

Salem In Ballwin United Methodist Church
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Salem-in Ballwin UMC is
a welcoming church family building faith-

It's a Place You Can Come Home To.

Feel it ~ Live it ~ Share it



The Salem Life Lines

OCTOBER 2009

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The Millennium Mission Candle

The Millennium Candle can be lit Sunday morning at anyone's request for a minimum of \$10.00. It can be lit in memory of someone or to honor someone. Request forms are located in the narthex.

The October Mission is Circle of Concern Food Pantry

Each month over 1000 people receive food from Circle. Families receive food once a month based on the size of their family. They get canned goods, frozen meats, bakery items, bread, fresh produce, milk and eggs. Personal care items and paper products are also given out each month.

Circle

Canned Meats
Canned Pasta
Deodorant
Large Diapers
Paper Grocery Bags

Needs



DON'T FORGET our recycling container outside church.

Do Recycle

Newspaper
Magazines
Shopping Catalogs
Mail
Office/ School Paper
Envelopes – with and Without windows

Do Not Recycle

Plastic/Glass
Cardboard
Foodwrap/container
Tissue products
Phone books
Cereal/Soda Cartons
Aluminum/metal
Cardboard



Ready to start Fall cleaning? We are accepting donations for the annual church yard sale. Please place items in the basement along the east wall with the yard sale signs. Bring items in by the Thursday before for a receipt. To volunteer your time to set up and/or work the sale, please contact Dee Vogt. Presale Friday, October 23, 6:30-8:00 pm, charge \$1.00. Sale Saturday, October 24th 7-11:00 am

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Churches seem to regularly dread the issue of a financial stewardship campaign, or even the mention of money. The dread comes from both pulpit and pew.

I find it awkward in the midst of an uncertain economy to remind you again of the need to give. Likewise, I would think people would have a natural resistance to something as personal as their financial lives. Frequently, the matter of money is only endured. Seldom is it deemed as opportunity for reflection and renewal. I would like that to change. Over the next few weeks, we are going to begin our stewardship campaign. More than anything, I would like this to be an opportunity for the church to assess and celebrate "What God is calling me to do?"

Stewardship is not just about finances and it certainly is not something we should think about just once a year. After all, more than anything, we are stewards of the Good News of Jesus Christ and that certainly is cause for reflection and celebration.

In this Spirit, I invite all of you to come celebrate "Consecration Sunday" on November 8.

Pastor Suzanne

BJ Fuhrmann, Consecration Sunday Chair

YOU CAN Be In Mission



...when you give generously to this ministry at the altar rail on Communion Sundays. Each month in 2009 you will have an opportunity to support a different mission.

OCTOBER Shalom House

NOVEMBER Kingdom House

DECEMBER Doorways

UPCOMING POTLUCKS



October 25

There will be no potlucks in November or December

THANK YOU

As you may recall, we as a church conducted a "Baby Shower" during the month of May. From that event, we collected over 130 items valued at over \$400.00. Personally, and on behalf of the Arch Chapter of Newborns In Need I want to say thank you.

Your open hearts and generosity is making a difference in the lives of newborns and their families in the St Louis area.



Bob Hardcastle



"Time to Change the Locks"

On 11/7/09 the Board of Trustees will be rekeying the locks on all exterior doors at Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church.

The rekeying will include Rev. Lyons Office and the Church Office.

With the break-in that occurred earlier this year, which caused damage and disruption to worship services in the Sanctuary, one of the recommendations made by the Ballwin Police was to have positive key control.

It has been some time since the church has been rekeyed and a list of people who currently have keys is not in existence. The Board of Trustees wants to have better recognition of the people who have a key and limit the number of keys for Church Members and outside groups.

To reduce the wide spread use of numerous keys, the following system is being put into effect. A signature form is to be filled out by each person who legitimately needs a key. A \$5.00 deposit will be required for each new key, which is returnable once the key is returned, with your copy of the signature form. The key will be stamped with "do not duplicate" and each will have a unique number.

After the 11/7/09 rekeying, signature forms can be filled out with your \$5.00 deposit per key, with the Church Office Secretary on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 8:00 am to Noon or from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The new key can be obtained at that time from the Church Office Secretary.

Thanks.....Board of Trustees

“Koinonia Sunday School Class”

The Koinonia Sunday School Class invites you to join our class as we study the Book of Acts each Sunday morning beginning at 9:25 PM. We are using a professional DVD video to help us better understand “Acts” and you can join us any Sunday and feel comfortable whether you are able to attend all the classes or not. We do caution however that our class believes being a Christian means enjoying the experience so we tend to laugh a “bit much” as we reflect upon the unique gifts God has, or has not, given to each of us. At the same time we care about people and we begin each class with prayer about those issues in our lives where we need a little support. So – if you would like to attend a great class on the Book of Acts, if you don’t mind laughing, and if you care about people – come join us and see what we are about!

