

Salem

United Methodist Church

Forecaster

Bill Heald Retiring After 20 Years

Special reception to be held August 21.

Bill Heald has served as Salem's Director of Traditional Music for twenty years. He was hired in 1996 when Rev. Carroll Brown was the pastor. After serving with three pastors at Salem, Rev. Carroll Brown, Rev. Linda Bibb, and now Rev. John Louk, he is retiring September 1, twenty years to the day when he was hired.

A gifted musician, over the years, Bill provided the music for worship, playing the organ and piano as well as directing the adult choir and the bell choir. He worked with others to provide special music. He helped make special moments sacred with his music at countless weddings and funerals, and he directed multiple choral cantatas to enrich worship experiences at Christmas and Easter.

After the Flood of 2008, Bill led the way in restoring the music library and kept the music ministry going strong during a difficult time.

Bill has also led small groups and Bible studies. He has a good sense of humor. And being from Chicago, he has always been an avid sports fan of the Chicago teams. But the White Sox more than the Cubs!

Please join us for a special reception to honor Bill on Sunday, August 21, from 10-11 AM during the fellowship time. Let's shower him with cards and/or tokens of our appreciation of his valued service during this celebration.

We are grateful for Bill and all that he has contributed to Salem and beyond over the last twenty years. He has helped us sing and make melody to the Lord! (Psalm 27:6c)



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Serve Like Jesus



John Louk, Pastor

Jesus said,
“Whoever
wishes to
become great
among you
must be your
servant...For
the Son of
Man came not
to be served
but to serve.”
Mark 10:43, 45

In worship this past Sunday, we heard that, as God’s people, we are to be a blessing to the whole earth. The covenant God made with God’s people, beginning with Abraham and Sarah, is that the LORD blesses us in order to bless others; all the families of the earth will be blessed by us (Genesis 12:1-3). Through Jesus we have been grafted on to God’s people. So we are meant to be a blessing to *all* the people of the earth.

Tom Long, a preaching professor in Atlanta, tells a story about the city where he lives that sounds like 1974 in Cedar Rapids when Interstate 380 was built. “A decision was made to build a new freeway into Atlanta... A swath of houses was condemned, and eventually a whole neighborhood was torn down to make way for the highway. For a short time, though, families were still living in those houses, homes that many of them had lived in for generations, but they knew that soon the bulldozers would come and tear them down. The effects were demoralizing on the neighborhood, of course, and most of the residents stopped doing any maintenance at all. Paint peeled, wood rotted, doors fell off hinges, roofs caved in. There were, however, a few residents who, oddly, continued to care for their homes. They painted porches, planted flowers, and repaired window screens, knowing that their houses were slated for destruction. Somehow, even knowing that they were temporary, that the land on which they lived was not their dwelling place forever, did not destroy their desire to make life good and beautiful where they lived” (*Accompany Them with Singing—The Christian Funeral*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009, p. 131-132).

God created us in God’s image. Even so, our earthly tents are slated for the bulldozer to make way for something new. In the meantime, though, God calls us to do all we can to care for Creation, because God is renewing the once-good Creation, making it new again. That’s why in The United Methodist Church, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who will transform the world.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, understood God’s grace as power — the power to live a transformed life, the power to transform the world. He never doubted that we are saved only by God’s grace through faith. But Wesley believed God calls us to participate in the mission to renew the Creation. God saves us by grace so that we can *do something*. So we can work for God’s will in the world. That’s why one of Wesley’s rules for living is to do all the good you can. “Whoever does good is from God” (3 John 11b).

Following Jesus means doing some good in the church and in the world. Jesus tells us in the gospels that he came not to be served but to serve, and that those of us who want to follow him will serve that way.

Therefore, at Salem we have a new Participation Ministry Team to help us all get connected and serve like Jesus in some way both within the church and beyond in the community. Furthermore, together as the body of Christ, we are Jesus serving in the world today.

Many opportunities already exist and there will be even more new opportunities, too. The Participation Ministry Team will help you know about those opportunities and help you get connected and serve. After all, that’s what disciples of Jesus do!

You might think for a moment on these questions, though. *How is God calling me to serve at Salem and in the community? What am I passionate about and will that bless the whole earth? Where can I serve like Jesus?*

Of course, many are already serving in multiple ways. Thank you!

We do not believe that this world will simply pass away. This is God’s Creation and in the beginning it was good! God is renewing this Creation and invites us to participate. What will you do?

