



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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FALL CANVAS 2018

A quick reminder to all church members from the Stewardship and Mission Committee and the Session: Fall Canvas letters were mailed out in September. We hope you have all had a chance to consider your church giving for 2019. The Finance Committee needs this information to do our budget planning for the upcoming year. Please return your cards to church by October 21, 2018 and thank you for helping make us Better Together.

PUMPKIN DECORATING



The Membership and Evangelism committee asks children of all ages to come and decorate pumpkins after Worship on Sunday, October 21st. We will be drawing, painting, etc. on the pumpkins---no knives or carving. Watch for more details at church. Come and attend this fun family event!

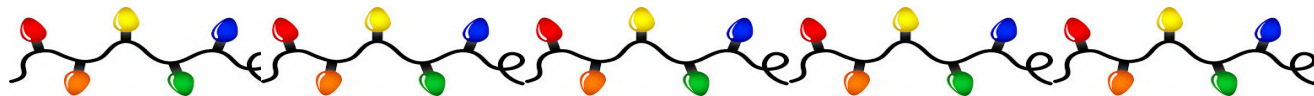
2018 Trunk-Or-Treat—West Salem Village Park & Downtown

Wednesday, October 31st 4 – 6pm



Our church, once again, will be participating in this event for families and children. We will have a booth in the Village Park, along with other groups and businesses handing out treat bags to children age 12 and under. This a safe and fun trick-or-treat experience, and also provides some publicity for our church.

~ Sponsored by the Membership and Evangelism Committee



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for December 1st for the Annual Holiday Dinner & Silent Auction with live music. Please be on the lookout for those special items that would make Silent Auction items! Thanks!

August 2018 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance August 1st	\$14,430.26
Receipts	16,785.83
Expenses	(18,164.57)

Ending Balance—August 31st \$13,051.52



Prayer Chain

Helen Harold	786-0856
Sharon Shaw	786-0653
Vickie Holt	786-1659
Sharon Cullmann	797-1732
Elinor Johnston	786-2441
Marilyn Bahr	786-0315
Diana Engel	786-1560
Becky Auna	786-0097

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION:

- Approved outdoor Wedding amendment to Wedding Policy
- Approved purchasing Sunday School Curriculum for 7th-12th graders
- Approved Fall Canvas letter written by Nick Miller
- Approved hiring Rachel Handrick as our new Choir Director
- Approved Holiday Dinner & Silent Auction for December 1, 2018

Hats off to:

- our September nursery helpers: Dane Bohnsack, Jaycob Brown, Julia Byrnes, Ethan Crusan and Aly Cvikota
- our September acolytes: Bradley Baker, Evan Crusan, Jolie Meyers, Evelyn Raymer, Dax Pfaff, Kendall Stephenson, Ayden Schuster & Ava Schuster
- our September liturgists: Nick Miller, Becky Auna, Helen Harold, Jane Foner & Howard Garves
- our September sound room: Kelly Crusan, Grant Bohnsack & Tiffani LaJeunesse



Announcing our Fall Book Club!



<i>What:</i>	Book Club
<i>Topic:</i>	Grief
<i>Where:</i>	At Church
<i>When:</i>	Wednesday nights 6:15pm to 7pm for 6-8 weeks

We are meeting once per week on Wednesday evenings at church. The book we are using is "Holding on to Hope ~ A Pathway through Suffering to the Heart of God" by Nancy Guthrie. The book includes a Bible study on the book of Job for readers and groups that want to dig deeper into what the Bible says about dealing with suffering.

Come share, learn, heal, and fellowship as we work our way through the book within a couple months. Everyone is welcome to join in any time, and books are available for your purchase. Whether you've lost someone dear, have friends going through grief, or just want to learn and support others, please join.

For more information see the Membership & Evangelism Committee

(Kristjan Sells, Kathy Schedin, Sherry Bonsall, Janice Steiger)

Music

Edward Bulwer Lytton was once quoted as saying, "Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit, and never dies."

How many of us have not heard one of our favorite songs on the radio and not sang along? Especially if we are alone and no one could hear if we are in tune or not. Let me offer a few thoughts for you: The 1969 release of "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond. The refrain begins with 'Sweet Caroline good time never seemed to good.' Here is the question: in your mind, did you put the "bum, bum, bum" in after Sweet Caroline? Those words are not written into the lyrics but that is the way this generation seems to know this song.

Hymns stir our souls and capture our imagination as well. When asked what is your favorite hymn, what do you say? Does that hymn have a special meaning to you because it was one of your parent's favorites? Did that hymn speak to you at one time and now whenever it is sung you are transported back to that special time in your life?

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine; is one of my favorite hymns. The refrain goes like this; This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song praising my Savior all the day long." (My hope is that is what I do.)

LindaJo McKim did some research on hymns and here is a portion of what she wrote about "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915) wrote this and some 8000 other gospel song texts. And she was blind. Now Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908), wife of the founder of the Metropolitan Life insurance Company, wrote the music. Playing it for her good friend Fanny, Phoebe asked Fanny what does this music say to you? Fanny replied; Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine. And off she went to pen the remainder of the lyrics.

What is your favorite hymn? How does music touch our soul? I'm thankful for people who lead us in music week after week. For Julie playing the piano and those who fill in for her from time to time. For Greg and his playing of a variety of stringed instruments. For people like Nick who play other instruments from time to time. Soon you will have met our new choir director Rachel Handrick, and we look forward to her leadership, both directing and vocally. And for those who have in the past and will be filling in special music times in the months to come. God uses voices and instruments to bring music into our lives, hopefully that music lifts our souls and assists us in praising our God all the day long.

