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March 2010

SALEM CHURCH  FOND DU LAC & LAMARTINE

Journeys of an Ambling Soul

by Rev. Jack Stubbs



Lent is always a trip.

In the upper Midwest Lent begins in winter and ends with the first hints of spring. If we are fortunate it culminates in robins and daffodils, yet we are given these lovely gifts only occasionally. (I used to plan for Easter outdoor sunrise services until an unbroken chain of dark cold sleety Wisconsin mornings wrung all enthusiasm out of me for that sort of worship.) However, it is a trip.

This year our church will be taking a number of journeys. The first will be one of prayer. We will be hosting a Prayer Retreat at the Oakfield UM Church. We will have worship, a seminar on prayer, as well as time for individual reflection and meditation. Plan to join us for this special time.

The second journey will be a series of sermons I plan to give during this season. The series is entitled, "What About Heaven?" A member of our church suggested the topic last year when I asked for ideas for sermons. The sermons will range from answering questions about what is death, hell, paradise, and whether heaven can come to earth.

The third journey is my declaring this the *Year for Lamartine*. I am asking everyone in our congregation who hasn't yet worshiped at our Lamartine site to do so before summer. This summer I will lead a conversation in the congregation about our hopes for the future mission of Lamartine. The service is at 10:45 AM on Sunday mornings. If you need a ride, please call the church office.

The final journey is a personal one I am inviting others to join. I have decided to give up my car for Lent. While there may be emergencies where I will have to use it, I will try to walk, take the bus, get rides, or when the weather is better ride my bicycle. Moreover, while my traveling will take longer it is my intention this will not be wasted time. I plan to be prayerful on these journeys. I intend to lift you all up in prayer, to ask God to bless each of you that you too may travel on this way of light. In addition, I will try to practice mindfulness. By this, I mean to be aware, as deeply as I can, of the world around me. I know not all of us can give up our cars, but perhaps I can inspire you to drive less, and use other methods more. I am planning to write a blog about my experience, check out <http://web.me.com/jackstubbs>.

One-way of understanding the Lenten season Biblically is to think of it as Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, the cross, and resurrection. This is a spiritual pilgrimage for each of us to follow.

Prayer: O God of all life's journeys; we thank you for the way, the truth, and the life. Grant us that special holy desire to walk in your grace. Give us hope for the traveling of our souls, that change will not frighten us, or new realities. However, bless us with love so that the victory of the goal will be present in every step. Amen.



Lenten Prayer Retreat

*Saturday, March 13
Oakfield UMC*

9:00am – 2:00pm

The Salem Prayer Team is offering a retreat during the 40 days of Lent to get away for a few hours to pray, study, and worship in the beautiful setting of the Oakfield UM Church. Rev. Stubbs will lead a study on The Lord's Prayer and there'll be a time for reflection, quiet meditation and fellowship around the noon meal. This will also be an opportunity for Salem people to have a time of fellowship with members of our circuit.

A registration form is on page 7 of this newsletter; deadline to register is March 8. Please contact the office at 921-8605 for more info. There is a \$5 fee which includes lunch. Scholarships are available. There are opportunities available for people in leadership positions, Sunday School Leaders, and "just" regular folk to take time and make space for God.

Carpe diem – urges us to seize the day, too often we procrastinate and are Carpe Manana!



Senior Choir Easter Cantata

The Senior Choir Easter Cantata "Praise the God of Resurrection" will be presented during the worship services on March 21 at Salem-FdL at 9:00am and at Salem-Lamartine at 10:45am.



We have a full schedule of special services to celebrate the holiest of weeks in the Christian faith. We hope you'll join us during this most sacred time.

Palm Sunday, March 28th

We'll have special worship services at 9:00am-FdL and 10:45am at Lamartine. Both services will have a Processional of Palms by the children.

Wednesday, March 31st

The inspirational 12:05pm Prayer Service will be held at Salem-FdL in the Chapel.

Maundy Thursday, April 1st

A solemn service will be conducted at 7:00pm at Salem-FdL. Holy Communion will be served.

Good Friday, April 2nd

An Ecumenical Good Friday service, hosted by the FdL Ministerial Association, will be held at 12:05pm at Pilgrim UCC, 535 Stow Street. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

At our 5:30pm worship at Salem-FdL, we will observe Easter Eve.

Easter Sunday, April 4th

This will be a morning of joy. We will host the 9:00am service at Salem-FdL and at Salem-Lamartine the Easter service will be at 10:45am.

