

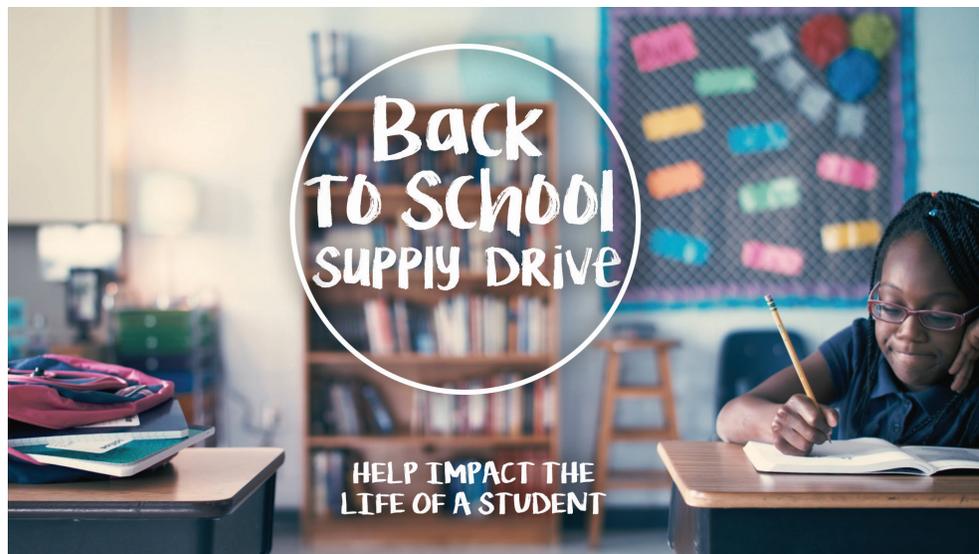
# THE CROSSROADS

JUNE 20, 2018

## Sharing God's Extravagant Love

Jesus rescues! Over 175 children from both Mid-County and South-City participated in Vacation Bible School events where they learned how Jesus rescues us. With key Bible verses associated with a new Bible Buddy each day, the children enjoyed music, crafts, games, and a story from Scripture. Along with the children attending over 100 volunteers and staff for joined together in making this year's VBS a great success. Through this outreach ministry we continue to share God's extravagant love with the children in our community.

We are so thankful for the leadership of Patty Peterson, Reggie Moore, and our team of volunteers. We are also very proud of our middle school and high school students who made up the majority of our volunteer team. They gained valuable experience as they guided younger children through the VBS stations as Crew Leaders led the learning stations. Seeing the children smiling, giggling, and chatting brings joy to all staff and volunteer members. It is a blessing to share the love of Jesus through Vacation Bible School and Summer Fun Camp each year. It is not too late to help reach children for Jesus. Salem takes VBS on the road to Kingdom House July 9 - 13. E-mail [patty@salemstlouis.com](mailto:patty@salemstlouis.com) if you want to be a part of the fun by serving at one of these VBS events.



Did you know that each year 90,000 St. Louis area children cannot afford basic school supplies? You can help make a difference in the life of a child. Stop by the lobby before or after worship to pick a pencil tag with a list of supplies needed for a specific grade level. Purchase the supplies, and return them in a paper bag with the pencil tag attached securely by Sunday, July 29. We hope you will join us as we help empower St. Louis children to learn! Questions call (314) 991-0546 or visit [salemstlouis.com](http://salemstlouis.com).

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# Freed to Lead - Freed to Follow Christ

- Rev. Terri Swan, Senior Pastor

“So now there isn’t any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.” ~ Romans 8:1-2 (CEB)

As we move into the middle of the calendar year, clergy appointed in the United Methodist Church begin a new year in ministry. I know it sounds odd that we would begin in the middle of summer, but many clergy in the state of Missouri are packing up their belongings and moving to a new ministry setting. Rev. Sheila Bouie-Sledge will begin her new appointment July 1 at North Park UMC. We continue to keep her in our prayers, just as we have prayed for those who have served Salem before her.

