

Fourth Avenue UMC Newsletter



Pastoral Transition

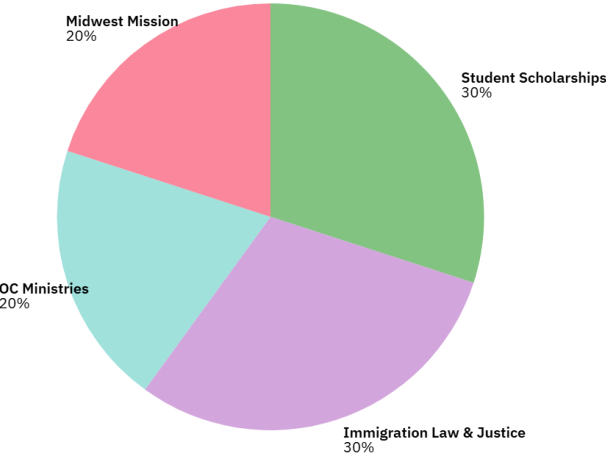
By Pastor Amy Jo Bur

As we prepare to gather for this year's Annual Conference, I am excited about many aspects of the gathering: seeing beloved friends and colleagues, joining together in beautiful music in worship, collecting mission supplies, sharing in the love offering, and celebrating the new chapters in life for those being commissioned, ordained, or retiring from ordained ministry. I wanted to begin to communicate the designation for this year's Annual Conference Love offering as I write today:



30% to student scholarships at Africa University. Africa University in Zimbabwe currently educates 2,500 students from 24 countries in Africa. Africa University is committed to increasing the number of students who enroll from all the countries of

sub-Saharan Africa where The UMC is growing and in need of ethical and well-formed leaders, and increasing student scholarships will encourage more students to continue their education.



30% to the Immigration Law and Justice Network. The Immigration Law and Justice Network was founded by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to provide immigration legal services, education, and advocacy for

immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers. The network has 19 locations in the United States.

20% to OC Ministries (Operation Classroom.) OC Ministries support schools, medical clinics, churches, agricultural initiatives, vision clinics, curriculum writing, and student scholarships in many countries around the world. OC Ministries are in mission to fulfill children’s practical needs for food, education, and a nurturing environment in which to thrive.

20% to Midwest Mission. Midwest Mission Distribution Center functions as a supply depot for UMCOR, and Fourth Avenue UMC knows it well as a location for a past mission trip, as well as the distribution hub for many of our mission sewing projects. This year, they are celebrating their 25th anniversary in mission!

At Fourth Avenue UMC, we will receive the Annual Conference Love Offering on Sunday, May 25 and Sunday, June 1. Thank you for your generous support of these missions! Joining together with others in Minnesota, we can show Christ’s love reaching around the world!



Mission Team:

By John Streiff

Greetings from the mission committee! We want to give a warm welcome home to all our friends that are back from the south for the winter, we are glad for your safe return.

This past month, the blood drive was a success. We had 19 people come to donate, unfortunately 2 were not able to but 17 did donate so that will save some lives!

The next function we are holding for fellowship and outreach is the spring potluck on Sunday May 4, after the service and small fellowship, we want to be sure to invite all to stay and join in the fun and good food! As part of our Easter collection as you may have heard 50% is being sent for our apportionment and the other 50% are going to help with the CAC emergency affordable housing project here in Faribault. Another exciting coming event will be our national night out gathering! We are working on a night of many possible activities. We will keep you all posted as to the activities, menus and anything else on that night in August. We have decided as a committee to meet every second Monday of each month, making planning easier, so if anyone has any ideas or suggestions for an outreach or mission function, please let one of us know or feel free to drop in during a meeting. As I said every second Monday of each month at 6:00pm in the Parlor. That's all for now everyone but don't ever forget God loves you and so do I! God bless one and all!





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January 30, 2025

Fourth Ave United Methodist Church
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RE: Donation

Dear Fourth Ave United Methodist Church:

On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, staff, students and families of Independent School District 656, I want to thank you for your donation of 50 \$20 gift cards in hand made stockings with blankets attached to them, hygiene products, winter jackets, and other winter gear given to Faribault High School for The Nest.

No goods or services were received in connection with your donation. Please retain this letter for your tax records and consult with your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of your donation.