Spiritual Refreshment

A Prayer Service is held every Wednesday at 12:05pm at Salem-FdL in the Chapel and an evening prayer service is held on the first Wednesday of each month at Lamartine at 7:30pm (March 3). Join us throughout the Lenten season for a time of music, prayer, spoken and/or meditation, and communion.



EFT News



(Electronic Fund Transfer)

If you are currently signed up for EFT and have made a new pledge for 2010, you need to make that adjustment. If you signed up on the Salem website you can do it yourself; if you signed up through the church office you must contact Shelly to make that adjustment for you. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly (921-8605).



**Fun for All!
Easter Egg Hunt**



SUM Youth will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on March 27 at 9:30am to 11:30am for all the youth and their families of Salem! Please come and enjoy games and an egg hunt with snacks and crafts. The cost will be \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 for a family. Friends are welcome. Please RSVP by March 20, so we can plan accordingly. Call Becky in the office or email her at rebecca.towne@att.net or cell 979-0691.

Looking Back...



It Was a Fat Tuesday

The Mardi Gras service and meal held on Tuesday, February 16 was a jubilant celebration!! First, the band... a great group and boy, could they play. Thank you so much to Travis Worth for organizing the band. All the decorations, the horns, the beads, and oh, don't forget the food - Cajun chicken, red beans & rice, jambalaya, corn bread, and pecan pie. Thank you to the cooks! About 66 people enjoyed a night of fun and fellowship.

Hearts Abound

A "lovely" time was had by those who attended the Valentine Party on February 6. Valentines were made for Salem's shut-ins and we watched a great movie. Heart shaped cookies was the extra special treat of the day. A great time was had by all.

One Ladle at a Time!

A heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who helped with set up and cleanup, made soups or donated food and for everyone who purchased lunch and just shared in some great fellowship on February 21. Your donations helped raise additional support toward our trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.

God has blessed us with a caring church family who supports mission in so many ways.

Mission Trip Participants:

Amanda Cords	Jason Cords	Alan Ford
Trevor Haug	Larry Kent	Craig Larson
Ben Schreiber	Sam Schreiber	



Plenty of Sweethearts

About three dozen people enjoyed the Salem Men's Fellowship Sweetheart breakfast on February 13. There is nothing better than sharing a good meal with great company!

Mission Outreach



Salem Serves Loaves & Fishes Monday, March 8

We need help serving; especially clean-up. If you can help, it would be appreciated! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entrance area. The meal is served at Church of Peace. If you're on the Loaves & Fishes team, please remember to donate \$10.00 for the serving date. Anyone may help by donating toward this local mission, just mark your gift "Loaves & Fishes" and place it in the offering or bring to the office.

March Mission of the Month

One Great Hour of Sharing



You can join United Methodists worldwide by making a special offering through One Great Hour of Sharing to support humanitarian aid through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). *And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 (NIV)*

LIFE-CHANGING MINISTRY – A RESPONSE TO GOD'S

LOVE: Your gifts to One Great Hour of sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to seek justice and mercy for suffering people everywhere. You can be assured that when catastrophes cause suffering, your church, impelled by Jesus' love and compassion will be there to ease the pain.

THE 2010 OFFERING – ESSENTIAL TO UMCOR: Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." That helps them keep their promise that 100% of every other gift made to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project - not on home office costs. Offerings over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they're needed. UMCOR's specialized ministries responding in disaster, fighting hunger, alleviating poverty, providing relief supplies around the world, and offering hospitality to immigrants and refugees all assist the most vulnerable people whose need is greatest. Without this offering so much of what UMCOR does to bring hope and healing to the world could not happen.

ANSWERING JESUS' CALL – our donations often become the springboard for additional funding. The compassion of Jesus makes all things new. As Christians we're called to do the same – to offer the hands, the heart and the hope of the church wherever people are suffering. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, channeled through UMCOR, enable the church to answer that call. Please place your gifts in the envelope enclosed in this newsletter or mark your gift "One Great Hour OF Sharing".

Mission Celebration

April 18 at 12:00 at Salem-FdL

Please join us for a noon meal followed by a presentation by our special guest speaker, Rev. Joan C. Deming. Come and hear the story of the Mar Elias Educational Institutions (MEEI) located in Ibillin, Israel. These institutions were founded by Father Elias Chacour to bring justice and peace to the Holy Land. Today, literally thousands of MEEI graduates know that Arabs and Israelis – Christians, Muslims, Jews and Druze can live and work together in a community of justice and peace. Father Chacour writes, "It is not with might that we can conquer the heart of people and most specially the hearts of children. If today we abuse our children, they will in the future abuse each other and perpetuate the cycle of violence."