Grace and Peace,

John Louk

Worship—*Elijah & Elisha and Ordinary Time*

In August we conclude the summer sermon series on the prophets Elijah and Elisha. On August 21, we're inviting school students, teachers, staff, and administrators to bring school bags/backpacks to receive a special blessing as they go back to school for another year. The liturgical color for this season is green, symbolizing growth in Christ. Come and worship!



Aug 7 Ordinary Time Series: Elijah & Elisha Concludes
2 Kings 8:1-6 Shunammite Woman's Land Restored
Psalm 33:12-22 Our Soul Waits for the Lord
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 The Meaning of Faith
Luke 12:32-40 Watchful Slaves
Holy Communion

Aug 14 Ordinary Time
Isaiah 5:1-7 The Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Prayer for Israel's Restoration
Hebrews 11:29–12:2 The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes
Luke 12:49-56 Jesus the Cause of Division



Aug 21 Ordinary Time — Back to School Blessing (*bring school bags and backpacks!*)
Jeremiah 1:4-10 Jeremiah's Call and Commission
Psalm 71:1-6 Prayer for Lifelong Protection and Help
Hebrews 12:18-29 Warnings against Rejecting God's Grace
Luke 13:10-17 Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman
Holy Communion

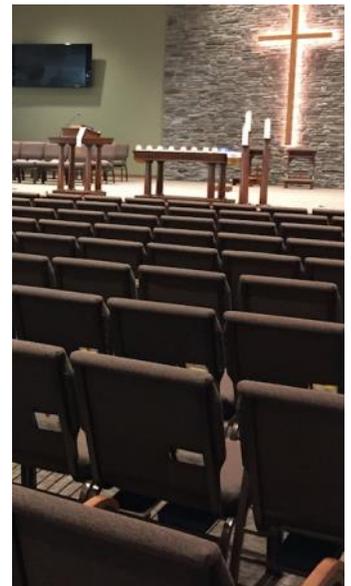
Aug 28 Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 2:4-13 God Pleads with Israel to Repent
Psalm 81:1, 10-16 God's Appeal to Stubborn Israel
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Service Well-Pleasing to God
Luke 14:1, 7-14 Humility and Hospitality

Come and Worship!

Sundays

9 AM—Contemporary

11 AM—Traditional



August 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9 AM-6 PM Donation Drop-Off Times for Salem Garage Sale 9:30 AM Prayer Room	3 9 AM-12 PM Donation Drop Off Times for Salem Garage Sale 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study	4 8 AM-5:30 PM Salem's Church-Wide Garage Sale	5 8 AM-12 PM Salem's Church-Wide Garage Sale 5:30 PM Kyla Rand and Logan Boas wedding rehearsal	6 3:30 PM Kyla Rand and Logan Boas wedding
7 Ordinary Time 9 AM Contemporary Worship 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Adult Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship	8 11:30 AM Golden Links	9	10 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study	11 9 AM UMW Event: Mission U	12	13 8 AM UM Men's Breakfast
14 Ordinary Time 9 AM Contemporary Worship 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Adult Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship 12:30 PM Women's Care Group	15	16 9:30 AM Prayer Room	17 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study	18	19	20 1 PM 85th Birthday Open House
21 Ordinary Time 9 AM Contemporary Worship 10 AM Bill Heald's 20 Year Celebration 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Adult Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship	22 <u>August Forecaster articles due to church office</u>	23	24 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5:15 PM Leadership Board	25	26	27 1 PM African Cultural Festival
28 Ordinary Time 9 AM Contemporary Worship 10 AM Fellowship 10:10 AM Adult Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship	29	30 12:30 PM Cards & Fellowship	31 10 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study			Salem Office hours: Monday—Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM (closed holidays)

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 1 Beckie Greenman
- 2 Troy Bergmann
- 2 Kali Sanborn
- 3 Tim King
- 8 Alyssa Hague
- 8 DeAnn King
- 9 Sharon Busch
- 10 Sandy Rierson
- 10 Skip Bothwick
- 10 Joshua Jacobus
- 10 Carver Hague
- 12 Jan Hutchison
- 12 Kay Feldmann
- 12 Pam Wheeler
- 12 Brenda Anderson
- 15 James Jacobus
- 19 Lori Hixson
- 20 Diana Musgrove
- 24 Pat Conrad
- 24 Linsey Thomas
- 24 Camryn Meyer
- 25 Kyle Cross
- 26 Mark Hixson
- 27 Gary Brockschink



- 28 Max Link
- 29 Jim Caviness
- 30 Judy Arruda
- 30 Ralph Wilfong

Anniversaries:

- 2 Christine & Ryan Rand
- 5 Donna & Lee Borntreger
- 8 Jim & Bert Carver
- 8 Bill & Julie Lefebure
- 9 Allan & Jan Johnson
- 10 Matt & Courtney Templeton
- 16 Marlene & Ronald Primrose
- 21 Deb & Gary Valenta
- 25 Monty & Sandy Rierson
- 25 Jeremy & Alyssa Hague
- 27 Richard & Shirley Hartgrave
- 30 Archer & Ausha Ayers
- 31 Ed & Diane Foss

All Golden-Agers Welcome!



