



# Good News

September 2022

*You are welcome at  
Salem United Church of Christ!*

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## *Pastor's Note*

Gratitude. Gratitude. Gratitude!

I am grateful for the energy at Salem surrounding the Clothes Closet, having recently marked the first anniversary of its August 8, 2021 Grand Opening. At the August planning meeting new Clothes Closet hours were introduced, based in part on recommendations by the Kewaskum Food Pantry, one of our community partners supporting the Clothes Closet. We also planned a new publicity initiative, securing free printing of 2,000 pages from Regal Ware to distribute packs of 50 half-sheet flyers to local businesses and organizations that serve those in need. (Please contact Wendy Coulter if you can help distribute a few packs!) An open house was brainstormed for September 17 as a way to reduce our inventory to make room for new stock (see article inside). I am very grateful for the leadership of Luan Sabish and Wendy as this mission evolves and expands.

I am grateful that the community support for the Clothes Closet we had envisioned is materializing in a variety of ways: the Kewaskum Food Pantry refers their clients and Volunteer Coordinator Barb Knorr regularly works at the Clothes Closet and attends our planning meetings; our worship musician Jan Shane brings Afghan refugees to pick out clothes; Mary Weber, owner of the General Store Antique Mall in Kewaskum, has made several financial donations; a local Piggly Wiggly distributed our flyers in their grocery bags for a week; and Sally Bertram, another community member working at the Clothes Closet, is advertising us on Facebook's Neighbor to Neighbor page, and has connected Salem to a jump rope ministry to kids in need (see article inside). Wendy has also connected us to people who will directly distribute our clothes to the needy.

I am grateful for the excitement surrounding Salem's 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many suggestions were made that will make it a memorable occasion in the life and history of this congregation (see the back page for details). As we celebrate our history I pray that this energy will carry us into the future that is opening up before us.

At our August Consistory meeting I received an evaluation by the Consistory members and I in turn gave an evaluation of Salem congregation, and we reaffirmed our partnership and the many gifts that we all contribute to this faith community in doing God's work in the world. I am very grateful, not only for the positive evaluation, but for the trust, good humor, and excellent leadership that creates a safe space for candid conversations on sensitive topics. You can be proud of your Consistory members, who work hard to faithfully serve both the congregation and Christ's mission.

Finally, I am most grateful to have served as your pastor for these past ten years, and I look forward with anticipation, joy and hope to continuing our partnership of service in the years to come! *Pastor Ruth*

## **Life in the Beloved Community**

### **September Birthdays**

- 3 Hunter Sabish
- 4 Ella Gauthier
- 11 Amy Gauthier
- 14 Leann Eimermann
- 21 Kaleb Boedeker
- 23 Alex Prost
- 24 Ruth Betts

### **September Anniversaries**

- 1 Fernando & Jenny Zuluaga
- 2 Alex & Karen Prost
- 6 Dan & Joy Kudek
- 12 Todd & Scarlet Goggins
- 17 Nate & Lauren Caspary
- 19 Jim & Mary Gutjahr
- 27 Chet & Shelly Pennington

### **Prayer Joys and Concerns**

*Please remember the following people in your prayers:* Sherry Scheurman, Dan & Wendy Coulter, Smokey Rauch, Jeffrey Prost, Todd & Scarlet Goggins, Kermit Coulter, Eleanor Norskog, Roger Menger, Bob K., Teresa V., Carol B., Josh, Brian, Bonnie, Dawn, and Ella Gauthier, Hunter Sabish & Sophie Stoltz (all learning to drive).

Due to privacy concerns, hospitals/doctors no longer contact ministers, so please contact Pastor Ruth at 262-271-7085 or [rehansen63@gmail.com](mailto:rehansen63@gmail.com).

### **Thank you for your service in July:**

Musicians Jan Shane and Ruth Betts; Worship Planning Team: Carol Maul, Jerry Mertz, Ruth Betts & Pastor Ruth; Steve Sabish & Jim Gutjahr for cleaning the church; Luan Sabish, Wendy Coulter & Clothes Closet volunteers; and the Consistory for their leadership.

### **Thank You!**

Just a small note to say a BIG Thank You for all the prayers, cards, and concerns during my recent medical issue: Thank you – God for giving special hands to doctors and nurses. Thank you – Pastor, Salem members, and friends and family for prayers and concerns. Thank you – special thanks to my loving wife who showed more love and care than usual. Thank you all and God bless each of you! *Dan Kudek*

To Salem UCC:

Thank you for your kindness and care. It has meant the world to us during these difficult times. Thank you for thinking of us. *The Family of Ellen Coulter*

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to **Holden Serwe** and **Hunter Sabish** for their recent accomplishments!

Holden was the Athlete Spotlight for August 18. He will be attending George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in September. Well done, Holden! We pray for your success in school and in your new environment.

Hunter went to Belize with several classmates, where they learned to grind corn with a mortar & pestle and went zip lining, among other fun and interesting activities.

Both young men had very nice newspaper articles about their achievements.

