

# The Lamplighter



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## *Joyce's Jottings*

I found myself feeling a bit out of touch yesterday as I read the latest "Mindset List for the Class of 2014", the list was posted on the Beloit College web site. The purpose of this list is to provide a look at the cultural touchstones that shape the lives of students entering college this fall. It was originally created as a reminder to faculty to be aware of dated references, and quickly became a catalog of the rapidly changing worldview of each new generation.

A few of the observations about the class of 2014: they have never found Korean made cars unusual on the Interstate and 500 cable channels has always been the norm; not that they will ever watch all 500 of them. Since "digital" has always been in the cultural DNA, many have never written in cursive and many have never been without cell phones to tell them the time, there is no need for a wristwatch. See, we are right in the midst of cultural relevance with no clock in the sanctuary ☺ just cell phones in our pockets. For the class of 2014, e-mail is too slow, phones have never had cords unless they were visiting their grandparents, and the computers they played with as kids are now in museums. The list has 75 items if you would like to see the whole list check out <http://www.beloit.edu/mindset>.

Cultural shifts are not new.

Shifting began in the beginning when God created this awesome place when Adam and Eve had to adjust to a whole new way of living. Throughout time think of all that has shifted – from arks to steam ships to nuclear submarines, walking to riding a donkey to fuel-efficient cars, from the spoken word to the pencil, to pen to keyboard, from rotary dial phones to cell phones, from stone tablets to eight track tapes to Mp3 players and ear buds. We have shifted the way we live out our lives.

What is amazing to me is that I can make a shift not even realizing I have shifted. Sometimes the shifts come gradual with the age and stage of life I am living. One of the greatest shifts in the church that I have witnessed is the ordination of women and the acceptance of a female pastor. What a shift!

Jesus brought a cultural shift by widening the circle of understanding of who our neighbors are, who God loves, and how we are to live our lives as the beloved children of God. Jesus kept working with the Disciples to help them see that life is abundant when they shift and fish from the other side of the boat (Luke 5 & John 20). How are you shifting in the way you widen your circle to share God's love? For the disciples their shift was to fish for people, no more fishing with nets from the boat; witness two by two no more keeping silent about God's work, and to see the face of God in everyone they came in contact with - the prisoner, the

hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick.

As we relate to those younger than ourselves, those in the class of 2014 or 2010, how are we shifting and widening the circle to be in relationship with all God's children.? I need to get in touch – I think I'll learn how to text and figure out Facebook. God's message of love and joy are too important to keep fishing from the same side of the boat.

Thank you all for a great birthday, the cards, the singing, the dinner invitations and the birthday cake.

In Light and Love, Rev. Joyce

## **Living the Lord's Prayer**

**Sermon Series** Beginning Sunday September 19 we will begin a sermon series looking at the Lord's Prayer. We say it all the time, every time we worship together, at the close of meetings and to our selves along our journey. The Living the Lord's Prayer series will look at the prayer through seven steps that can transform your life and relationship Our Father who art in heaven.

Week 1 Faith

Week 2 Surrender

Week 3 Service

Week 4 Abundance

Week 5 Forgiveness

Week 6 Overcoming Obstacles

Week 7 Love

**News from the Licensed Associate Pastor**

Let the excitement begin! September is here and the church comes to new life with all of our regular activities. Opportunities are available for all ages. Consider taking part in some of the options available to the children, youth and adults of Salem.

I want to share a prayer that was shared with me. I hope it will be meaningful to you.

The Knots Prayer

Dear God:

Please untie the knots that are in my mind,

my heart and my life.

Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, Dear God,

I ask that you remove from my mind,

my heart and my life all of the 'am nots,

that hold me back, especially the thought

that I am not good enough.

