

LIVING OUT GOD'S LOVE

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Week of September 1

*Song of Solomon 2:8-13
and Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
and Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

Week of September 8

*Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
and Psalm 125
Isaiah 35:4-7a and Psalm 146
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 7:24-37*

Week of September 15

*Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19 or
Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1
Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38*

Week of September 22

*Proverbs 31:10-31 and Psalm 1
Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22
or Jeremiah 11:18-20 and Psalm 54
James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37*

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FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear Friends,

It should come as no surprise that I am a church nerd. And not just because I am a nerd in most areas of my life and I work in the church. I love church stuff.

Like church history.

Did you know that Salem switched from coming forward for Holy Communion to receiving in the pews in 1952?

Or that Salem changed its name twice? First was from Salem Reformed Church to Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1941, seven years after the two immigrant bodies, the Reformed Church in the United States and the (German) Evangelical Synod of North America, had merged in 1934. The second time was in 1961, when we became Salem United Church of Christ, four years after the E & R and Congregational Christian Churches had come together to be the UCC in 1957.

One of the pieces of history that fascinates me is to imagine the changes the church has been through and imagining how they would have been seen by the families who came together in 1923 to start Salem Reformed Church. Apparently, Swiss immigrants had been worshiping with the Presbyterians, who share some Reformed roots. The "Scotch" church, as it was called, even conducted services in German for these immigrants. But the people wanted a church of their own.

One wonders what they would think of air conditioning, an electronic organ, shared Google drive documents, and other aspects of our church we take for granted.

What has not changed is Jesus Christ, "the same yesterday and today and for ever." (Hebrews 13:8) Our mission to love God with all that we are and all that we have, as well as loving our neighbors as ourselves, has likewise not changed.

Thanks be to God.
Grace and Peace,
Pastor Phil

COUNCIL CORNER

Week of September 29

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

and Psalm 124

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

and Psalm 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7: Doris Waldmann
- 8: Cathy Kwiliniski, Megan Price
- 9: Reid Adams
- 10: Eliese Yurs
- 12: Conlin Bass
- 15: Joan Gering
- 16: Lisa Hart, Nathan Bahr, Violet Remus
- 18: Deb Zurbuchen
- 20: Tucker Malueg
- 21: Allison Hansen, Kathy Homb, Marisa Denu
- 24: Aayla Bahr
- 25: Lydia Durnen
- 26: Ellie Burgenske
- 29: Kevin Cashman, Ivy Grotelueschen
- 30: Anna May Rhiner

*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@saalemchurchverona.org

Cara's e-mail will eventually be deactivated.

September is here and a new season is upon us at Salem UCC. The fall brings with it many changes, new beginnings and lots of activity at the church.

One of the most visible changes will be the start of the replacement of the parking lot. Tri County Paving will begin work on Tuesday September 3. The progress will be weather dependent and could take up to a week to complete. Contingencies have been made for the service on Sunday September 8.

You should have received a letter concerning the capital campaign to help fund the parking lot replacement. Please take time to review the letter and prayerfully consider your ability to participate.

September also marks other beginnings. The choirs will be returning this month to grace us with the singing and ringing of the bells. We are working on our programs for Sunday School for youth and adults. Confirmation classes are coming, and a new directory is in the works.

As we lead up to the congregational meeting in November, you will be hearing from the Stewardship committee, and we will be looking for members to fill positions on the church council. We are continuing to work on replacing staff positions.

As of the end of July there is approximately \$163K in income and \$184K in expenses. Please consider this as you think about the general stewardship fund.

Please let us know if you have any questions and thank you for your support of Salem UCC.

John Cashman

SEPTEMBER 8 WORSHIP

Because we are re-paving the parking lot the first week of September, we will gather for worship at **3 pm on September 8 at Sugar River United Methodist Church.**

Thank you to Pastor Mike and Sugar River UMC for allowing us to use their sanctuary.