Just a word of encouragement, if you would like to share your musical talents with the congregation there will be times each month to do so, check the kiosk and sign up.

Pastor Larry

Fall Clean-up Day Scheduled for October



The Building and Grounds Committee would appreciate your help Saturday, October 13th starting at 9 AM. We will need a good crew of helpers to assist with freshening up the church. Cleaning supplies provided and a list of areas to clean. Please drop by anytime of the day and know that anyone that has an hour or more to give would be welcome.

Please join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 21st
at 6:30 PM



PW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS OCTOBER 3rd

PW Bible Study begins on Wednesday at 1:00 PM in the room between the offices on October 3rd and continues on October 10th and 17th. The topic will be, "God's Promise, I am with you." Please join us for a time of study, fellowship and prayer. Plan to join us!



WEST SALEM CLEAN-UP DAY

There will be another garbage cleanup for Grady LaJeunesse's SEP project on October 21st. There will be lunch provided for anyone who volunteers and plan for about 4 hours of cleanup. The only thing you have to do is show up-bags, reflective gear, and gloves will be provided (if you have gloves at home that you can bring that would be very helpful). The more volunteers we have the better. It was so much fun last time and I look forward to seeing everyone there!



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected from September 2nd-October 7th. The Special Offerings that are taken each year are a reminder to all church members that the Presbyterian Church has chosen to ask for support in these specific areas. The giving that we do here shows our commitment to one another, our community and others around the globe. This collection is a reminder that blessed are the peacemakers.



FALL RUMMAGE SALE 2018 WRAP-UP



Whew, another rummage sale is behind us. Hopefully all the hard working, dedicated workers are getting a chance to get some well deserved rest. Many thanks go out to everyone that helped in any way. Your help donating, setting up, unpacking, cleaning, pricing, organizing, preparing food, packing the unsold items for donation and getting the church ready for Sunday is greatly appreciated by all. Our church coffers were enriched by \$5800.00. It is never too early to start saving items for the next sale! Thanks to everyone! Job well done!

Sound Room Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in learning how to operate the sound system in our sanctuary? If so, we need you! We are looking for volunteers to help in the sound room on Sunday mornings and for special events such as weddings. 6th graders and older are encouraged to learn how to operate our sound system. Please see anyone in the sound room or on the Christian Education Committee if interested.

PW Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is fast approaching. Do any of our "crafty" members or friends have any items which would be suitable for use as raffle prizes? If you can donate anything, please call Sue Strauss at 786-0758 or let Holly in the Church office know. Thanks a lot for your help!



OCTOBER CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

3rd—5:00 Class in Bangor
10th—5:00 Class in West Salem
17th—5:00 Class in West Salem
24th—5:00 Community Dinner



OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Charles Engel

FELLOWSHIP (Serve/Clean-up): Finance Committee

LITURGIST & GREETER

7—Kathy Schedin
14—Jackie Siekert
21—Tiffani LaJeunesse
28—Shayna Arndt

NURSERY CARE

7—Brigitta Haugen
14—Willis Jones
21—Tanner Jones
28—Keahna Littlejohn

GREETERS (Fellowship Hall Doors)

7—Alan Schedin
14—Mike Siekert
21—Kevin Aleckson
28—Kevin Arndt

ACCOYLTES

7—Lily Oldenburg & Jolie Meyers
14—Josiah Wolbrink & Xander Wuensch
21—Evan Crusan & Kendall Stephenson
28—Evelyn Raymer & Ava Schuster

SOUND ROOM TECHNICIANS

7—Grant Bohnsack
14—Genevieve Haugen
21—Genevieve Haugen
28—Tiffani LaJeunesse

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Terry Miller and family on the death of
her father, Reuben Hundt, on August 30th
and her brother, David Trehus, on
September 12th.



Congratulations to :

Jacob & Kelsie Miller on the baptism of Everett
Jacob, on August 26th!

Doug Steiger & Lizette Cisneros on the baptism of
Elliott Jameson, on September 23rd!

Alysia Cisneros on the baptism of Krystal Arianna,
on September 23rd!



1—Cameron Lambertson
3—Larry Haverly, Liam Lambertson
4—Natalie Haverly, Mark Wolf
5—Diana Engel, Margie Denson
6—David Noel
7—Patrick Brummond, Payton Wolf, Trisha Jones
8—Helen Harold, Kristjan Sells
10—Clark Burdick, Gwyn Calvetti, Randall Griffin
11—Vickie Bain, Pete Hass, Jerry Meyer
15—Genevieve Haugen
16—Kennedy Hamilton

17—Susan Evans, Terry Logging, Sharon Shaw, Sheryl Lee
19—Lynda Bahr, Easton Gerdes
20—Heidi Horton, Evelyn Benzing
21—Rachel Winther
22—Kimberly Seeger, Ava Schuster
25—Scott Griffin, Brittany Bjorkman
28—Colin Hass, Gideon Wolbrink
30—Jaycob Brown
31—Joyce Garves, Sue Winterfield



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Quick Look Ahead:

- PW Bible Study begins Wednesday, October 3rd
- Cleaning Day—Saturday, October 13th beginning at 9:00 AM
- Pumpkin Decorating –Sunday, October 21st following Worship
- All Saints' Sunday—November 4th
- Daylight Savings Time Ends—Sunday, November 4th
- PW Fall Festival—Saturday, November 10th, 8:30-11:00 AM
- Red Cross Blood Drive—Friday, November 16th

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Please inform the church office of any change in your address.