Amen

Author Known To God  
Yours in His service,  
Betty

**From Youth on Mission**

The Youth on Mission Team will have a booth at the Country Fair on September 18. Our booth is right in front of city hall. We will be selling home made pie, cinnamon rolls, and drinks. If anyone would like to donate pies or cinnamon rolls please contact Betty. Thank You.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

Thanks to Mary Martha circle for the quilters' refreshments and to Ruth circle for playing bingo at Meyer Care Center for the month of August.

The New Theatre trip is October 20. Those ladies that are going, please have your money in to the church office by September 1. We are already planning a trip for next summer to see "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat."

The 140th Anniversary Cookbook committee has three typists that have entered 166 of roughly 320 recipes. Work continues at a good pace.

Fall Fest will be November 7. The Service Committee will have the meal and Tina Gibler will work with them on the table decorations. The program will be a vocal group from the Lafayette C -1 Music Department.

The Lafayette Area Women's Fellowship will have a meeting on September 23 at Lexington at the Trinity United Church of Christ. Hospitality will start at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting at 9:30 a.m. A potluck meal will follow the meeting.

Karen Homfeld

**Women's Fellowship**

**Circle Schedules for September**

**Esther Circle**-September 1, 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room at Salem, hostess Wanda Niemeier.

**Mary Martha Circle**-September 2, 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Salem, hostess Wilma Hoefler.

**Ruth Circle** -September 1, 2:00 p.m. John Knox Village Club Room, hostess Fay Tilly.

**Eve Circle**-September 7, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Salem, hostess Mary Louise Fisher.

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and Autumn a mosaic of them all."

—Stanley Florowitz

**Vacation Bible School**

High Seas Expedition Vacation Bible School was held July 25-28. There were 68 children and 37 adults in attendance each evening. The children learned that God's Word is true, God's Word is comforting, God's Word is surprising, God's Word is life-changing, and God's Word is for everyone. These daily Bible points were conveyed through memorable drama presentations, energizing singing and dancing, tasty treats, engaging games, Bible stories, and Chadder's daily videos.

The mission for this year's Bible School was The Nature Conservancy. This program provides funds for Gulf Coast Restoration (nature.org). Through generous donations, we were able to collect \$400.00.

High Seas Expedition would not have been such a successful experience for the children of our church and the community without all of the volunteers. So, THANK YOU to everyone that helped decorate, served as crew leaders, substituted for crew leaders, led or assisted in the various stations, substituted for station leaders, and helped in many other ways. The biggest THANK YOU goes to the parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles for sharing your exciting, energetic, and enjoyable children with us for the week.

**160th Anniversary:**

St. John UCC in Emma will be celebrating 160 years in ministry on September 26 at 2 in the afternoon. There will be a short service followed by fellowship with cake and punch.

Thank you, Tim Biesemeyer



## Say Happy Birthday in September to...

Maurice Hoefler	1	Marian Fizer	10	Jeff Kirchhoff	20
Howard Fisher	2	Rita Boedeker	10	Ella Riekhof	21
Wanda Homfeld	2	Brooke Cramer	10	Raymond White	21
Donald Siegfried	2	Paige Goetz	10	Ann Nuelle	21
Frank Alumbaugh	2	Maddie Fiene	13	Karen Fiene	21
Darrell Rinne	3	Jacob Vincent	14	Bob Pragman	22
Ken Telgemeier	3	Tiger Fiene	15	Brittian Shaul	22
J.W. Starke	4	Brandon Struchtemeyer	15	Cheryl LaRue	23
Nathan Salyer	4	Traci Baggs	15	Shane Siegfried	24
Sara Dillon	4	Marilyn Davenport	17	Rowan Salyer	25
Bud Soendker	5	Scott Homfeld	17	Wilbert Hilgedick	28
Mary Kirchhoff	6	Tina Gibler	17	Jared Siegfried	28
Wendell Busch	6	Jessica Cole	19	Caleb Russell	29
Adam Augustine	7	Desmond Williams	19	June Thaller	29
Brent Fette	8	Kathleen Begemann	20	Cameron Zuehlsdorf	30
Warner Schelp	9				

### SALEM HISTORICAL PICTURE:

An old photo was found in a cabinet of the church office a couple of months ago. There was a piece of paper attached that said, "One of the men on the cupola is my Father, John A. A. Fink. I am not sure which one—but I think the one sitting down." Also attached a note saying, "Present church building under construction (about 1903)".