If you would like to join us for the potluck meal (chicken and beverage provided), please complete the reservation form located on page 7 of this newsletter.

Books



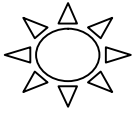
Between Bites

Hear a book review on your lunch break! Bring a sack lunch, coffee and soda are available. Books Between Bites will meet at Salem-FdL on Tuesday, March 9 at 12:10pm. *The Dangerous Book for Boys* by Hal and Conn Iggulden captures the essence of boyhood of years gone by. It is an engaging and entertaining guide book for boys. *The Dangerous Book for Girls* by Andrea J. Buchanan and Miriam Peskowitz is the manual for everything that girls need to know. It is every girl's invitation to adventure. Marianne Niles, a licensed psychologist for FdL County Dept. of Community Programs and for Green Lake County Dept. of Health and Human Services will review these Fond du Lac Reads! selections.



Best Wishes~

Will & Tammy Burgdorf
exchanged marriage vows at
Salem on February 13.



Morning Glory Circle

Morning Glory will meet on Thursday, March 4 at 9:15am at Salem-FdL.

Hostesses are Zoe Barfknecht and Jackie Packard. The program will be lead by Ellen Isensee. There'll be a collection of the items for the Health kits.

World Day of Prayer

March 5 – 1:30pm at First Presbyterian Church

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March. For 2010, the women of Cameroon developed the theme *Let everything that has breath praise God*. Please join us for a time of worship and fellowship - all women are welcome.

Church Women United Meeting

March 18 – 9:15am at Covenant UMC

Our special guest speaker will be S. Stella Storch, Justice Coordinator for the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes. S. Stella will be talking of the trafficking of persons – especially women and children – for sexual exploitation and for labor. We often think slavery is a thing of the past, but it is flourishing in the world including right here in the United States. She will share with us ways that we can inform ourselves and things we can do in response to this crisis. All women are welcome. Please join us for a time of fellowship and learning.

Mission Celebration Reservation Form

Please complete form and drop it in the offering plate or bring to the office by Sunday, April 11.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of People attending: _____

I will bring the following dish to pass:

Salad or Fruit Salad

Vegetable dish

Rolls

Dessert

Prayer Retreat Registration Form

Please complete form and drop it in the offering plate or bring to the office by Monday, March 8.

Name: _____

Phone: _____



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Rebecca & Dan Towne
- 13 Mindy & Adam Dill
- 19 Jean & Donald Scheer
- 20 Amy & James Jarvis
- 28 MarJean & Neal Buck

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gary Pucker
- 2 Earl Degner
Megan Tagliapietra
- 3 Wayne Buck
Dorothy Fisher
Kathy Platt
Casanna Rasch
- 4 Kimberly Zabel
- 5 Lynette Krohn
- 6 James B. Kottke
Jeff Smith
J.P. Voight
Courtney Kramer

- Becky McDowell
- 7 Gerianne Pertl
- 8 Laura Jean Deming
Brooke Riesenber
- 9 Randy Kottke
Sharon Rasmussen
Geraldine Sasada
Shane Boelk
Lacey Schafer
- 10 Bryn Corbin
Taylor Westphal
- 12 Lexi Voight
- 13 Lois Farina
Linda Higley
Ruth Potratz
- 14 Karen Kalsbeek
Brian Anderson
- 15 Brent Sabel
- 16 Jason Kissinger
- 17 Richard Rozek
- 18 Megan Francis

- Colin Gilliland
Deb Gilliland
- 19 Harry Classen
Mindy Dill
David Sasada
Jennifer Abitz
- 20 Trey Laudoff
Tom Foth
- 22 Dolores Belanger
Susan Kastorff
- 24 Dorothy Dunham
Mary Van Ruiswijk
- 26 Madison Boeder
- 27 Mildred Wohler
Jennifer Cunningham
- 28 Joshua Cowles
Brenda King
- 29 Danielle Schueller
Donald Scheer
- 31 Nick Guenther
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

12:05 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service at Salem-FdL
7:30 p.m. 1st Wed. of the Month Prayer Service at Salem-Lamartine
5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship at Salem-FdL
9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship at Salem-FdL
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at Salem-Lamartine
10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at Salem-FdL
10:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship at Salem-Lamartine

**NURSERY CARE IS PROVIDED ON SUNDAY DURING
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT SALEM-FDL!**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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