## ***We Worship God Together***

### **Sunday Themes for September**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Philemon 1:1-21 A New Identity
- 11<sup>th</sup> 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Growing in God's Love  
*Covenant Sunday; Holy Communion*
- 18<sup>th</sup> 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Prayerful Living
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Surprising Investment

**TO JOIN ZOOM WORSHIP** on a computer/ smart phone: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/755543942>.

You can also go to <https://zoom.us> and click on JOIN A MEETING at the top of the page; when prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 755 543 942.

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***As of September 11, the prelude will be played before 9 AM so worship can begin promptly at 9.***

### **WORSHIP SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

People are still getting COVID so let's do our part to lessen the spread. Masks are optional, although should be worn when near a child or vulnerable seniors. Hand sanitizer and masks are available at church. A distance of 3 feet should be kept between people not living together. Communion elements are prepared with gloves, and prepackaged elements are available.

### **Altar Flowers**

You are invited to provide flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, or just because. Call Carol Maul or Ruth Betts to reserve a Sunday; to have a dedication in the bulletin, please let them know by Wednesday before the Sunday you plan to bring flowers. Last minute offerings are also welcome. This is the time to share the beautiful colors of summer!

## **We Engage in Christ's Ministry & Mission**

### **Food Pantry Donations in September**

Thank you for all the great items you donated in August! In September, the focus is on pudding cups, saltines & snack crackers, juices, Knorr sides, and snack bars. As always, toilet paper is really appreciated. Cash will also be greatly appreciated for Dan & Wendy Coulter to go to Sam's Club and Dan & Joy Kudek to go to Costco to pick up more toilet paper for the Food Pantry. Anyone wishing to help defray the cost of the TP is asked to place money in the basket in the front of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support!

*Dan Kudek*

### **Soles For Jesus**

*Soles for Jesus* shares God's Word and love by distributing shoes and washing the feet of the underserved in Africa. Bring gently used, comfort-able shoes and dress shoes to the Fellowship Hall, under the table by the kitchen pass-through. See <http://www.solesforjesus.org/> for details.

### **Custodial Care for Salem**

People are needed to clean the church September through December. Please sign up in the narthex or contact a Consistory member. Thank you!



### **NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING**

On **September 25** the congregation will have an opportunity to contribute to the annual United Church of Christ *Neighbors in Need* offering. Checks can be made payable to Salem UCC with "NIN" in the memo, or use the special offering envelopes in the pew racks.

One third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Justice & Witness Ministries use two thirds to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations and to support justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and service projects.

With inflation impacting all of our households, this year the *Neighbors in Need* offering focuses on economic justice. Thank you for your generous spirits in supporting our *Neighbors in Need*!

## **Clothes Closet**

Our Clothes Closet has been open for a year! We have helped many people during this time. **We are in the midst of a big publicity push,** delivering flyers to area businesses and organizations; contact Wendy Coulter at (262) 665-2367 if you can deliver a packet or two – or more. **Many thanks to Regal Ware for printing the flyers at no charge!** Business cards/magnets are also available to give out. They have been updated with our new Fall hours:



### **FALL HOURS (SEPTEMBER)**

**Saturdays:** 9/3 & 9/17 (10:30am-12 noon)

**Mondays:** 9/12 & 9/26 (9:30am-11:00am)

**Thursday:** 9/15 (3:30pm-5:00pm)

For urgent need at other times, make an appointment through the church office at (262) 665-2367.

Clothes Closet staffing for September is TBD. Call Wendy to volunteer for sorting or helping guests. All are welcome. **We sort at 9:30 am the Mondays before the Saturday the Closet is open,** if there are donations to sort. You can sort anytime the church is open.

**Two exciting developments:** "Bob Under the Bridge" will be taking jeans to deliver to folks under highway overpasses, and Wendy's friend Bonnie will take clothes for people served by St. Ben's in Milwaukee. Thanks to everyone supporting this mission to the wider community! Most importantly, thanks and praise be to God for continuing to bless this project. May God be glorified and love shared through our Clothes Closet!

### **Clothes Closet OPEN HOUSE September 17**

Salem's Clothes Closet is bursting at the seams and we are cleaning out our Closet to make room for new stock. We will be open 9 AM–1 PM on Sept 17 under the shelter (pray for good weather!) to make it easier for people to access. Cookies and juice will be served (please let us know if you can provide cookies). Anyone wishing to help out or come and browse is welcome – come early for the best selection! Ads will be in the local newspapers; tell everyone you know!!

### **Donate Your Old T-Shirts!**

Wondering what to do with that old stained, ripped t-shirt with the unraveling hem? Throw it in the wash and bring it to Salem! A friend of Clothes Closet volunteer Sally Bertram tears up t-shirts, any color or size, and braids them into jump ropes for Christmas boxes given to needy children. Sample ropes are on the Food Pantry table at church. What a great way to recycle!

## Treasurer's Report for July 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 4,213.00
Amount Received	\$ 4,899.00
Amount Over	\$ 686.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 250.00
Amount Received	\$ 353.00
Amount Over	\$ 103.00
	<u>Mission</u>
Amount Received	\$ 300.00
	<u>Guatemala</u>
Amount Received	\$ 91.00
	<u>Improvement Fund</u>
Amount Received	\$ 22.00

Thanks so much for helping to maintain the church's financial health through your continued support! Offerings may be mailed to the church or to Jim Maul at 6985 Farm Ln, Allenton WI 53002.

