Adult Forum
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
April 22nd - May 27th

Our ritual of Communion originated from the Jewish Passover. Join Pastor Debbie to learn about its customs and history and better understand and appreciate the culture in which Jesus lived.

Books available on the credenza outside the church office.

(Suggested donation $10.00)
**Rummage for Riley!**
Saturday, April 25th from 9 am to 4 pm. Please come to support the local skate park: Riley Skate Park. There will be all sorts of items for sale as well as a friendly atmosphere to hang out in. If you are interested in helping out prior to the event with set, during the event with sales or after the event with clean up. Please contact Katie T or see signup sheet downstairs in fellowship hall.

**Devotions in April!**
A special and secret guest will be hosting devos at 9 am, April 19 right here at Salem UCC. You don't want to miss it!

**COMING UP...**
CROP WALK in May
30Hour famine in May

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**The Storm Watch**

“The Lord displays His power in the whirlwind and the storm”
Happy Spring Ladies!!!!

We will be having our April Meeting on TUESDAY APRIL 21st at 12:00 Noon. Bring your lunch, and be ready to help decide our May Field Trip. We are looking at Henry Ford Museum, The Village, or the Zoo. If you have a different idea, please come and share it with us. Invite a friend!!
See you all there!!!!!
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**Tenebrae Service for Maundy Thursday**  
**April 2, 2015, 7:30pm**

Tenebrae is Latin for “shadows,” and Thursday’s Service of Shadows is an ancient form of worship in the church, typically associated with Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of Holy Week. Join us for this dramatic and heartfelt service.

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**Hiking Club Update**

Just a reminder, the Salem Hiking Club will meet on **Saturday, April 11th at 9:30am in the Salem parking lot.** This hike is for hikers and walkers of all abilities, ages, and endurance levels. Come join us for the morning! If you wish, bring a sack lunch or snack to be enjoyed after our hiking excursion. 

*Please contact Hiker Steve with any questions!*

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Just wanted to send a huge **THANK YOU** for your participation in feeding our guests, this week! You ALL did an excellent job and the food was oh so delicious!! Got some great recipes, too! God's presence was felt in your handy work and GENEROUSITY. It is a pleasure to work with such fine Christians!

I will send out a new date for 2016 as soon as I receive it. Looking forward to seeing you all then, if not sooner and God's blessing on you and your groups, and have a wonderful rest of the year!

*Please pass my thanks to all those who participated in this endeavor.*

Diane Lovelace
RUMMAGE FOR RILEY

Come support your local skatepark! 100% of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to Riley Skatepark!

April 25, 2015
9-4 pm

Salem United Church of Christ
33424 Oakland Ave.
Farmington, MI 48335
The youth are still looking for donations of any items found in your house for a **rummage sale** on April 25th. We will be taking donations until April 19th. Donations can be placed in the youth room. We are asking for no clothing— all other items are welcomed. Thanks for your help! All proceeds of the rummage sale will be for **Riley Skate Park** in Farmington Hills. Please prayfully consider donating time, money or items for such a great cause. See youth newsletter for more information or ask Katie T.
Easter Sunday Blooms!

On Easter Sunday, help beautify our sanctuary by bringing flowers to decorate the altar—lilies, tulips, daffodils, irises, or whatever you want. Flowers from the grocery store, or the florist; flowers in pots or vases—all will be beautiful!

Salem Spring Cleanup
April 18th
Breakfast 8:30am
Clean-up 9:00am–12noon

Join us for breakfast at 8:30am followed by our annual cleanup!

Please Bring: Rakes, shovels, buckets, step ladders or just yourself and/ or your family!

The Salem Property Committee
SALEM’S EASTER BREAKFAST
Please Join Us

WHEN:   EASTER SUNDAY
         April 5, 2015
         Serving from 8:30am—9:30am

WHAT:   Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage,
         & drinks

WHERE:  Fellowship Hall

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EASTER BREAKFAST
Please Let Us Know You Will Attend

NAME:

___________________________________________

How Many?
CROP WALK 2015
Sunday, May 3rd

The annual Farmington/West Bloomfield CROP Walk (Communities Re-
sponing to Overcome Poverty), is coming soon! Salem church contin-
ues its annual participation and sponsored contributions, because we be-
lieve in its mission - to provide safe drinking water and delivery systems
to third world countries and to provide national and international disaster
relief. In addition, **25% of the funds remain in the local community** for
hunger relief programs.

Salem members and friends have the option of walking two miles or six.
"We walk because they walk" is the theme of the day, representing our
recognition that many girls in third world countries must walk miles just
to get water for their families, preventing them from attending school.
Two important ways to become involved:
1. Obtain a sponsor/walker sheet from Katie T or Cindy B
2. Sponsor a CROP walker from Salem

**COMMIT TODAY!**
March 4, 2015

Dear Friends in Christ:

I am writing to those 39 congregations in the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ that donated more money to Our Church’s Wider Mission in 2014 than they did in 2013!

Please know how grateful I am for your continued commitment and increased support to the wider church. Together, we were able

➤ to increase our financial support of the National Setting of the United Church of Christ;

➤ to support the creation of ten new ministries and churches in Michigan;

➤ to support clergy and churches in times of transition, planning, conflict and celebration;

➤ to bring in nationally known speakers and teachers to help us in our mission of equipping churches and clergy for more faithful and effective ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

You are a part of a growing number of Michigan churches that are working hard to build up their local congregations and communities while also recognizing their part in the covenant that binds us together. Because of you and your ministry and mission, I give thanks to the Lord; God is good!

Please contact me directly if there are specific ways the Michigan Conference can better resource your particular congregation.