Of course we were showing the photo off in the church office and everyone that saw it thought it was so fascinating. Some interesting points of the picture are; There were no windows in the church yet, the men on top of the cupola are not wearing any safety harness and the street light is so interesting!

One of our church members decided to have the picture preserved on archival paper and matted and framed under conservator glass as a gift to the church for Anniversary Sunday. Thank you for the gift.

The framed picture is on display at the back of the sanctuary on the bulletin board. It will be displayed through the month of September and then placed in the Historical Cabinet in the Overflow Room.

Please take a moment to look at this picture, it is such a unique moment in our church history.



Maurice Hoefler will be 90 on September 1. To help him celebrate, we are hosting an "Open House" on Sunday, September 5th from 2:00 till 5:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Please, no gifts-just your visit. Hope you can join us for fellowship and refreshments.

- - His Family



**Meal delivery:** Salem along with other churches in Higginsville, deliver noon meals to those in our community that cannot get out themselves. Anyone interested in helping deliver meals, please call the church office (584-3603) or Ann Nuelle (584-7815).

**Stewardship in practice:** D2BD invites you to recycle your Sunday bulletins should you choose not to take them home. Please see the recycling boxes in various places around church. Thinking Green to save our environment and community.

**Food Pantry:** Salem stores and distributes food to families in need in the Corder-Higginsville School district. Non-perishable food donations are always welcome. (Food Pantry is a Church Women of Higginsville/Corder program)

**PASTORAL VISITS OR PRAYERS**

Anyone who would like a pastoral visit or are in need of prayers, please call the church office.

**TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE**

Transportation is available to any worship service. Please call the church office to make arrangements.

**From the Church Records**

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

The Neighbors in Need offering will be received on **October 3**. You may place your offering in the enclosed envelope, bring it to the church office, or place a check in the offering plate payable to Salem UCC-NIN during worship service on October 3.

Neighbors in Need supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource

for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, migrant farm workers program in Lexington MO, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made on-line at any time at : [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin).  
-Stewardship Committee

8:30 a.m.	July Attendance	10:00 a.m.
15	Sunday, 7-4-10	147
16	Sunday, 7-11-10	84
17	Sunday, 7-18-10	135
25	Sunday, 7-25-10	128
18	Average	124

**140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirts** Thank you to everyone that has purchased a Salem polo or t-shirt. The Board of Christian Education will place another order on Friday, September 24, if there is additional interest. There will be a minimum of 12 t-shirts needed to place an order, but there will not be a minimum order for the polo shirts. The t-shirts are \$10 a piece and the polos are \$25 a piece. Please contact the church office or Amy Goetz if you wish to place an order.

**Educator recognition Sunday,**

Sept. 26 @ 10:30 a.m. service. An open invitation is being extended to all education staff at Laf. Cty. C-1 and retirees to attend the 10:30 a.m. service on Sept. 26 for special recognition. Members of Salem who are involved in other school districts and educators they invite are also included. If you currently teach or have taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School or any other related activity at Salem, this invitation is also extended to you. As an educator you have had an influence in the lives of youth and adults and we want to recognize your efforts on this special Sunday. Oh, there may be assigned seating.  
Evangelism Committee

**BIBLE STUDY SIGN-UP INSERT:** Please notice the insert for bible study. If you are interested please place your completed form in the offering plate on Sunday morning or drop it by the church office by September 5.

