

SALEM TIDINGS

No Matter Who You Are, Or Where You Are On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here.

Salem United Church of Christ, 5300 E. Florida Avenue, Denver, CO 80222

September 2021



Church Corner

The book of Acts was written by Luke, a physician who was well educated in Greek culture. Luke chronicled the activities of the apostles, which were then sent to his friend Theophilus, a man who was wealthy and of high rank.

These letters described a new way of being 'church' and of God's love for us.

He wrote of Jesus death, his resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ went to war for our hearts and soul.

He added to our spiritual life, by forgiving our sins and loving unconditionally. We are to be a reflection of God in this world and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to have many extraordinary moments that reinforce our faith.

Thank you, God for bringing your Son into my life. I am grateful that Jesus is ever present.

My church...Let us walk together in Christ with shared love and joy!

Contributed by Deborah Barnard

Moderator Moments

The highlight for me at Salem this past month was working with members of the congregation and Reverend Dr. Anthony Scott on “Plan the Ascent,” a series of workshops to help Salem move forward.

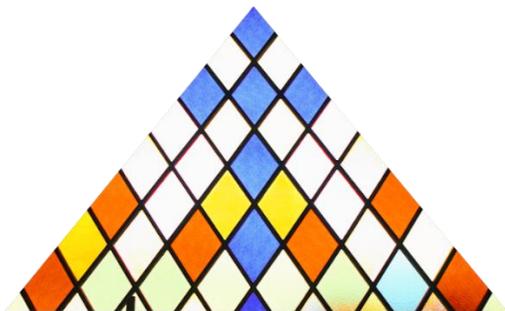
During our first workshop, August 4, we got to know Dr. Scott, we agreed on guidelines for respectful discussion, and individually looked at how each of us “defines” ourselves.

Next up, we took a look at Salem’s history – sharing experiences that each of us found meaningful, that we felt were significant to the church that Salem has become.

Our third session, we explored where we are now – and our visions of where we could go.

These sessions have been inspiring to me – and I’m hopeful that you’ll plan to join in the remaining several sessions. Watch your email for the Zoom link, and just jump on in and join the discussion. No experience required.

Michael Stice, Moderator



COVID Task Group

We have not forgotten that opening up the church is our priority and to get back to a “new” normal of worship and fellowship!! AWE that would be so nice to be able to hug and sing!! We must still be clear that the Delta virus is nipping at our heels and we must keep all our members and patrons safety first and foremost. That being said, we had a very good discussion last week and plan for opening up the church a bit more but we ask that our congregants continue to be patient...

We have drafted up new guidelines for all to see-- the plan is to start October 3—Rally day!

The twist of it all is if the Delta variant spirals out of control, that we will be back to how we are worshipping now. We are following the CDC guidelines and those for communities of Faith

Here are the proposed guidelines:

Please respect the differing boundaries and comfort levels regarding safety of all who use our facilities.

Please wear masks while in the facility/sanctuary to your comfort level and maintain social distancing as much as possible.

When in indoors, you may sing **with masks on** during service.

(COVID Task Group cont.)

Please wash or sanitize your hands upon entering and before leaving the facility, and as frequently as appropriate to keep everyone safe.

For all using our facilities, please leave the area clean and sanitized so it is safe for whomever uses it next.

We encourage those who are not vaccinated to wear masks when in person and are welcomed to join us on zoom.

IF children under the age of 12 are present in the building **all must wear masks**. This is a protection for them as they are not vaccinated. This new Delta Covid variance is so contagious, and we want no harm to our children.

If you have any questions regarding the above guidelines, you can contact the COVID team, Polly Fumagalli, Deb Mayhew, Michael Stice and Chuck Wright

Blessings,

The COVID Task Group

Christian Education News

There will a ***“Blessing of the Back Packs”*** on Sunday, August 29, during worship. We invite all our youth and their families to participate either in our live worship, or on Zoom. If you will be joining our worship on Zoom, please let us know and we will deliver the

materials to you before August 29. Everyone is welcome to invite children and their families to join us as we bless our children, their teachers, and their learning together in the year to come.

Our team is making plans for our contribution to the all-church ***Rally Day*** on Sunday, October 3, World Wide Communion Sunday. This will include a special Children’s Time, the beginning of in-person Sunday School classes, and sharing information about exciting opportunities for Youth Fellowship and Adult Education in the Fall. We will have more information in the **Special Edition** newsletter to be published in mid-September. We hope everyone will plan on participating in this important day in the life of our church.

Chuck Wright, Polly Fumagalli, Beth Hansen

C.E Ministry



Music Note

Dear Salem Community,
I am so excited to announce the return of our Choir and Bell Choir! In the interests of encouraging greater participation, we are keeping the schedule fairly light this Fall. This is a GREAT time to join, as the commitment is just a few weeks at a time.

Here's the plan:

- All rehearsals are Wed. evenings in the Sanctuary from 7:00-8:00 pm. All performances are during Sunday services.
- Feel free to join just the Choir, just the Bell Choir, or both!

FIRST CYCLE:

- Choir will rehearse Sept. 8, Sept. 22, and Sept. 29, performing a Children's Song (9/26) and an Offertory (10/3 - Rally Sunday!)

SECOND CYCLE:

- Bell Choir will rehearse Oct. 13, Oct. 27, and Nov. 10, performing a Children's Song (10/31) and an Offertory (11/14).

THIRD CYCLE:

- Choir and Bell Choir will both rehearse Dec. 1, Dec. 8, and Dec. 22, performing a Children's Song (Bells 12/12), an Offertory (Choir 12/19), and combined music for Christmas Eve (12/24).