Sincerely,

Campbell Lovett
Conference Minister
sclovett@michucc.org
March 10, 2015

Salem United Church of Christ
33424 Oakland Ave.
Farmington, MI 48335

RE: Donation - The Salvation Army of Farmington Hills

Dear Friends:

We are writing to express our sincere appreciation for your generous donation of canned foods, approximate value of $125.00, on March 3, 2015.

This donation will enable The Salvation Army of Farmington Hills to continue to assist many low income families in our community with emergency food.

We appreciate your continued support of The Salvation Army of Farmington Hills. May God bless you with good health and happiness in 2015 and always.

Sincerely,

Major Marlys Anderson
Corps Officer
The Salvation Army of Farmington Hills

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Camp Talahi Retreat and Nature Center
Summer 2015 Catalog

A CALL IN THE WILDERNESS

Listen closely... It's in the wind that blows through the trees, the singing that rises over the hills, the giggle of a child; it's a Call to Christ... and you'll hear it this summer at Camp Talahi.

In between games of Nuk'ém, tie dye and capture the flag we will listen for a "Call in the Wilderness," and as we gather in the beauty of nature we will explore what a call to Christ means for each of us as a person of faith.
# Camp Sessions

**Youth Camps**
The Camp Talahi Retreat and Nature Center offers overnight camps for youth ages 5 to 18. All of our campers will have the opportunity to swim, canoe, hike and learn about their faith and themselves.

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## Weekend Camps and Retreats!
Those attending our weekend camps and retreats have the option of staying in our comfortable dormitory style cabins or bringing their own RV.

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Getting to Camp Talahi!

Camp Talahi is located at:
6458 Richardson Rd, Howell MI 48843

From US 23: Take exit 54B merging onto M-36 toward Pinckney. Continue on M-36 W. Turn Right onto Chilson Rd. Turn left to stay onto Chilson Rd. Continue onto Swarthout Rd, turn Right onto Richardson Rd.

From I-96 West: Take exit 137 for country D19 toward Pinchney. Turn Right onto D19. Turn Left onto E. Coon Lake Rd. Turn Right onto Richardson Rd.

From I-96 East: Take exit 147 toward Brighton. Turn Right onto Spencer Rd. Take the 3rd Right onto Main St. This will turn into Brighton Rd. Make a slight Left onto King Rd. Turn Right onto Schafer Rd. Turn Left onto Richardson Rd.

Important Dates!

- Early Registration Ends April 15, 2015!
  Sign up early and save
- Talahi Trail Run and Adventure Dash on May 9, 2015
- Summer Camp Open House on May 9, 2015 from 1 to 4 pm
Important Camp Information!

What is the Camp Talahi Retreat and Nature Center?
The Camp Talahi Retreat and Nature Center is a non-profit summer camp located in Howell, Michigan. Our programs are open to all people of faith and is affiliated with the Michigan United Church of Christ. The CTRNC offers 7 overnight camp sessions for children as well as Family and Young Adult weekend camps, each week focusing on a different age group. Camps range in length from 3 to 7 days, most lasting 5.

Staffing
At the CTRNC we average a staff to camper ratio of one adult to every three campers. All staff and volunteers under go an application, in person interview as well as a state and federal background check. Our lifeguards are Red Cross Certified and we also employ a certified camp Health Officer.

Camp Activities
Each week at Camp Talahi is carefully designed to be full of exciting activities for that weeks age group. Typical activities include: swimming, canoeing, tie dye, beading, drama games, dancing, capture the flag, campfires and MORE!

Registering for Camp
There are two ways to register for camp.
- Option One: fill out the paper registration forms and mail the packet to CTRNC c/o St. Paul UCC, 26550 Cherry Hill Rd, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Please enclose all forms, including the health history.
- Option Two: visit us on the web at www.camptalahi.org and select the large blue button that says "Register."

Payment:
A $50 deposit is required at the time of registration and can be paid by check or credit card. Any secondary payments must be received by mail 2 weeks in advance of the start of the camp session.

Discounts
- Early bird discount: are available to campers that register prior to April 15, 2015.
- Sibling or Second Registration Discount: Families sending more than one child or children attending more than one camp are eligible for a $50 discount on the second registration.

Camperships
Many churches have funds set aside to aid their members in attending summer camp, please check with your house of worship. Additional financial aid is available as a CTRNC Campership. Applying is easy! Just email the campers name, camp session and the amount you are able to contribute to Ashley at info@camptalahi.org

Check In: Check in for all camps that begin on a Sunday is at 4pm. Check in for camps that begin on a Friday is at 6pm.
Check Out: Check out for all youth camps is at 1 pm. Family Camp check out is at 11 am.

What to Bring:
- Long Pants
- Shorts
- Shirts
- Long Sleeved Shirt
- Bathing Suit
- Towels (2)
- Tennis Shoes
- Sandals
- Pillow
- Twin Sheets
- Sleeping Bag
- Flashlight
- Bible
- Book or quiet activity
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)
- Water Bottle
- Money for the camp Store

What NOT to Bring:
- Food
- Weapons
- Electronics
- Cell Phones
- Expensive Jewelry
A SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARKINSON'S PATIENTS WHO ARE 50 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER!
(AND THEIR FAMILIES, TOO.)

When:  Third Thursday of Every Month
        7:00 p.m.

Location:  Salem United Church of Christ
            33424 Oakland Street
            Farmington MI 48335

This group was organized to enable people to learn about managing Parkinson’s disease and discuss issues which directly impact them and their families, such as job, home life, children, recreation, dealing with finances and future planning. Organizers are people with PD who are in the same situation.

For further information, contact:
Movinguptogether@gmail.com
(248) 962-3783
Michigan Parkinson Foundation—(248)433-1011