

LIVING OUT GOD'S LOVE

Salem United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming Congregation

NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2022



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER:

Week of October 2:

Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-26
or Psalm 137

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
and Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Week of October 9:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
and Psalm 66:1-12

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
and Psalm 111

Luke 17:11-19

Week of October 16:

Jeremiah 31:27-34
and Psalm 119:97-104

Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Week of October 23:

Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65
Sirach 35:12-17

or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
and Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

REFLECTIONS FROM TOM...

NEW THINGS that God is doing – is our Theme for October and for the Fall Stewardship message, because the “New Things” are, it seems, everywhere!



For instance, we are finally coming out of the Pandemic and this *seems* like a “new thing”, because being separated and shut-down in all facets of life for two years (plus) had become the “new normal”. So, we ARE indeed like a butterfly emerging from a cocoon.

Our five worship services, from October 9th through November 16th, are going to focus on “Invest in the New Thing”, not only financially, but personally, in-person, with other persons, using our gifts for ministry, celebrating our gifts for ministry, and looking for MORE signs of God’s New Things ... like ... the Search Process for Salem’s next “Settled (permanent) Pastor”, which is going on right now!!!

We are also investing in the fellowship that we share with all Christians, as we partner with Sugar River United Methodist Church, in a new initiative called “Neighbor Fest”, which will kick-off an ongoing outreach to the many, many, many new neighbors that Verona is going to welcome within just a few blocks of where our two churches reside. [Sugar River UMC is across the street from the Subway sandwich shop, and we are just behind it!]



On October 2nd, this coming Sunday, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., we are co-hosting (and we are ALL invited to come) a party in the parking lot of Sugar River UMC, for the first “Neighbor Fest”, with lots of food, games, crafts, and music (including a live bluegrass band!). Please, come out on this beautiful (SUNNY is the prediction) Sunday, meet our Sugar River sisters and brothers in Christ, and let's begin welcoming our new neighbors. We even have made up special tote bags with our two churches' logos and info, bags stuffed with “welcome to Verona” things a new neighbor might need.

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Week of October 30:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
and Psalm 119:137-144

Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10



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 Wilbricht
- 22: Ken Anderson, Blake Borelli
- 25: Asher Burgenski
- 26: Becky Hagenston
- 29: John Hageman
- 30: Larry Skupien

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

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You can help: we will gather after worship on Sunday to stuff the bags, and we need donations of:

- Box of tissues
- 4pk of toilet paper
- roll of paper towels
- 6-10 oz bag of popcorn or pretzels

SO ... Grab your Salem T-shirt and invite your friends to come for food, music, and games.

See you Sunday!
Rev Tom

\$31,863

This is the amount remaining on our building loan.
The Salem Church Council is challenging the congregation to bring this number down to ZERO by the end of this year. Keep up the good work!

FALL OFFICE HOURS

*Office hours may vary slightly, but this is the general schedule we are planning for

Cara Bahr, Office Administrator

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9-12:30pm

Every Other Friday (10/7, 10/21)

1-3pm

Rev. Tom Robinson, Interim Minister

Monday - Thursday

1-4pm

MEALS FOR MADISON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Every Friday for many years St. Marks Lutheran Church in Madison has provided a free noon meal for the community. In the past Salem UCC participated as a volunteer organization to help staff this meal once per month. The job involves preparing, serving and cleaning up for their Friday noon meal. We need 4 to 5 volunteers who can help at St. Marks from approximately 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the chosen Friday. We are currently exploring whether or not we can commit to supplying volunteers one Friday a month. We would need a group of 10 or 15 people who might be interested in periodically going to St. Marks to help out. Here is a link with more information <http://www.stmarksmadison.org/friday-meal.aspx>

If you are interested in being a part of this volunteer opportunity please contact John Cashman at jchange@tds.net or 608-720-0719. We are exploring our ability to commit to providing volunteers the first Friday of every month.



Bike Collection Station

Salem UCC, 502 Mark Dr., Verona
 Saturday, October 8 (10am-2pm)
 Hosted by Salem Youth

Free Bikes 4 Kidz Madison gives away over 2,000 bikes to people who've been historically excluded from cycling and to those facing financial challenges each year. They've given away over 8,200 bikes and we want to help them give more away! If you have a bike to donate, bring it to us on **Saturday, October 8th between 10-2pm**. We can accept gently used bikes and they can be any size or style. We think everyone should have the opportunity to have a bike!

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.



LIVE STREAM HELP

Kevin Booth is looking for volunteers who might be interested in helping with live-streaming our Sunday services. Let him or the church office know if you are interested.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States.

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for

American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities.