### **We Enjoy Christian Fellowship**

#### **Potluck Supper Wednesday, Sept 21 at 5:30 PM**

Members, family and friends are invited to gather an hour before the Consistory meeting. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy good conversation and great food!

#### **"Treasures For All"**

Are you looking for a Special/Unique Gift for someone special in your life? Or perhaps just a little something special for yourself?? Look no further and plan a trip to the General Store Antique Mall in Kewaskum and check out our 95 different Dealers to shop from! You Won't Be Disappointed!

Fall and Football items are now popping up all around at the General Store!

John Henry is Dealer 357 on the stair landing area between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors and also white cabinet on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Just ask any one of the friendly clerks to see John Henry's displays and they will assist you. Elevator is also available if you need assistance between floors; see a clerk behind the counter.

Gift certificates make a Great gift and are available at the counter.

John Henry's displays are updated weekly.

Open Tues – Sun, 10 AM – 5 PM

(Closed Monday/ Holidays)

THANK YOU AND HAVE A GREAT DAY!!

*John Henry Coulter-Vorpahl*

**"Treasures For All Can Be Found**

**At The Kewaskum Antique Mall And Collectibles!"**

**Mary Woerner Weber**, owner of Kewaskum's General Store Antique Mall, believes in giving back to the community, and continues to donate loose change received to Salem's Clothes Closet.

*Thank you for supporting our mission, Mary!*

#### **Salem Website is Up and Running!**

Check it out at [www.salemuccwayne.org](http://www.salemuccwayne.org)! The basics are there; Pastor Ruth and Sarah Coulter are working together to make improvements before it is publicized to the general public. If you have photos, memories/stories about Salem, or historical documents (baptismal certificates, etc.) please send a digital copy to Sarah Coulter at [saracey@gmail.com](mailto:saracey@gmail.com) or contact Pastor Ruth.

#### **The Wonder of It All** by Talitha Arnold

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? - Psalm 8:3-4 (NRSV)*

"Coincidences," affirms writer Frederick Buechner, "are God's way of getting our attention." If that's true, then we'd best pay attention to a pretty amazing coincidence this summer. In the midst of all the heart-breaking images this summer—from the war in Ukraine and the school shooting in Uvalde, refugee camps of Somalia and detention centers at the U.S./Mexico border, heatwave deaths in Europe and fires of New Mexico—there's also been another set of photographs in the news.

Thanks to the Webb telescope, we've had our first glimpse into very deep space with pictures of the universe's oldest galaxies, formed billions of years ago. The telescope sent back an image of a "stellar nursery" where stars are being formed and another of a giant planet orbiting outside our solar system. Magnificent. Incredible. Wondrous. We don't have enough adjectives to describe such mystery and beauty.

The telescope's pictures don't negate the devastating images of human tragedy and creation's destruction. But perhaps when we look at these new images of the heavens and stars, we'll ask in wonder—as the ancient psalmist did—"what are we human beings that you are mindful of us, mortals that you care for us?" Perhaps our awe will renew our love for all creation, for all beings, and for the One who created us all.

**If you have good news to share about a Salem member, please let us know!**

September 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 10:30 AM–Noon Clothes Closet
4 9 AM Worship	5 <b>Labor Day</b>	6	7	8	9	10
11 9 AM Worship <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>Covenant Sunday</b>	12 <b>9:30 – 11 AM</b> Clothes Closet	13	14	15 Clothes Closet 3:30 – 5 PM  <i>Anniversary</i> <i>Celebration</i> <i>RSVPs due</i>	16	17 Clothes Closet <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> 9 AM – 1 PM
18 9 AM Worship  <i>Newsletter</i> <i>items due</i>	19	20	21 5:30 PM Potluck 6:30 PM Consistory	22	23	24
25 9 AM Worship <i>Neighbors In Need</i> <i>offering</i>	26 <b>9:30 – 11 AM</b> Clothes Closet	27	28	29	30	

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#### Consistory Meeting Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 PM at Salem

(let Pastor Ruth know if you want to attend via Zoom).

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**DATED MATERIALS  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Salem UCC Invites You to Our  
165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on October 2, 2022!**

**10 AM Worship** (1 hour later than usual!)

with Guest Speaker Rev. Jane Anderson,  
Associate Conference Minister for the Southeast Association.

**11 AM 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program**

- Dedication of our new altar Bible, a seven-volume set of the Saint John's Bible replica, given in memory of Dawn Coulter.
- All of Salem's former pastors who are still living will attend and have been invited to share brief words with the congregation.

**12 PM Catered Meal in the Fellowship Hall**

*There will also be a display of historical photos, courtesy of John Henry Coulter-Vorpahl, Jr.*

**R.S.V.P. by September 15** with how many will attend (for the caterer)  
to any Consistory member:

Amy Gauthier 262-343-3469; Ruth Betts 262-305-7712

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