Sincerely,

Jamie Bente
Superintendent

JB:jmk



Rural Evangelism Mission

Sunday, May 18
Fourth Ave. UMC

Founder Nicholas Sonpon will present a quick update on the Liberian mission, that many of you support, at offering time during worship.

Following worship REM will be sponsoring coffee time.



Henry Morgan retiring as Wasterwater superintendent after 50 years!



Henry Morgan Retires After 50 Years of Service

After an incredible 50-year career at the Wastewater Treatment Center, Henry Morgan is retiring. Over the past half-century, Henry has dedicated himself to ensuring the cleanliness and safety of Faribault's water system, leaving a lasting impact on the community.

Henry began his journey on the sewer crew, where he worked for one year before being promoted to operator—a role he held for 23 years. In 1997, he was named superintendent, a position he served in with distinction until his recent decision to retire.

The City of Faribault thanks Henry for his decades of hard work, leadership, and commitment. His contributions have helped build a strong and reliable water system that residents can count on every day. He leaves behind a legacy of dedication and service that will not be forgotten.

Community Events



MISSION SPONSORED

Potluck

BRING A DISH TO PASS

Plates, napkins, utensils, coffee, water & Lemonade will be provided.

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

Starts after service !!

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COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025



OLD SALEM SHRINE

Founded 1857 | Built 1875

February 25, 2025

Rev. Amy Jo Bur
219 4th Ave NW
Faribault, MN 55021

Hi Pastor Amy Jo.

Old Salem Shrine, an historic site of the Minnesota Conference, will host a 150th Anniversary Community Reunion on Sunday, June 1, marking generations the church has stood as a symbol of the faith of early German settlers in Minnesota. I'd like to extend a special invitation for you to attend as a member of the Minnesota Conference's Board of Trustees.

As you know, Old Salem's congregation, which formed in 1857, was Minnesota's very first of the Evangelical Association of North America. While the last Sunday service was held around 1913, the church building constructed in 1875 continues to be maintained by a committee composed largely of the founders' descendants and representatives of area UMC congregations, including St. Paul's in Mendota Heights. The preservation and care of Old Salem are funded entirely by donations.

The 150th anniversary event will be held from 12 noon until 3 p.m., and will include:

- Tours of the Church & Cemetery
- Dedication of a New Landmark Sign at 12:45 p.m.
- Re-enactment of 1931 Reunion Photo at 1 p.m.
- Ice Cream Food Truck & Beverages
- Bake Sale

Please RSVP via email: oldsalemshrine@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact me at that email address or 651.450.9222.

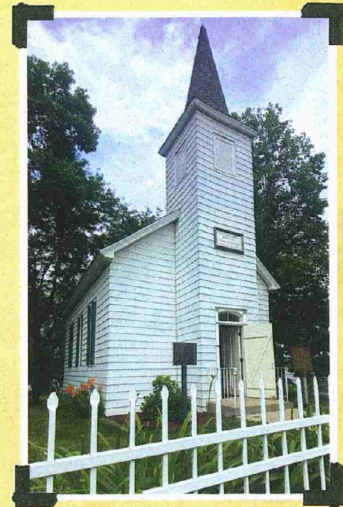
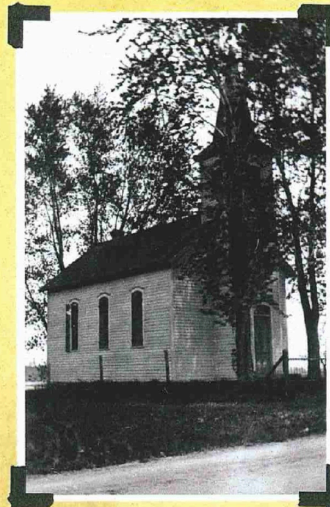
I hope to see you again in June.

Warmly,

Amy Nugent
Amy Nugent
Trustee

Upper 55th Street & Annetta
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Salem Evangelical Kirche Built 1875