Golden Links will meet 11:30 AM, Monday, August 8, at Pizza Ranch, 2450 Westdale Dr. SW. Barb Whitmer will have the program. Call Jeff Cook (393-9180), Judy Thomas (390-6574) or Dick Talbott (366-5865) for info.

Cards and Fellowship—Fun for All!

Calling all who have an open schedule midday. Come join your church friends at Cards and Fellowship the last Tuesday of every month at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. This month we're gathering on August 30.

You'll enjoy a delicious potluck lunch, followed by a short devotional, and then often lively cards and board games. We would love to see you on the 30th!



United Methodist Women Sharon Busch, President

Mission U Comes To You! Come to East Central District UMW Mission Study Day here at Salem! *Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action.* Thursday, August 11, from 9 AM—2:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall. Workshop is led by Mission U instructor, Dr. Marty St. Clair, Chemistry Professor at Coe College,

and a member of the Mt. Vernon UMC. Please reply by August 5 to Barb Oakland, 3649 29th Ave, Marion, IA 52302; or 319-377-5977; or barb.oakland@gmail.com.



Women's Care Group

Women's Care Group meets monthly to encourage and care for one another, and to extend that care beyond the walls of Salem.

All women are invited to our next gathering on Sunday, August 14, at 12:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall. We will have a potluck meal, fellowship, and uplifting encouragement.



Church-Wide Garage Sale



Salem's Church-Wide Garage Sale, an annual event sponsored by UMW, will be held Thursday, August 4, 8 AM-5:30 PM, and Friday, August 5, 8 AM-noon, in Fellowship Hall. Friday is \$3 bag day—all items that fit in a large kitchen garbage bag for \$3! What a deal!

Donation items may be dropped off in Fellowship Hall Tuesday, August 2, 9 AM-6 PM, and Wednesday, August 3, 9 AM-noon. If you have items to donate, but are unable to get

them to the church during these times, please call Charlene Harrison at 319-393-9511 to make arrangements for pick up.

Items NOT accepted are baby cribs or car seats (recall issues), adult clothes, or furniture, but we will accept any other donations including CHILDREN'S clothes and shoes, and all those treasures around your house that you no longer need or use.

For additional questions, please contact Charlene Harrison at the number above.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

United Methodist Men



Mark Minger

This month's United Methodist Men's breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, at 8 AM, in Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend. Please join us and RSVP to Jeff Cook at 393-9180.

Books without Borders Work Days

Momodu Kamara

Books without Borders Global is a ministry with the goal to transform lives for the better by means of improved knowledge, ideas, skills, and positive attitudes. The tools used are used books. A shipment of these books is being prepared to be sent to Africa, and your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Volunteers of all ages are needed to sort and box the books, and to palletize the boxes. Would you be willing to serve for an hour or two between 10 AM—3 PM on any of the following days: Saturday, July 30; Tuesday, August 8; Saturday, August 13; and Monday, September 19?



These work days take place at the warehouse located at 1124 1st St NW.

Please contact Momodu Kamara at 319-310-3123, Joni Salazar at 319-362-3943, or Debbie Klatt at 319-693-4866.

Gratitude



Thank you so much for your prayers when Max and I had our health issues. Pastor John came to pray with me before my surgery. Thanks to both Pastor John and Deb Black and the entire Salem congregation.

Thanks again,

Max & Mary Stransky

Mission—Salem Mission Fair

“Grow spiritually by finding a place to serve!”

Come join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 28, from 10-11 AM, for the Salem Mission Fair!

You will have the opportunity to meet and visit with representatives from some of the various mission groups we support at Salem. You'll learn the vital ways each one is making an impact in the lives of others in our community and in the world. You will also become aware of the numerous ways available to become personally involved in what God is doing beyond the walls of Salem. We grow spiritually when we find a place to serve!

Make plans to either stay after the 9 AM worship service, or come early to the 11 AM worship service to be a part of this special Mission Fair.

