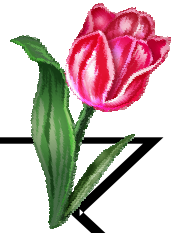


May 2009



# Salem Spirit

## Pastoral Ponderings

Dear Friends,

It was an extraordinary day, the last Sunday in April. Many will remember it as the day the ushers reversed their routine: rather than *collecting* an offering, they passed the plates and invited members to *take money out!*

Based on the Parable of the Talents, the “Seeds of Faith” project is a means of encouraging members to invest a blessing and cause it to return a harvest of three, five or tenfold.

On that morning worshipers were invited to take an envelope containing a cash amount (\$50, \$20 or \$10). They were then urged to invest the money in a product, activity or service and “grow” the initial investment.

Examples of planting “seeds”:

- + A gourmet cook offers catering for a dinner party. He or she finds a willing host who pays for the service. The seed money is used to buy ingredients.
- + A wood carver buys treated material to make a bird or a decoy. He sells the finished work and re-invests, buying enough to make two or three more.
- + A musician organizes a band and schedules a dance or a concert. Seed money is used for advertising and program. Another family member uses his or her seed money to provide refreshments at the concert. The concert is well received, leading to a second performance and another opportunity to sell concessions.

The characters in Jesus’ parable used their creativity and ingenuity to make a profit from their “talents.” Likewise, the project encourages participants to think about their own skills and abilities (gifts of a generous God) and how they might be used in productive ways. As the weeks go by Salem members will share ideas on how they are investing their seed dollars and how their projects are coming along.

Next Fall – November 8 – there will be a huge Harvest Celebration. At that time, seed money that has been invested, re-invested and invested again will be presented in the worship service. It will be an amazing event as the miracle of abundance will again be revealed!

Peace to all,

Rick Carlson  
Pastor

# Children & Youth News

## Kid's Club!

### Pre-K (4 yr old) - 3rd Grade

Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us for fun times, riding cars in fellowship hall, bible story, review of precious stories, crafts, games and collecting coins to spend at the end of year kid's club market. A donation of \$1 per child per week to cover cost of materials is appreciated.

**Donations of small toys and fun kid items for the kids market are being accepted at anytime.**

## 'Tweens!

### 4th - 6th Grades

Join the Tweens on Wednesdays @ 6:15 - 7:30 pm for fun and fellowship. A donation of \$1 per child per week to cover cost of materials is appreciated. Friends are always welcome to join at any time.

## The Salem Experience

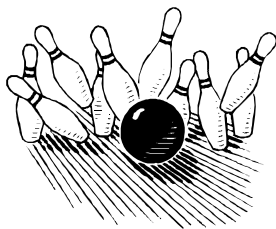
### 7th - 12th Grades

Thank you to all the youth who helped with the Easter Breakfast fundraiser. We raised over \$340 toward the summer mission trip to Bay City, Michigan.

The High School and Middle School youth groups will resume meeting after Easter. Check your email and the weekly bulletin for updates and events.

## Middle and High school youth activities

We are organizing a bowling/laser tag outing for **May 24<sup>th</sup> sometime after 3:30 pm.** Please let Linda Ballard know if you can attend. You should have received an email alert to this outing. If you did not and you are in either middle or high school or are the parent of one of these youth and you would like to be notified of events that come up, please email the church office and tell them to put you on either the middle or high school youth email list.



## Preschool News

Our school year is coming to a close. Field trips are scheduled to Citizen's Park and visits from Language Stars and the Barrington Library! We have lots to finish before the end of the month. Classes are completed on Thursday, May 21st and we complete our year with an All-School Picnic at Ron Beese Park on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We still have a few openings for the next school year in the 2's, 3's, 4's, Pre K PM classes and Discovery Science classes for 4 year olds and Kindergarten students. Please contact Cindy in the office if you have questions.

Salem Summer Camp begins on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>! We are excited to offer this program.

As our school year comes to a close, we are thankful for our wonderful staff and the support of the congregation. Have a wonderful summer.

## Preschool Summer Fun!

Summer sessions for preschoolers (ages 2-5 by Sept 1, 2008) will be offered during the last week of May and the month of June for three weeks. Classes will be held on Tues-Wed-Thurs from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Each week will have a different theme - Camping Out, Under the Sea, It's A Jungle Out There! and Three Cheers for the Red, White & Blue! The cost is \$75.00 per week. For more information about the program, please contact the preschool office (847) 381-0536.

