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NEWSLETTER | JUNE 2025

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE:

Week of June 1

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Week of June 8

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Week of June 15

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Week of June 22

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and

Psalms 42 and 43

Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalms 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Week of June 29

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and

Psalms 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear Members and Friends,

June looks to be great at Salem. We begin with Graduation Sunday on June 1st (at 9 am). And we end June with Vacation Bible School.

We celebrate with Brianna Runnheim and Owen Luginbuhl and their families as they graduate from high school this year. Join us on June 1st (at our summer worship time of 9 am), as we honor our graduates, bless them for this milestone in their journey, and pray for their future endeavors.

On Sunday, June 29 we will begin three nights of our Vacation Bible School. We are again collaborating with Sugar River UMC, and this year our theme is "Under Construction."

We will be using Lego blocks to creatively explore the ideas of building community, building our faith, and helping others. (Also, chances are both Verona Avenue and Mark Drive will be under construction this summer, so it fits.)

VBS will be June 29 to July 1, from 5:45 to 7:30 pm. Sunday and Monday nights will be at Salem, and Tuesday night will be at Sugar River.

Volunteer Orientation will be at Sugar River UMC on June 17, at 6:30pm.

Council will be providing a Taco Bar on Monday night. We need volunteers for supper for Sunday night, as well as games, crafts, music, and Adult Bible Study.

Look for registration soon!

And join us throughout June for worship, celebration, fellowship, and learning or Council President Cari Bass by May 15.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Phil



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

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

COUNCIL CORNER

Oh my, how the year has flown by!

First of all I want to congratulate Owen Luginbuhl and Brianna Runnheim, our graduates this year. We will celebrate Owen and Brianna on June 1 for their achievements and for receiving the Salem Scholarship. Please join us in celebrating them!

We have had a lot to be thankful for this year so far:

- Our Mission Committee has been filling the shelves at BPNN
- Building and Grounds has been working hard on getting our building and grounds cleaned up and doing maintenance behind the scenes. As well as keeping our bathrooms stocked and dealing with the hot and cold bathrooms.
- Finance Committee has been working with our new financial person, Shawn, to get a better look at our financial needs.
- We had a spectacular musical year, including Worship through Music Sunday!
- Our youth continue to be a strong presence. Through their spiritual eyes, they provided a beautiful church service!

What's next?

We are working on getting procedures in place for various situations.

We are working on how we can get Salem more visible - through our actions, website, banners, etc. We welcome any thoughts or ideas!

Our biggest task is finding an Office Administrator. It has been a year since Cara Bahr has moved. She has graciously continued to work remotely putting together the bulletins, newsletters, maintaining office supplies, etc. However, we need to hire someone to fill this role.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position, please contact council.hr@salemchurchverona.org for more information.

Peace,

Cari Bass
Council President

SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday November 1, Salem members will be volunteering at the free community meal at BPNN. Twelve volunteers, ages 9+ and older will be needed to assist with serving the meal and assisting in the dining room. No experience is necessary as all volunteers will be under the direction of an experienced crew captain. More details and sign up will follow as the date gets closer.

HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES

A reminder: Hearing assistive devices are available for use and are located on the wall in the entry area near the stairs to the lower level. After use please place them in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary so we can clean them for the next use.



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to build up the UCC cooperatively. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. You build up the Body of Christ with your generosity to this offering.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. The suggested offering date is on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

WELCOME!

Please welcome Salem's new Youth Director/Christian Education Director, Emily Bass!

Many of you will remember Emily from growing up here at Salem. We are excited to welcome her back in the dual roles of Youth Director and Christian Education Director.

Emily received her bachelor's degree from Lakeland University in Sheboygan, Wisconsin and holds a Master of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion (Berkeley, CA) where she focused on ecology and spirituality. Additionally, she holds a Nature and Forest Therapy Guide Certification from the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy Guides and has an EMT Certification, and Wilderness First Responding Certification.

Emily has served children, youth and adults in educational and spiritual ways both professionally and through numerous volunteer roles. She brings a vast array of experience to Salem and we can't wait for her to get started!

Emily will begin some brief hours over the summer to organize and plan and will start full time in the fall. Please welcome Emily, her partner Nick and their daughter, Juniper to Salem!

CRAFTING COMMUNITY

Calling all crafters and anyone looking for connection and conversation!

During Covid, many folks found solace and joy in learning to make and create. But creating by yourself can feel isolating, and right now what we all need more of is community. Enter Salem's new Crafting Community.

Each Saturday this June, from 9-11am in Fellowship Hall, Mary Hobson is hosting a drop-in crafting and conversation group. Bring your knitting, crochet, needlepoint, drawing, scrapbooking, or other portable craft. Let's find the fun and joy in making and sharing things together. Not a crafter? Come anyway and watch other folks create, join the conversation, or just sip a beverage and bask in the energy of the group. You're part of our community, too!

We may eventually host learning events and "how-to"s. At the end of June, we'll evaluate what works and what should change and adjust how we move forward. For now, we're just tossing this out to get started. Come help shape what it turns into.

Hope to see you there!

JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Summer Worship Hours 9AM - Worship (honor grads) 7PM - Safe Church Training	2	3	4	5	6 10AM-2PM - Serve at Meals for Madison Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting	7 9-11AM - Crafting Community 11:30AM - Community Meal at BPNN
8 9AM - Worship	9	10 6PM - Finance 7PM - Council	11	12	13	13 9-11AM - Crafting Community
15 Father's Day 9AM - Worship	16	17 6:30PM - Volunteer Orientation for VBS (at Sugar River UMC)	18	19	20	21 9-11AM - Crafting Community 11:30AM - Community Meal at BPNN
22 9AM - Worship	23 JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	24 7PM - BOCE	25	26	27	28 9-11AM - Crafting Community
29 9AM - Worship 5:45-7:30PM - VBS	30 5:45-7:30PM - VBS	1 5:45-7:30PM - VBS (at Sugar Rive UMC)				

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SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Summer hours begin with worship at 9am.
We will also honor our high school graduates.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Sunday, June 1 at 7PM

COMMUNITY VBS

June 29-July 1, 5:45-7:30PM

COMMUNITY CRAFTING

Saturdays in June, 9-11AM

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