We will collect this offering throughout the month of October, and contributions can be made on the website of the United Church of Christ as well at the following link:

<https://www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering/>

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The men's group of Salem United Church of Christ will meet at Sugar River Pizza on Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 PM.

OFFICE DOOR LOCK

Great News! The office door lock has been replaced and we don't need a separate key. If you need access to the church office, the key you already have should still work.

Badger Prairie Needs Network Thanksgiving Meals



It is again time for the community of Verona to join together to help provide Thanksgiving meals for our neighbors in need throughout Dane County. Working with its retail partners, Badger Prairie Needs Network can use its buying power to purchase Thanksgiving staples at lower prices and stretch the donated money even further. In the past you may have enjoyed shopping and hauling those groceries to church, but now you can make your donation work harder. This is what your monetary donation can provide.

\$200 = A complete Thanksgiving dinner for 4 families

\$150 = 6 Turkeys

\$100 = 13 Pumpkin pies

\$75 = Stuffing for 35 families

\$50 = A complete Thanksgiving dinner for 1 family

\$25 = Dinner rolls for 8 families

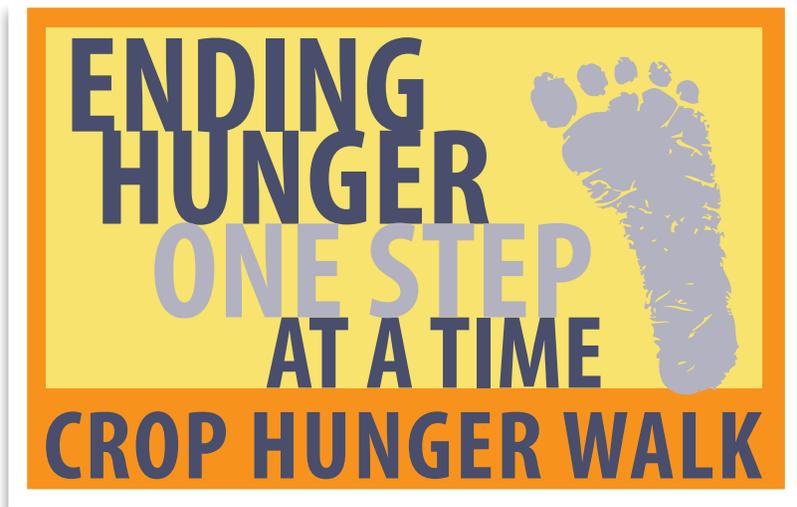
In 2019 members donated 113 complete meals through the groceries purchased and money donated for turkeys. Prior to the pandemic members of Salem always surpassed the goal set by the mission committee and each year the goal was raised! Let us continue in that spirit and raise \$5,700 to provide Thanksgiving meals for 114 families.

Checks should be made out to Salem. Please note that the check is for Thanksgiving meals.

If you would rather give food items, these are the items requested. Cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing mix, canned pineapple, canned corn, canned green beans, gravy, cream of mushroom soup, French fried onions and hot sauce. A bin will be located in the fellowship for collection.

All donations (monetary and food) need to be to Salem by Sunday October 30th.

Thank you for your help in making a Thanksgiving meal possible for our neighbors!



Join the Salem CROP Walk Team!

October 16, 2022 @ 1pm.

The Salem Youth are once again sponsoring a CROP walk team and they invite the Salem congregation to join them.

Please visit the team page to join the group or make a donation:
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/salem-ucc-youth-and-congregation-2>

Morning for Mission Oct. 2 @ 9am

The youth are hosting a Morning for Mission to share what they have learned about the CROP Walk and why they are inspired to participate again this year.

Come learn more about this organization and join the team!

Last year, Salem had the largest local team with 17 people and raised \$1500. Can we top that this year? Please register and join the youth in their quest tackle hunger around the world.



2021 Salem CROP Walk Team

LIVING OUT GOD'S LOVE THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Sunday School

Sunday school is provided for all ages every Sunday morning 9-10am from September 18, 2022-May 21, 2023. Nursery care is provided during the Sunday school hour for children ages 6 mos-2 years and during worship for children ages 6 months-5 years. **Transportation and childcare are available for all other events upon request. Contact Sarah Pundt for more information.**

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Nursery (Under age 3)	Lower Level
Pre-K (age 3)-grade 5	Lower Level
Middle/High School	2nd Floor Classroom
Adults	1st Floor Conference Rm

Christian Education Calendar

October

2	Morning for Mission
9	Sunday School
16	Sunday School (Music) 1pm Crop Walk
23	Sunday School
30	Sunday School

Church Nursery Childcare

After the pandemic closure, plans are underway to reopen the church nursery! This education ministry provides support and resources to our youngest members and their families. Childcare during the Sunday school hour allows young parents the opportunity to participate in our Music Ministry or other Christian Education Programs. Children of all ages are always welcome in worship, but nursery care is offered for those who would like to use it.