### Salem Church Council Minutes from: July 15, 2010

The regular meeting of the Church Council was held on Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The members in attendance were Delbert Goetz, Mark Gross, Cindy Link, Pam Stout, Dot Renno, Ken Green, Rev. Joyce Holley. Licensed Associate Pastor Betty Thaller was with the Youth On Mission Group. President Mark Gross called the meeting to order and Rev. Holley led the Council in a devotional and prayer. June, 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ken Green made a motion to approve; seconded by Dot Renno. Motion carried.

Dot Renno gave the Treasurer's report. There were a total of \$15,228.77 in receipts/deposits and \$16,696.25 in disbursements. The Council reviewed the monthly expenditures. Delbert made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay bills; Ken seconded. Motion carried.

Rev. Holley's gave her report stating "there is much to be thankful for here at Salem." Rev. Holley attended all Board meetings, Lafayette County Cannonball Run/Walk for Habitat for Humanity, 4-H Fair, Farmer's Market and many ballgames. She had 8 hospital/care center visits and 10 other personal visits. She and Pastor Glenn Nowack have been working together to prepare the message for Anniversary Sunday. She will also be attending and assisting VBS this month. Reverend Holley constructed new banners that will be displayed for the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. For full Pastor's report, please see bulletin board.

Licensed Associate Pastor Betty Thaller was in Montgomery, West Virginia with the Youth On Mission group. The Council reviewed her report.

Youth On Mission members were commissioned at the July 4<sup>th</sup> service and leave for Montgomery, WV on July 10<sup>th</sup>. She has been practicing with the Praise Dancers for their Anniversary Sunday performance. She attended all Board meetings. Betty had 2 nursing home visits, 2 home visits and 10 office visits. For the full Licensed Associate Pastor's report, please see the bulletin board.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds – Delbert reported that there is work to be done at the parsonage. These repairs will be done when Pastor Joyce is out of town. Two bids have been submitted for installing carpet in the Fellowship Hall and Dining Hall. He also received bids for sealing the church parking lot.

Board of Christian Education – It was reported that there were over 65 shirts sold and everyone is encouraged to wear their shirts to worship services and other church functions.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration – Council members will help set up and do clean up for the event on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### NEW BUSINESS

Council will place a floral arrangement on Anniversary Sunday honoring Doris Jane Stoner's 55 years as organist at Salem.

Search Committee – There have been some selections made for members-at-large. President Gross hopes to announce the full committee sometime in September.

Sarah will be on vacation the week of July 19-23. She has made arrangements for staffing of the office in her absence.

Stewardship Committee – Pam Stout will call members to set up their first meeting in September.

Council members were reminded to assist with clean-up while David Thaller is on vacation July 25 through August 2.

The Budget Committee will meet in September in preparation for the congregational meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Link, Secretary

(A full copy of the Church Council minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.)

### Youth Opportunities at Salem

Salem has many opportunities for the youth to become involved in sharing God's word and spirit. Check out the list below and see what is available for the youth in your family. Meeting dates for the various groups will be listed in upcoming bulletins. For more information, contact Betty Thaller, Amy Goetz, or the church office.

Young Peacemakers Club- 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades

Team Dare 2 Be a Daniel- 4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grades

Journey Youth Group- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades

Senior High Youth Group

Praise Dancers- preschool and up

Puppet Ministry

Little Notes- toddler- 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Youth Choir- 2<sup>nd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Confirmation- 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Youth on Mission- Sr. High



Rotation Sunday School- begins at 9:15 on Sept. 12

**Lafayette Area Women's**

**Fellowship** will have their Fall meeting and pot-luck luncheon on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity UCC

Lexington, Missouri. Please bring a covered dish. Table service and drinks will be provided. Our speaker will be Ms. Tommy Haas of the Iowa Conference U.C.C. She will share some of her perspective on rural women serving Christ in our own special ways and will be presenting "Living in the House of God."

**Young Peacemakers:** All first, second and third graders are invited to be Young Peacemakers. Our Young Peacemakers group meets at church on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 pm. See you on September 20 at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call Betty.

