



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 2022

The Discernment group got together to explore Salem's mission statement and our vision for the future. Each member was able to create a visual representation from this great discussion to demonstrate their own unique perspective of the church.



Let's have some fun...
 Try and match each art description number on the left with their corresponding lettered art piece on the right!
 Check for the answers in the October newsletter.



1) Salem at the center of our community, open and inviting to all. Actively reaching out, becoming an integral resource to the community, Salem is investing its abundance to spread and receive joy and hope. This investment yields energizing returns and creates meaningful relations among out congregation and our community, ultimately leading to a greater abundance.

2) Our mission should start and come from the Bible, while we work on ourselves our teachings move outward towards others such as our neighborhood, community, country, world.

3) The mission of extending a hand of love, caring, and understanding to fellow Salem individuals. As Salem tries to heal the divide in the church, we have always extended a helping hand to those in need, both locally and worldwide.

A



B



C





- 4) Take what you need, give what you can.
- 5) The symbol I chose was the giving hands!
- 6) We have missions that Salem supports! I have witnessed both tears of sadness and tears of joy in the people of Salem. These mingle together in a tear bowl and create a healing balm that can spill out and over into the community.
- 7) It all starts in the manger!
- 8) My fish is food to eat. Rejoice, happy, alive!
- 9) We salvage and send ours to other countries for their collections...
- 10) A flow of milk is given freely, just as Salem wants to give through it's missions...
- 11) The Salem community offers Word and Sacrament to God's world, in the love and care of God for God's people
- 12) The open right hand symbolizes welcome, friendship, and an offer to help or listen to.

D



E



F



G



H



I



J



K



L



Your answers:

1 ____ 2 ____ 3 ____ 4 ____ 5 ____ 6 ____

7 ____ 8 ____ 9 ____ 10 ____ 11 ____ 12 ____



Salem Leadership Committee

Maya Angelou has an inspiring quote: Life loves to be taken by the lapel and told; 'I'm with you kid. Let's go'. Salem is going to have a Sunday of Renewal October 2, a time for dedication of our faith to do God's will in all of our relationships. The SLC has been working on many tasks. We met with Lisa Thomas administrative assistant to have her review. We have been to the bank many times and have changed the signature cards, and we are now officially a non-profit. We reached out to Rev. Ward with his back issues. We, along with the Worship and C.E. Ministries and Rev. Joanne, are working on planning our worship. We will be looking for laypeople to help in the near future. Looking ahead we will be asking for your help with our Stewardship Drive.

The SLC would like to thank everyone for their support. When you get an idea feel free to bring it to us.

We all have God holding our LAPEL.

"LET'S GO KID"!

Krissy Berry, Beth Hansen & Lori Carroll

A Word from Reverend Ward

First, I want to express my deep appreciation for the cards and prayers that I have gotten from you. You all probably know that I have a herniated disc that pinches a nerve in my back. That has made driving and even typing quite painful (so this newsletter entry needs to be short).

I am scheduled for an MRI and a consultation with a neurosurgeon to determine a treatment plan. Next, I want to thank the members of the SLC, Rev. Joanne, and our conference minister Sue Artt for helping Salem to work through a plan to cover worship, discernment, and other programs during this period. I especially want to thank members of the worship and C.E. for setting out a plan for our times together in the fall. You can see those details outlined in the newsletter article by Chuck Wright. Frankly I am quite frustrated that I cannot be more present with you at this time but I am following the counsel of the SLC, Rev. Joanne, my doctors, and many of you to be patient with the healing process and believe the good news that God is still speaking and is at work in this community.

In Christ, Pastor Richard

Building and Grounds



Hooray! The community room floors have been stripped and waxed! Other August projects included: trimming fallen branches - thanks Miro! cutting the church lawn in Miro's absence - thanks Roger! beginning to re-work our rental agreement for our outside group renters - thanks Lisa! writing this newsletter article - thanks Chuck! We continue to work on developing a Church Financial Report for the upcoming Stewardship Drive, getting electricity to the outside sign, platting church property for potential sale; working with CtK on signage and storage, a building security issues. Also, for Virginia Village community member, Levi Schwiet, for a donation of books to our church library! Thanks!