# Church News & Upcoming Events

## Barrington Bell Festival Concert Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm



A new decade dawns for participants and organizers of the Barrington Area Handbell Festival Concert. This year's concert will be number 11 and will take place on **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm** at the Village Church in Barrington. This year's uplifting and exhilarating concert included seven Barrington church bell choirs and almost 100 ringers, over 330 bells, 250 handchimes, organ and clarinet. The program will open with an exciting arrangement called "Fantasy on Hyfrydol". "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" is a lovely organ setting that has been arranged for bells and handchimes. The great gospel arrangement by Thomas Dorsey of "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" really swings with a soaring clarinet solo that will be played by Andy Nelson. We will close the concert with "Great is Thy Faithfulness" for organ and bells. Helen Ailabouni will play the organ. Solo songs will also be performed by each participating choir. Village Church is located at 1600 E. Main Street in Barrington. Doors open at 7:00pm. Please call Cathy Gathman at 815-477-2565 for more information.

### Kay Griffith's Statue is installed

In June of 2008 Kay Griffith retired from her service at Salem Methodist Preschool. For her years of service, the preschool purchased a statue in the honor. That statue has been permanently installed outside the preschool entrance. Kay stopped by with her Grandson, Victor to see the statue with the spring blossoms all around.



### "Opportunity Walk"

On **Sunday, May 31, 2009**, **Countryside Association for People with Disabilities** will host its fourth annual "**Opportunity Walk**", a fundraising event at Independence Grove in Libertyville. This is an exciting opportunity for all to get involved in raising funds for and awareness about Countryside Association.

Countryside Association changes the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities every day. We operate, work and training centers in Palatine and Waukegan and also offer in-home respite and family support programs. The services assist individuals develop both work and life skills through training and on-the-job experiences and participation in classroom and community based activities. Over 600 individuals in Lake and Cook County currently receive services.

The "**Opportunity Walk**" is a 5k walk-a-thon event for the entire family. It will feature music and lots of food, and chances to win great prizes. Join in the fun and walk or support a walker with your donation. If you would like more information please contact Dee Atkinson at 847-540-3705 or email at [datkinson@countrysideassn.org](mailto:datkinson@countrysideassn.org).



## Pastor Wes Visits Salem

Pastor Wes Dorr, along with his lovely wife Beth Charlotte and their 4 week old son, Brennan visited Salem on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Wes is actually a Deacon with Rogers Park United Methodist Church. He invited all the youth including those he mentored during his three years at Salem. Pictured here, Dustan Taylor, (now 18 yrs old) assisted Deacon Wes with the children's message. Deacon Wes will be letting us know of opportunities for the people of Salem



## Mission Corner

### Native American Cultures

This year United Methodist Women have participated in a study of Native American survival. In conjunction with this study we are offering a field trip to the Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures at Aurora University in Aurora Illinois. It comes highly recommended by the young people who attended the School of Christian Mission. The trip was included as part of their study at the school last summer.

All are invited to join UMW. This trip will take place on Tuesday, May 5. Check the UMW bulletin board for details and time of departure from Salem. We will car pool.

### "Feed My Starving Children"

65 Children will eat nutritious meals for 1 year, thanks to the efforts of

106 volunteers who spent less than 2 hours preparing **23,760 meals** at just **one** of the many organized events this past weekend. **26** Salem members were part of the 106 member work force, which will impact the lives of these children in Zimbabwe.

"Feed My Starving Children" is an organization that sends meal packs to impoverished areas like Africa. The serving activity is combining the ingredients to making the meal packs that they will eventually ship over to Africa. These meal packets cost 17 cents per meal to make. Each packet will feed 6 children 1 meal For 17 cents!

**If you would like to make a donation to continue these efforts of "Feed My Starving Children" please mark your donations as "Feed My Starving Children"**

## Adult Mission Trip

Are you looking for a chance to be part of a mission trip? On May 18, 2009 a group is going to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois. We would love to have more people join us this year. If you are interested please talk to Lois Larson at 847-359-6042 for all the details.

## Youth Mission Trip to Bay City, Michigan - July 19<sup>th</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>

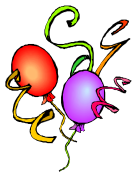
Salem has an opportunity to take 10 participants, youth and adult chaperones, to Bay City Michigan for a week to help rebuilding homes and the lives of people less fortunate. This will be a wonderful experience. The trip is open to any youth age 12 and older. Pastor Rick will hold a meeting to discuss the trip to youth and parents. Please let the office know if you are interested in this trip.

### April Worship Participants

	<u>May 3</u>	<u>MAY 10</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>May 24</u>	<u>May 31</u>
<u>Acolytes</u>	Kendra Kudla	Karl Gerlach	Jon Hert	Charles Strong	Phillip Neff
<u>Scripture</u>	Al Willer	Doug Strong	Rachel Rosellini	OPEN	OPEN
<u>Coffee and</u>	Sue Whitney	OPEN	Marlene & Ray	OPEN	JOY Class
<u>Greeters</u>	Georgann Mc Dee Atkinson Carol Listhartke	Karen Keating Fran Hager George Hager	Sara Hert Jon Hert Tony Ballard	Darlene Sass Helene Pomeroy Dan Pomeroy	Diane Listhartke Scott Warman Lorna Warman

There are many opportunities to participate: please sign up just outside the Sanctuary doors or call the office to volunteer.