 *A Special*  
**THANK YOU**  Wilburn and Annarose Woods for organizing the "Summer Fellowship Time!" Thanks to all who made the refreshments and served them this summer!

Everyone that shared their special music with us this summer and to Jamie Smith for organizing the summer "Special Music".

Everyone that donated their time and skills to make the necessary repairs to the phone lines, electrical needs and sound system after lightning struck the church in July!

**Thank you!** The Memorial Committee wishes to "Thank" Pastor Joyce for all the work she did on the new banners and for her creativity. The Memorial Committee

**Thank You!** I would like to thank everyone who sent a card, called or visited after my surgery. It was sincerely appreciated, a special thank you to Rev. Joyce for sitting with Betty during my surgery. God bless you. David Thaller

**Triple Delight on Wednesday Night!**

Please join us on:

**Wednesday, September 1, 2010.**

**Delight #1:** The Handbell Choir will rehearse from 7:00-7:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Delight #2:** Reverend Joyce has graciously offered to prepare her famous Triple Berry Cobbler and ice cream for those who are wishing to visit and participate in the Handbell or Chancel Choirs! This scrumptious event will be held in the fellowship Hall From 7:45-8:15 p.m.!

**Delight #3:** To finish off the evening, the Chancel Choir will rehearse from 8:15-9:00 p.m. Even if your schedules do not allow you to attend every Wednesday night, you are welcome whenever time allows.

The Handbell Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. and this choir plays on the fourth Sunday of every month during the 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

The Chancel Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays from 8-9 p.m. and this choir sings the first, second, fourth, and fifth Sundays of each month during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Hope to see you on September 1st! Jamie Smith

**Thank you!** We would like to thank all of the volunteers from Salem, both the donors and all the workers that made our visit from the Community Bloodmobile at Salem a success.

Our donor goal was 50 and when all the units were added up we had a total of 59 units. We had 2 first time donors also.

A mobile drive such as ours helps to supply the blood needed by hospitals in our 40 county area.

Thanks to each of you.

Carol Tankesley & Mary Louise Fisher, Co-Chm.

**GET OUT YOUR WALKING SHOES**

it's time to make a difference in people's lives.

There are two opportunities to move and make a difference:

**MOVE YOUR FEET FOR HUNGER & HEAT**

A benefit Run/Walk for Higginsville Heat and Hunger Fund will be held Saturday, September 18 at 8:00 a.m. (Country Fair). Funds raised support the Ministerial Fellowship Heat and Hunger Fund and help meet the utility needs for families in our area. Registration forms are available in the church office or call 584-7165. Please respond by September 10.

**STEP OUT AND TOUCH THE WORLD** as you walk in this years CROP Hunger Walk. Calling all Salem slow walkers, fast walkers, and non walkers, now is the time to step up to end hunger in our community and around the world. In the words of Martha Hawthorne, this years Lafayette CROP Hunger Walk coordinator: "LET'S GET STARTED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD AND COMMUNITY AND OUR CHURCHES! I'm excited about this year's CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 3, at 3:00 p.m. at Confederate State Park in Higginsville." Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. There will be a shuttle from our church so you will not have to worry about parking. Last year we had 28 walkers – this year our goal is 38 walkers – LET'S WALK! So get your Salem shirt on, lace up those sneakers and let's walk together and make a BIG difference for Heat and Hunger Fund and the CROP Hunger Walk. The world could use a few good steps – step up!



**Salem UCC**



# **Hayride and Wiener Roast**

**Saturday, October 9, 2010**

At the home of

Bill and Paula Oelrichs

Join us for

Family Fun at 5:00 p.m.

Wiener Roast at 6:00 p.m.

Hayride around 7:00 p.m.

Please bring a side dish and lawn chairs. Hotdogs, buns, drinks, and tableware will be provided.

Contact the church office for more information.