Koinonia Sunday School Class

A Note From Your Pastor

As your new pastor, I just want to officially offer my **whole-hearted Thanks** for the many ways I have felt welcomed. I know I used this image before in my sermon, but it is well worth mentioning again. Throughout these first few months, there have been numerous occasions when I have felt overwhelmed, disoriented, inspired but in need of sustenance. In these moments, I discovered myself among the five thousand sitting on a hillside. Time and time again, I have experienced one of you approaching with a basket of bread and fish, offering the bread of life that comes from a limitless basket. As we continue to journey together, my prayer is that we can continue to find abundance even in the midst of scarcity (five loaves and two fish).

“You know how much we like to eat around here.”

Grace and Peace my friends,
Rev. Suzanne Lyons

“BLOGS”

Take some time and check out our Bible Study and Koinonia Sunday School Class BLOGS.

Bible Study saleminballwinmbs.blogspot.com
Koinonia SS terrypursley.blogspot.com



“Thanksgiving Dinner”

Please mark your calendar for **November 21, 2009** as this is the day the Koinonia Sunday School class will sponsor our 18th Thanksgiving Dinner.

This dinner was established and remains primarily targeted to serve people and families associated with the “Circle of Concern”; however, this year we are inviting anyone you may know who, because of the current economic situations, would enjoy joining us for the dinner.

The meal is free to all guests and we simply ask for “free will” offerings from church members with the understanding that any money raised above what is needed for the cost of the meal will be given to the “Circle of Concern”.

In addition, we ask church members, who are available and willing to come, to join us and share the meal with our guests because we believe it is the physical presence of our members that can make a big difference in the success of the event.

We will also need volunteers to help with the cooking, serving, and cleaning so please consider joining us and helping this great Salem tradition continue to reach out and help families in our community. We will provide more information at a later time but for now -

Thanks for your consideration.

Terry Pursley



October Birthdays

10/02 Lorena Daubendiek
10/07 Ashley Kirk
10/07 Ed Montgomery
10/09 Mary Makuta
10/10 Michael Hardcastle
10/11 Donna Rascher
10/12 Madeline Walton
10/13 Lucille Jaycox
10/13 Bryan Mack
10/13 Court Mandrell
10/14 Jeanne Williams
10/15 John Roe
10/16 Penney Adams
10/16 Gladys Green
10/16 Noriko McLeer
10/18 Bob Antoine
10/18 Gary Crabtree
10/20 Hunter Delgado
10/21 Dennis Callier
10/22 Jaymes Kirk
10/22 Terry Pursley
10/23 Miles Buermann Payne
10/25 Bonnie Risby
10/27 Gene Dickens
10/27 Nancy Picker
10/28 Susan Duff Jespersen
10/29 Perry Smith
10/29 Jimmie Sayre
10/30 Michael Thompson
10/31 Una Crabtree
10/31 Bernie Stamer



October Anniversaries

10/07 Ben & Nell Barnett 42 yrs
10/09 Ron & Carol Niere 33 yrs
10/13 John & Betty Roe 47 yrs
10/16 Steve & Cathy Gregory 27 yrs
10/23 Dennis & Cindy Callier 38 yrs
10/26 Roger & Susan Jespersen 18 yrs
10/31 Clyde & Peggy Araki 16 yrs

THANK YOU~~~~~

I want to thank everyone for supporting me in my bike ride for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Whether by prayers, gifts or both your support meant very much to me as well as those afflicted with this terrible disease.

Thanks and as always - Have a Great Day and Enjoy Life!

Terry Pursley

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your donation of food items and school supplies on August 4, 2009 to Circle of Concern's pantry!

Since 1967, the Circle has fed hungry children, parents and seniors: helped families stay warm and get the medicine they needed; provided scholarships and school supplies to students; and in many other ways, assisted the working poor as they struggle to survive.

We are the first place that needy west county families go for help. We know that we can continue to face new challenges and reach out to our neighbors because of the love and support we receive from people like you, the 'links' in the Circle of Concern

Glenn Koenen  
Executive Director

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A little note...

You don't stop laughing because you grow old.
You grow old because you stop laughing!

Betty Caswell



Library Additions

250 Sch & DVD	Schnase Five Practices Leader Manual & Media (6 set DVD, study guide)
254 Mal	Malphurs Advanced Strategic Planning
248.4 Nou	Nouwen Reaching Out
248.4 Nou	Nouwen Making All Things New



United Methodist Upcoming Program

October 12 - Roger Wooden Missouri Conference United Methodist Men's President will talk on how the conference and the local unit can support each other, and how we can build a stronger, better local unit to support the local church. Roger is a member of Manchester UMC.

Roger is a busy individual, who is giving his time to address our local club and we would like to see a large turn out for him.

Please RSVP to Larry Ralston at (636) 225-3653.

Meeting time and dinner is at 6:29 pm the second Monday of each month.