We will not be celebrating Holy Communion that day but waiting until the 15th to celebrate.

KICKOFF SUNDAY

We will begin the program year on September 15th. We will begin with a potluck breakfast at the 9 am hour, followed by worship at 10:15 am.

We will celebrate Holy Communion on the 15th as well.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

This past Monday, 45 donors were checked in, with 34 red blood units and 10 "power red" units collected.

The Red Cross was happy with the turnout and asked us to host again. For the same donors to be eligible, we will be hosting again the week of October 21st.

Thanks go out to Elsie Oliver, Mary Cutler, Cindy Remus, and Barb & Doug Smith for their work to make this happen.

Living Out God's Love in real and tangible ways.

KICKING OFF THE NEXT 100 YEARS

On Kick-Off Sunday, September 15, we will begin our annual stewardship campaign. We are celebrating the past 101 years, and kicking off the next 100!

Envelopes with letters, pledge cards, and return envelopes will be ready for each family. Those not picked up will be mailed out, so please grab yours and save us a stamp.

TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Hey, do you love children and youth and want to help out in Sunday School?

We are looking for some more teachers and assistants to help out. Every class needs two unrelated adults for our Safe Church practices. If you are interested in learning more or helping out one or more Sundays a month, please contact Pastor Phil (phobson@salemchurchverona.org) or Stefanie Steinagel (pingel.pe@gmail.com).

SPECIAL WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

There will be a special meeting of the Women's Guild on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible ideas about participation/recognition in Salem's 101 Year Celebration.

It will be good to get together for a social time as well, since it has been months since our last meeting. Judy Skupien will provide dessert.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will begin our Confirmation class for students going into grades 8-10 this fall. If your child or grandchild is in this age range, look for a letter from Pastor Phil. If you know of a child who would be interested, please let Pastor Phil know.

NEW DIRECTORY REMINDER & PICTURE DAY

Please remember to complete a form for the directory (located in this newsletter or on the back table of the Sanctuary) so that we can get your information updated.

If you have a photo to submit please send to:
directory@salemchurchverona.org

If you do not have a photo to submit we will be taking photos following church on Sunday, September 15th.

If that date does not work for you, please speak with Krista Nechvatal or Kris Wilbricht or send an email to directory@salemchurchverona.org and we'll be sure to find a time that will work for you. Thank you!



New Church Directory Coming Fall 2024!

We need your help to bring you a fresh church directory this fall!

There are 2 ways to update your information:

1. Enter your own information via our Breeze Software. You can upload a family photo, too, or we can take a photo for you later and add it in. If you do not have Breeze login information, please contact Cara Bahr to gain access: cbahr@saalemchurchverona.org
2. Complete the below information sheet and return to the box outside of Cara's office and we will input the information for you or email it to: directory@saalemchurchverona.org

If you have adult children that prefer a separate listing from family, please have them submit a separate form.

Photos: If you have a photo you can submit that here: Directory@saalemchurchverona.org
If you do not have a photo to submit, we'll be arranging photo days to take one for you.

Last Name: _____

First names of adults in family: _____

First names of children in family: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Anything else you'd like us to know for printing purposes: _____

I have a photo to submit

I will need a photo taken

Questions? Please contact Krista Nechvatal or Kris Wilbricht
or send an email to: directory@saalemchurchverona.org

Thank you!

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9AM - Worship	2	3	4 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	5 1:30PM - Women's Guild Meeting	6 10AM-2PM - Serve at Meals for Madison	7
8 3PM - Worship @ Sugar River United Methodist Church	9 Eve - Scouts	10 Eve - Scouts 6PM - Finance 7PM - Council	11 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	12	13	14
15 9AM - Kickoff Breakfast 10:15AM - Worship Picture Day following worship for directory	16 Eve - Scouts	17 Eve - Scouts	18 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	19	20	21
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10:15am (Worship)
beginning of stewardship campaign

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