If you find that you are not accurately listed, please call the office ASAP.



## Member Celebrations & Prayers

### *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*

May 5	Fran Hager, David Pirie	May 23	James Edwards
May 7	Leona Quist	May 24	Lois Larson, Ann Soby
May 9	Tony Ballard	May 25	Pat Willer,
May 10	Jeff Barber, Kara Green, Kory Sjoberg	May 27	Jake Bucy
May 13	Kendra Kudla	May 29	Walter Niese, Kimberly Sjoberg
May 15	Karen Baum, Tagnier Toronyi, Joseph Rorhbach, Jake Barton	May 31	Helmut Gerlach
May 17	Caitlyn Carlsen, Mary Kohnke, Jim Skomer Jacob Patterson, Kristi Sjoberg,		



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 7 Tony & Linda Ballard

May 23

Ed & Nancy Skarda

May 15 Bob & Kay Kopecky

May 25

Quint & Charla Carlsen

May 20 Doug & Sue Kamman

Paul & Margaret Listhartke



### Prayer Concerns

For those who are ill, hospitalized, or anticipating medical procedure.

Irene Motta, Lois Larson,.

For those who are recovering from illness or medical procedure

Evelyn Mack, Georgann McNamara, Helen Lohman, Irene Motta, Barb Daab,  
Tom Johnsen, Jim McLean, Doris Delenay, Denise Patterson, Howard Edwards Jr.  
Howard Edwards Sr., Ashley Kudla, Betty Phillips, June Patterson

For those who are struggling with long-term health issues

Bob Kopecky, Gene Phillips, Reva Johnsen, , Ray Tourville, Arthur and Brian Burgeson,  
Hannah, Michaela, Darlene Keating, Debbie Donner, Jenny Sanders, Geri Ballard, Bridgett  
Kennecott, Charles Neumann, David Pesz, Scott Briscoe, Shirley Perkins.

For those who are grieving the passing of a loved one.

The Family and Friends of Fern Condill and Coral Ferry

For national and world leaders, for those in the armed forces, for those who risk their lives in order to protect others, for people with mental and emotional distress, for the hungry, the lost, the broken, the lonely.

For helping and healing ministries and those they serve

The Samaritan Center of the Barrington Area, YangMoon United Methodist Church, Salem  
Methodist Preschool, and the Peace Corps

For those with special needs

Ben Sadorf, Bobbie, Alice, CeCe, Jesus Padilla, Mike Griffith, Keith & Bridgett Mahoney,

For missionaries around the world

Nkemba and Mbwizu Ndjungu, Cameroon, Africa, The Mileur Family, Southeast Asia.

For Joys, For Blessings, For Prayers Answered

To Wes and Charlotte Dorr who were blessed with a son, Brennan Dorr, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

# NewsLetter **DEADLine**

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>!

## **Emergency Procedures -SALEM IS READY!**

**Salem has recently placed emergency exit plans in every room of the building, along with marking all of the severe weather shelter areas. Please become familiar with these maps, closest exit and the areas to move to in case of an emergency or a severe thunderstorm warning or tornado warning.**

### **Know what to do in an emergency!**

When a tornado threatens, every second matters! Having a preparedness plan for your home, school, church and workplace is absolutely critical. So, where do you seek shelter in the case of a tornado? Here are some tips, courtesy of the National Weather Service!

-In a home, go to the basement and get under the stairwell, or under a heavy piece of furniture. If there is no basement, go to an interior closet, hall or bathroom on the lowest floor and stay away from windows. Cover your head with pillows or sofa cushions.

-In schools, hospitals, churches and office buildings, go to small interior rooms or halls on the lowest floor. Stay away from windows. Avoid large open areas with free span roofs such as gymnasiums and cafeterias.

Salem also has a National Weather Service Radio in the office that will alert us if severe weather is approaching Barrington.

#### **Tornado Watches and Warnings (NWS Definitions)**

**A tornado watch** means severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible in your area over the next few hours. Be prepared.

**A tornado warning** means a tornado has been sighted by a trained storm spotter, or intense rotation that will likely produce a tornado has been detected by Doppler radar. Get to a place of safety immediately.

**Have you seen the NEW look of Salem on the WEB?  
Check out the new church website at:**

**[www.salemchurchbarrington.com](http://www.salemchurchbarrington.com)**