dates: July 9, 30, and August 13

Time: 10:15am-12pm

Ages: All! This is an intergenerational event.

All ages are invited to join us for three VBS events and each morning will end with a community lunch!

- Children Under 3: Parents and young children will have the opportunity to play and socialize.
- PreK-Grade 5: Will enjoy games, activities, crafts, music, and Bible stories.
- Youth grades 6-12 should contact Sarah Pundt spundt@saalemchurchverona.org for a customized VBS experience.
- Adults will gather for Bible study and fellowship.

Please let us know your plans to attend. (one sheet per household)

Name: _____

Email/Phone: _____

For planning purposes, please let us know if we should expect you for lunch:

	# of Adults	# of Children
July 9		
July 30		
August 13		

Commonly Asked Questions

Q: I can't be there for all three events. Is it ok if I miss a day?

A: Yes! Come when it works for you.

Q: I can't stay for lunch; can I still participate in the Bible study?

A: Yes! You can join the Bible study and not stay for lunch. Or you can stay for lunch and not participate in the Bible study. Make your VBS experience your own.

Q: Is there a fee?

A: No! VBS is a ministry of Salem UCC and is offered free of charge.

Children and youth under age 18 need to complete a registration form. For registration materials, please contact Sarah Pundt spundt@saalemchurchverona.org or 608-845-7315.

SALEM YOUTH NEWSLETTER

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Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Youth Opportunities at Salem

Grades 6-12

All Are Welcome!

Youth and parents are encouraged to join our Salem UCC Youth Ministry Mighty Network. This is an online platform that allows us to have all our youth information, events, rsvp options, pictures, prayer requests, and discussions in a single place on a private network. Please contact Sarah Pundt for more information.

Youth Group

Youth grades 6-12 gather twice per month for fellowship, faith, and fun. Gatherings take place at Salem UCC unless otherwise noted. Friends are always welcome!

SALT Learning Nights

SALT Trip participants are encouraged to attend these two nights as we prepare ourselves for our trip experiences.

June 15 @ 7pm

We will focus on the Native American experiences we will have on our trip, and we will prepare our travel journals.

June 19 @ 7pm

Our focus will be the George Floyd Global Memorial and what we can expect from that experience. We will also talk about our reflection teams for the trip.

Thank You!

Many thanks go to the youth and parents who baked items for the bake sale and helped at the sale. We were able to raise \$978! We also received an additional \$500 donation. This is a great start toward funding our trip!

2023 S.A.L.T. TRIP

Twin Cities Area

June 23-26

11 youth and 4 adults are ready to go on a serving and learning trip to Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN. The primary focus of our trip is to explore Native American spirituality and culture while also acknowledging the racial injustices and cultural trauma experienced by this group. Fellowship, fun, and exploring our faith are woven into every aspect of our trip. Some of our destinations and activities include:

Serving

Service Project to Remove Invasive Species @ Cedar Lake
Serving at Second Harvest Heartland

Learning

Effigy Mounds National Monument, Harper's Ferry, IA
Sacred Sites Tour through Healing Minnesota Stories
Learning about the Permaculture Project at Church of All Nations
Worship with Church of All Nations (PCUSA)



Youth Baking Night

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6PM - Worship on VHAT-98	2	3
4 Rev. Phil Hobson's First Sunday 9AM - Worship (Nursery Available)	5 Eve - Boy Scouts	6	7 6PM - BRC	8 1:30PM - Women's Guild Meeting 6PM - Worship on VHAT-98	9	10
11 Graduation Recognition Sunday 9AM - Worship	12	13 6PM - Finance 7PM - Council	14	15 6PM - Worship on VHAT-98 6:30PM - Men's Fellowship 7PM - Youth SALT Learning	16	17
18 Father's Day 9AM - Worship	19 7PM - Youth SALT Learning	20	21	22 6PM - Worship on VHAT-98	23 JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE June 23-26 Youth SALT Trip	24
25 9AM - Worship	26	27 6PM - BOCE Meeting	28	29 6PM - Worship on VHAT-98	30	

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WELCOME TO PASTOR PHIL HOBSON

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SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

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July 9, 30, & Aug. 13

(see flyer and registration form inside)

GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Celebrate our high school graduates during worship at 9am on Sunday, June 11

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