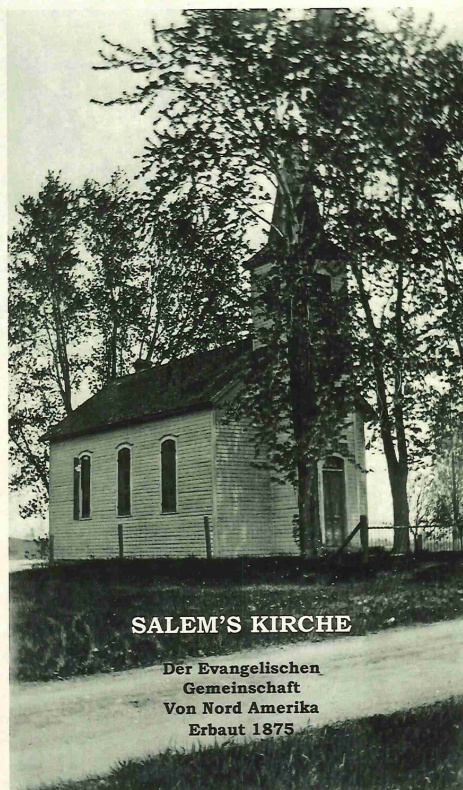


150th Anniversary Community Reunion
June 1, 2025

tours, and other special occasions held at the church.

The church building, cemetery, and the grounds capture the local color of a rural atmosphere and a sense of the pioneers' courage and steadfast faith in God. The church and adjoining cemetery reveal a great deal about the history of Dakota County, Minnesota, between the 1800s and the present.

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HISTORIC OLD SALEM CHURCH
INVER GROVE, MINNESOTA

In 1855, several German immigrant families left St. Jacobs, Ontario, Canada, for Minnesota. These families were members of the Evangelical Church in Canada and shortly after settling in Minnesota, they requested the Evangelical Church in Canada send a pastor to Minnesota. In November 1856, Andrew Tarnutzer, the first Evangelical minister in Minnesota, arrived in Winona, Minnesota, and by February 1857, he was in Saint Paul. On March 2, 1857, Rev. Tarnutzer organized Minnesota's first class of members of the Evangelical Association of North America, which became known as the Salem Evangelical Church.

The first camp meeting was held on a neighboring farm between July 1 and July 6, 1857. It was reported there were seven tents erected, two covered wagons, and there were nine conversions. The second camp meeting was held in 1858 and there were 13 conversions. These 22 conversions, along with the original families, comprised the charter members of Salem Kirche. They included: Michael Gackstetter, Adam Laschinger, Jacob Binder, Jacob Bosshardt, George Glassing, Frederick Goldberg, Frederick Wm. Goldberg, C. F. Kachel, John Kochendorfer, Heinrich Scha-

fer, Gottfried Schmidt, John Simon, and Frederick Zehnder.

From 1857 until 1874, a small building across the road from the current church building was the place of worship. This small frame building had siding that ran up and down, two windows, one door, and several wooden benches. In 1874, construction began on the current building on farmland donated by the one of the original families from Germany. The church measures 20'6" x 32' 6", has a hall or tower entrance of 5'x7', and measures 14' from the stone foundation to the eaves, with a tower of approximately 30'. Farmers and people in the neighborhood helped in the construction.

Salem Evangelical Church held continuous worship services until about 1913, at which time most of its families migrated to the Winifred Street Church (the predecessor of Faith United Methodist Church in Inver Grove Heights), with some of the families moving to the West Side Community Church (now a part of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Mendota Heights) and the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church to the east. After its closing, ownership was continued as an historical site by the Evangelical Church formed in 1922, then by the Evangelical United Brethren Church formed in 1946, and later by the United Methodist Church formed in 1968. In 1976, Old Salem Shrine, as it has become known, was named Historic Site No. 78 for the Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Until the late 1960s when Dakota County renamed streets, the road on which the church is located was known as Salem Church Road. It remains the only street in Dakota County to have two historic churches, both of which were once named "Salem Church." Salem Church Road still exists within the boundaries of the City of Sunfish Lake.

After the church closed, the church building and cemetery fell into disrepair. In the 1930s, a group of interested people organized a committee to care for the building and cemetery grounds. Arthur Schlubeier was elected president and Christian J. Zehnder became secretary-treasurer. Still today, a committee comprised largely of descendants of the original founders oversees the upkeep of the church and grounds.

Since 1955, the committee has held an annual Founders Day service on the first Sunday in June, and in 1998 began an Epiphany Service, generally the first Sunday in January. The antique pump organ is still used at these worship services. The potbelly wood-burning stove is used to heat the building for winter events. Each year, there are weddings,

Save the Date:

Sunday, June 29th is the date for the Fit for Britt Walk/Run - We will meet at Shager Park at 1 - the walk starts at 1:30pm. We hope to see you there!!!