Have questions or need additional information? Please contact Joni Salazar at 319-362-3943, or salazar412@mchsi.com.

Joni Salazar



UMCOR School Kits



We will continue to collect UMCOR School Kits throughout the summer. As you see school supplies on sale, please think of the children who don't have access to such educational resources. The average cost for the supplies for a School Kit is \$11, but shopping the sales, it can cost less. Please pick up a school bag at the Mission Center and fill it up with the following supplies:

- **3 notebooks, approx. 8-1/2 x 11, (210 to 250 sheets total), wide ruled**
- **1 30 cm metric ruler**
- **1 box of 24 crayons (ONLY 24)**
- **1 2-1/2" eraser**
- **1 children's blunt scissors**
- **1 hand pencil sharpener, not less than 2 inches in size**
- **6 unsharpened pencils with erasers**

You will also find the list inside each school bag. Thank you for impacting the lives of children!

Questions can be directed to Joni Salazar at 319-362-3943, or salazar412@mchsi.com.

Report of the Leadership Board

Following the subcommittee meetings at 5:15 PM, the full board met at 5:45 PM. LB Chair Anna Dunnwald opened with prayer and led the meeting. Ron Andreasen and Nancy Rawson shared their faith experience testimonies.

Treasurer's Report – The income and expenses for the first half of the year (January through June) were reviewed and compared to 2016 budget figures for the same time period. The church is “in the black” and the finances continue to be in good order. Apportionment payments are on track with the church’s 2016 payment goal.

Building Committee – Although the Building Committee is no longer meeting, some follow-up items remain. *The City has installed a sidewalk across the front of the church along 33rd Avenue. They have not planted grass seed yet along the sides of the sidewalk but we will keep this issue on our radar. *The bell has new protective coating on it and the housing for its permanent new location is nearing completion. (See picture below.) However, the shingles on the bell shelter do not match the shingles on the church. This issue will be discussed with the contractor. The possibility of ringing the bell at an upcoming wedding was discussed and a way to ring the bell electronically is being considered. *The sanctuary has been upgraded to a new sound system with a more distributed sound. Acoustic panels are on order and will be installed shortly. Monitors for the musicians are under consideration. *There is an urgent need to update and reconfigure the church’s IT systems. A couple of options for providers are under consideration. A team consisting of Pastor Louk, Troy Oltman, and Julie Lefebure will review these options and take the next steps to solve this problem.

Nominations and Leadership Development – The LB was asked to prayerfully consider nominations for new Leadership Board members for terms beginning in January.

Trustees – *The church is on a waiting list for an inspection for our elevator and we are also on a waiting list with the elevator manufacturer for a regular maintenance time. *Additional handicapped parking spots were discussed. A survey will be conducted

Meeting Notes 7-19-16

Sunday mornings of occupied handicapped spots and of handicapped vehicles parked in regular areas to help determine how many additional spots are needed. *The final draft of the Facility Use and Reservation Policy was discussed. The LB then approved this policy with a few minor revisions. *A storage area in Fellowship Hall for tables and chairs is still being pursued.

Stewardship – The 2016 budget has been finalized and the 2015 audit will be conducted. A memorial gift policy will be distributed. Written procedures for handling money received by the church are nearing completion. The LB approved a policy to pay half of the fee for Summer Games University for church youth. A team will be formed to help facilitate and direct the debt reduction campaign (to begin next year after the Salem Rising Building fund campaign has concluded).

SPRC – *A retirement celebration for Bill Heald’s 20 years of service is scheduled for Sunday, August 21. *Linda Curson has been hired as the new Choir Director, beginning this Fall. *The search continues for an organist/accompanist. *Pastor Louk will be on vacation August 8-18.

Schedule Change – The next Leadership Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24, at 5:15 PM.

Closing – Anna Dunnwald closed with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.





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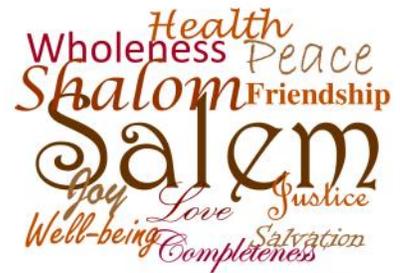
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Salem's mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
"connecting people, building community, transforming lives through Jesus"**

Salem's Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:10 AM	Adult Sunday School	Lower Level
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

Nursery for infants through 4-year-olds is available on the Lower Level during worship services and Adult Sunday School.



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