Roger Neumann and Chuck Wright



Christian Education

After several months off, the combined Christian Education/Worship Team met on August 23, to beginning planning Fall worship, Sunday School, and adult education opportunities. We are excited to announce that Renewal Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 2. Our worship will include Family Communion, children's message, the beginning of in-person Sunday School, an update on Fall activities and a used clothing collection in support of a Troop 376 scout's Eagle project (see article below). After worship we will gather for a family picnic - details coming soon! Other Fall activities being planned include:

- Monthly Sunday School resource packets for families.
- A return of Zoom Fellowship get-togethers.
- Children's Sundays on October 30, November 20, and December 18.
- Thanksgiving Dinner after worship on November 20.
- Hanging of the Greens on November 26.
- A Service of Healing and Renewal on a Sunday during Advent.
- Christmas Eve, Christmas Sunday, and New Year worship services.

There is a lot to look forward to! More information will be forthcoming on these and other activities, but we need everyone's input and help in bringing them to fruition. If you have a suggestion, or a willingness to help with any of these events, please contact one of our team members.

Norma Hansen, Beth Hansen, Polly Fumagalli, Chuck Wright, Deborah Barnard,

Boy Scout Troop 376 Eagle Scout Mission Project

Jed Rooney, a scout in our Scout Troop 376, is planning a lightly used clothing drive for the homeless for his Eagle project. He is organizing several area churches to contribute to the drive. He will be speaking at one of our worship services about the details of his project. We are planning a clothing collection in support of his project on Renewal Sunday, Oct. 2.



Mission Moments

A total of \$95 has been donated to the Archway school supply drive. Here are a couple photos of our donation.

Thanks to everyone!



Salem's September Mission



The September mission will be Filter of Hope, motivated by the compassion of Christ, Filter of Hope brings clean water to families who have never had clean water in their homes. For \$50.00, a water filter is delivered to a family and installed, providing them with safe drinking water of 250 gallons a day.

June Seppa

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 18th - Kurt Freiburghaus

September 19th - Richard Ward



September Calendar Highlights

Romeo Men's Coffee Club - Meets at Salem on Sept 7th and 21st at 9:00 am. Please join us for coffee and conversation!

Bible Study - Meets via zoom every Tuesday at 10 am.

Discernment Meetings -

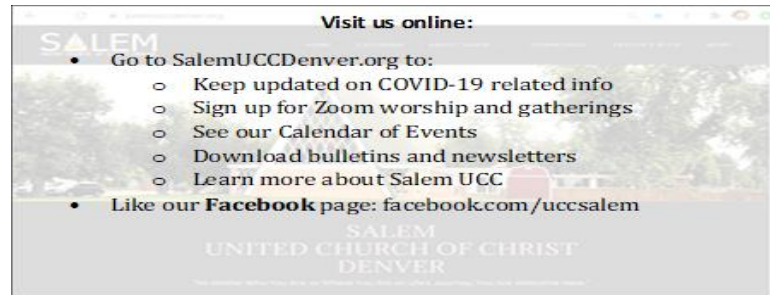
- Wednesday Sept 14th 7:00 pm after the community meal.
- Sunday Sept. 25th after service - bring your lunch.
- Sunday Oct. 9th after service - bring your lunch.
- Sunday Oct. 23rd after service - lunch will be provided.

Renewal Sunday - Oct 2nd we will be having a renewal picnic after the service. Please bring a side, we will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Join in this time to renew old friendships and create new ones.

Yard Sale - if you would like to participate, please reserve a table by Wednesday September 7th using the QR code.



October Newsletter - Items are due on September 23rd.



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