**Happy Birthday**

5/1 Donna Morgan
 5/5 Blayke Vrieze
 5/8 Nathan Ebert
 5/12 Marjean Michel
 5/13 Andrew Prange
 5/14 Annabel Schiffer
 5/16 Khaler Grant
 5/31 Christine Suess

**Happy Anniversary**

5/22 Patrick & Sara Morris
 5/24 Myron & Brenda Kamrath



Our sympathies to the family and friends of:

Bonnie Hammar

April 10, 1934– January 17, 2025

Memorial services for Bonnie Hammar will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Parker Kohl Funeral Home.

Donna Arlene Schuenke

April 8, 1937– February 25, 2025

Kirsten Marie Strnad

May 4, 1943– March 9, 2025

Bernice Lois (Rice) Beardshear

August 31, 1941– March 30, 2025

May God's peace be with us as we remember.

Unified Budget Receipts

Apr. 6 \$3,097.00

Apr. 13 \$2,802.00

Apr. 20 \$2,609.00

Apr. 27 \$1,475.00

Easter Offering

Apr. 13 \$ 225.00

Apr. 20 \$1,260.00

Apr. 27 \$ 127.85

+ \$50.00 from the mail

Total Easter Offering \$1,662.85

Calendar of Events

Thurs. May 1 ~ 6:30pm Trustees Meeting in Parlor

Thurs. May 1 ~ 7pm Op23-0 in Library

Sat. May 3 ~ 10am-12pm Jesus Food Pack at Farbo Mall

Sun. May 4 ~ 9am Worship/Communion

Sun. May 4 ~ 10:30am Sponsored Mission Potluck in Fellowship Hall

Sun. May 4 ~ **Native American Ministries**

Mon. May 5 ~ 10am Book Study @ Hope

Mon. May 5 ~ 6pm Administrative Council Meeting

Mon. May 5 ~ 7pm Lakelanders

Wed. May 7 ~ 1pm-3pm Spiritual Direction Group w/ Ruth in BR

Wed. May 7 ~ 6pm Choir Practice

Thurs. May 8 ~ 12pm Women's Group in Parlor

Sun. May 11 ~ 9am Worship

Mon. May 12 ~ 10am Book Study @ Hope

Mon. May 12 ~ 6pm Mission Meeting in Parlor

Mon. May 12 ~ 7pm Lakelanders

Wed. May 14 ~ 5:30pm-7pm Confirmation Class

Wed. May 14 ~ 6pm Choir Practice

Thurs. May 15 ~ 7pm Piecemakers in FH

Sun. May 18 ~ 9am Worship

Sun. May 18 ~ **REM Fundraiser**

Mon. May 10 ~ 10am Book Study @ Hope

Mon. May 19 ~ 7pm Lakelanders

Wed. May 21 ~ 6pm Choir Practice

Sun. May 25 ~ 9am Worship

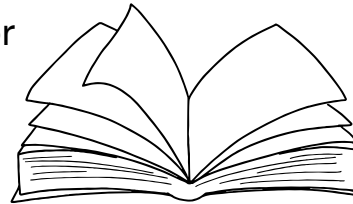
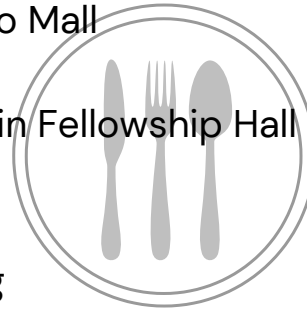
Mon. May 26 ~ **Memorial Day**

Mon. May 26 ~ 10am Book Study @ Hope

Mon. May 26 ~ 7pm Lakelanders

Wed. May 28 ~ 6pm Choir Practice

Sun. June 8- Pentecost Sunday: Wear Red





Easter Season Breakthrough Prayer
Risen Christ, you break through the walls we build and roll away the stones we cannot move. You call forth life where we feared only death, and summon hope from the deepest tombs of despair. In this Easter season, break through our weary spirits, break open our

cautious hearts, break into our waiting churches.

Awaken us, O God, to dreams we have not yet dared to dream. Stretch us beyond what we see, and lead us where only resurrection light can guide.

By your Spirit, make us bold in love, relentless in hope, audacious in grace, and alive to the new creation you are making among us.

Roll away every stone, and set our feet running toward the future you have already redeemed.

In the name of the Risen One, Amen.

May 4-10: Luke 18

May 11-17: Luke 19

May 18-21: Luke 20

May 25-31: Luke 21

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