We currently have one volunteer willing to help each Sunday during worship throughout the month of October. We still need an assistant to work with her. Please consider volunteering in the church nursery for one or more Sundays. We are also seeking applicants for paid childcare givers in the nursery. Please contact Sarah Pundt for more details.

Adult Sunday School

All are welcome! Please join us in the first-floor conference room as we discuss a variety of topics related to Bible study, Christian living, social justice, and the church. Hybrid class options are available for this who wish to join remotely (contact Sarah Pundt).

October

- 2** ***Morning for Mission: CROP Walk***
Meet in the conference room to learn more about the CROP Walk: who walks, why walk, who benefits? The youth are organizing a CROP Walk team and encourage everyone to join us for the Morning for Mission and the CROP Walk Madison on Oct. 16 @ 1pm.
- 9** ***Biblical Interpretation 101: We will examine the principle challenges of faithful interpretation of the Bible, including the importance of language and historical and social settings.***
- 16** ***Biblical Interpretation 101: We will explore three major periods of Biblical interpretation and how interpretation has changed over the centuries.***
- 23** ***Biblical Interpretation 101: Why do people interpret the Bible differently? We will examine our own faith stories to explore this question.***
- 30** ***Great Themes of the Bible***

Small Groups

For more information about any of our small groups, or to start a new group, please contact Sarah Pundt. All groups welcome visitors and you do not need to be a Salem member to participate. Please join us. All are welcome!

Parent's Corner

We are rearranging the lower-level of the church to better meet the needs of our current Sunday school families. One the classrooms will be an area for parents to gather while their children are in Sunday school. Comfortable furniture, coffee, and tea will be available for parents on Sunday mornings at 9am. Parent resources will also be available for checkout or perusal while you are there. Please make yourself comfortable and enjoy some quiet time or fellowship with other parents. Don't forget that you are also welcome to join the adult class in the conference room.

Parents Promise **Oct. 6 @ 7pm**

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.

Koinonia **Oct 20 @ 7pm**

All women of Salem are invited for a time of reflection and fellowship. This group meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

SALEM YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Sarah Pundt, Interim Director of Youth Ministry
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October 2022

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!

YOUTH MISSION

S.A.L.T. (Serving and Learning Together) Trip Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

October 2 will be the last Sunday for sharing our S.A.L.T. experience. Kaden Nechvatal, Tucker Malueg, and Rod Runnheim will share their experiences from our trip to Blue Mound State Park. We also have posters on display in fellowship hall. Please stop by during coffee hour to look at our photos and ask questions.

YOUTH CALENDAR

October

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| 2 | Morning for Mission CROP Walk @ 9am
S.A.L.T. Sharing @ 10:15am |
| 8 | Bike Collection Event @ 10am-2pm |
| 16 | CROP Walk @ 1pm |
| 23 | Fall Gathering at John and Cari Bass' house |

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9AM - Morning for Mission 10:15AM - Worship 1-2:30PM - Neighbor Fest	3 Eve - Boy Scouts	4 Eve - Cub Scouts	5 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel Choir	6 6PM - Worship on VHAT-98	7	8 10AM-2PM - Bike Collection Event
9 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship	10 Eve - Boy Scouts	11 6PM - Finance 7PM - Council	12 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel Choir	13 6PM - Worship on VHAT-98 7:15-8:45PM - Girl Scouts	14	15
16 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship 1PM - CROP Walk	17 Eve - Boy Scouts	18 Eve - Cub Scouts	19 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel Choir	20 6PM - Worship on VHAT-98 6:30PM - Men's Fellowship at Sugar Rive Pizza 7PM - Koinonia (Women's Fellowship)	21	22
23 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship Youth Fall Gathering	24 Eve - Boy Scouts 7PM -BoCE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	25	26 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel Choir	27 6PM - Worship on VHAT-98 7:15-8:45PM - Girl Scouts	28	29
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NEIGHBOR FEST

Sunday, October 2nd, 1-2:30PM
in the Sugar River Methodist parking lot

Join us as we partner with Sugar River UMC to welcome new neighbors. Enjoy food, games, crafts, and music.

CROP WALK

Sunday, October 16th, 1PM

BIKE DONATION EVENT

Saturday, October 8, 10AM-2PM
Salem UCC

Donate your gently used or repairable bikes to
Free Bikes 4 Kidz Madison

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

We will receive this special offering during October

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