- All Salem members and friends are welcome to join, provided that we can

count on you to attend the three rehearsals and 1-2 performances per cycle. The musical selections will be on the lighter and shorter side, so we can sound confident at every performance.

- If you can join just for one cycle but not the others, that's fine! We will make it work.

Looking forward, ~ Chappell

Music Ministry

Personnel

Personnel Ministry is currently working with Salem's Treasurer to identify the best way to cover Salem's needs for staff support of our finance functions and hope to have a plan implemented sometime in September.

We took a moment during worship service on August 8 in order to express gratitude for Kerry Mayhew – Kerry stepped in as interim Administrative Assistant at the end of March and served for 4 months – helping out with administrative needs and helping re-define the job. We are truly grateful for her contributions to Salem!

August was the first full month for our “settled” Administrative Assistant – Lisa Thomas. If you haven't had a chance to stop by and introduce yourself to Lisa, take a moment to do that.

Please feel free to reach out to either Polly or Kathleen with questions.

Personnel Ministry

Financial Update

Greetings Salem Family!

In the August newsletter, I mentioned due to the termination of Debby Gordy our bookkeeper, I was having issues getting the giving statements sent out. Now a month later, I am no closer to getting them in the mail soooooo..... I have decided to wait until the third quarter is finished, at the end of September. I will be mailing them out the first part of October, and sending both quarters together - it saves us postage, etc. I do want to Thank everyone for their continued support during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of giving. We have made payroll and bill responsibilities due to your generosity and consistency in your giving. Thank You one and All! Please continue to remember Salem, as we will quickly be moving into the Holiday Season! Again, Thank You for your understanding and support!

Chris Johnson, Treasurer

Mission Moments



No UCC Church in our area has sponsored a CROP walk so, September's mission will be to raise funds to support FISH.

FISH is a food bank out of the Washington Park UCC.



The funds raised will help them stock their shelves with needed supplies.

Missions Ministry

September's Calendar

Worship Sundays, 9:30 am. We are now worshipping in person! Please pay attention to the COVID guidelines. We will also continue with online and by-phone options for services. Join us in person or online!

Bible Study Tuesdays, 10 am by Zoom (online or by phone)

Plan Salem's Ascent – Wednesday September 1, September 8, & September 15th by Zoom (online or by phone)

Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday September 8th, September 22, and September 29th, 7-8pm

Council Meeting Tuesday September 7th, 7 pm: on Zoom

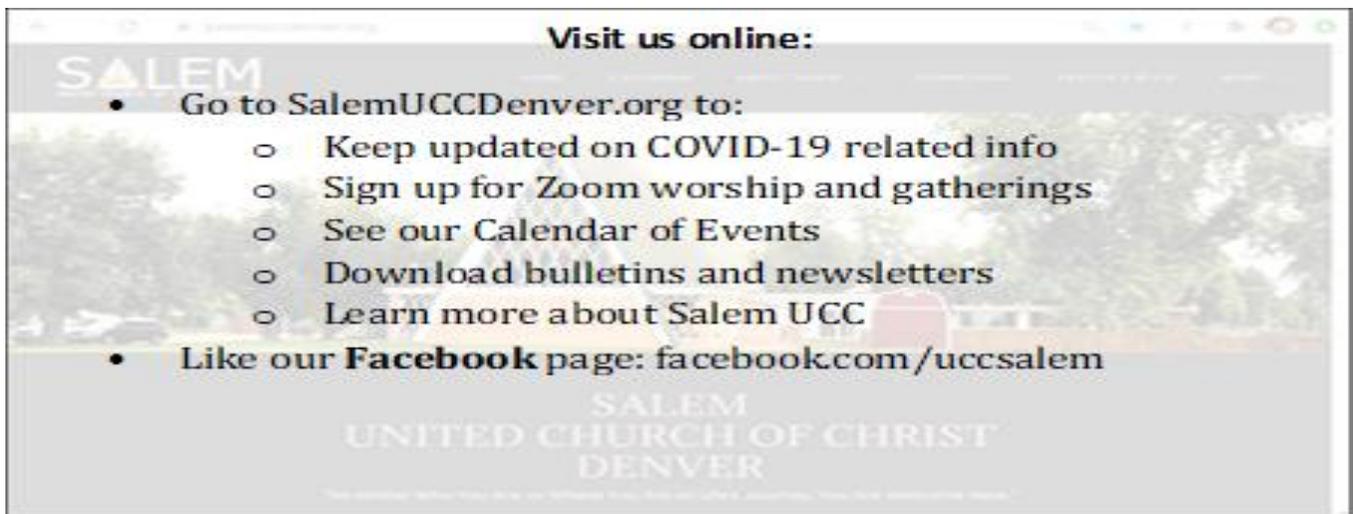


September 18th - Kurt Freiburghaus

LOOKING AHEAD

Rally Day October 3rd!

EXTRA EXTRA – There will be a Special Edition October Newsletter!! Please submit your articles by Sept 10th. Look for it to be published September 20th!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		31 10- Bible Study	1 7- Salem's Ascent- Zoom	2	3 9:30-Art Class	4
5 9:30- Worship 5pm-PLPC	6	7 10-Bible Study-Zoom 7-Cub Scouts 7-Church Council Zoom	8 7- Salem's Ascent- Zoom	9 7pm- Child Care	10 9:30- Art Class <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	11
12 9:30-Worship 5-PLPC	13 Pastor Russ return 7- C.E. Ministry-Zoom 7- Boy Scouts	14 9-12- Twinkle Music 10- Bible Study-Zoom 7-Cub Scouts	15 9-12-Twinkle Music	16 9-12-Twinkle Music	17 9:30- Art class	18 10 – Ruth Thoning Memorial Service
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