I am delighted to share with you that Rev. Tim Power, Rev. Katrina Drew, and I will be remaining at Salem for another appointment year. Over the next few months we will be gathering our staff together to define our roles in ministry and set our goals for 2019. In August, Salem will be interviewing for the role of Executive Director. This

new position will have an intent focus on the business end of the church, specifically building and grounds of both locations and supervision of the non-clergy staff. I hope to announce this new staff person by the end of August.

As you read this, we are currently in the middle of a sermon series entitled “Freed to Lead.” On the first week I addressed the values needed in Christian leadership. Jesus certainly taught us that leadership was essential in changing the world. What does it take to be a Christian leader in today’s culture? It is a new ballgame! For those of us who have been in church all of our lives, we are in uncharted territory. We must DO, LOVE, WALK. Being a follower of Christ is not a spectator sport. We must do the work of Christ. We must love as He first loved us. We must walk with Christ on this journey. To be a leader we must first be a follower of Christ.

On the second week, Dr. David Kerr and Rev. Deb LeMoine talked about how vital trust is in leadership. Proverbs 3:5 says “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; don’t rely on your own intelligence.” (CEB)

On the third week, Rev. Tim Power gave the message for all of our services on Father’s Day. As Christian leaders, love guides our decisions and our path.

Finally, I will be preaching the last of the series on the necessity for Christian leaders to have vision. At 10:45 on June 24, BeBe Winans will join us once again! I hope you will be here to celebrate and worship together!

In July our sermons will be shaped around the Old Testament teachings. I will be on vacation for most of the weeks in July, but I have a wonderful line up of guest preachers for you! Dr. David Kerr, Rev. Adam Caldwell, Rev. Deb LeMoine, and Rev. Kim Jenne will be preaching for our Traditional services in July.

I am humbled and honored to serve Salem once again. May God continue to show us how to lead together in our community.

Peace,  
Pastor Terri



**OUTDOOR  
MOVIE  
NIGHT**  
PRESENTED BY SALEM UMC  
**JUNE 22  
7:30 PM**  
**CARONDELET PARK  
LOUGHBOROUGH DR.**

**FREE EVENT**  
Featuring Disney's *Moana*  
live music | free popcorn & popsicles  
| photos with Maui and Moana

## You're Invited to Outdoor Movie Night - June 22

Are you looking for a fun, free night out with the family? You're invited to a free showing of Disney's *Moana* outside in Carondelet Park.

Enjoy popcorn, popsicles, and live music before the movie begins at dusk. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. All are welcome. Invite your friends and family to join us. Parking is available in the park.

# THANK YOU

Dear Salem Family,

My heart is overwhelmed at the love and thoughtfulness you've shown me over the past 28 years, and especially at my recent retirement from Salem. Thank you all so much for my gifts: the baseball tickets, the piano purse, the love offering, and the banjo. I'm excited to learn to find my way around the banjo, and I would love some reminders from some of you so as to hold me accountable on that. Thank you (especially Ginger Kurten and her crew) for the after church lunch that we had on May 20. Thanks also to many of you for your personal greetings and gifts; and to my much loved Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, and fellow Salem Staff members for their many prayers, gifts, and well-wishes.

I appreciate most of all learning from you and being guided by you throughout these years. I feel your prayers now, and they continue to support me as I continue in ministry to my patients at Ranken Jordan. I love you all and also look forward to being in ministry with you all in the future.

In Christ,  
Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart

# SERVE

## **Puerto Rico Mission Trip // August 25-September 1**

Join people from the St. Louis metro area as they assist in the replacement of the roof for Esperanza United Methodist Church August 25-September 1 in Vieques, Puerto Rico. Participants must be 18 years of age and up. Estimated cost is \$1,300 and includes airfare, lodging, and meals. A \$600 deposit is due by July 2. For more information please contact Rev. Phil Estes at Manchester United Methodist Church (636) 200-4706 or phil.estes@manchesterumc.org.

## **Pack a Backpack Volunteer Day // August 4, 9:30 am**

School is almost around the corner and we are having a Volunteer Day at the South-City Site. Help pack supplies for St. Louis children. Snacks will be provided for all volunteers. We'll meet on August 4, 9:30 am-Noon at The Connection (6701 Virginia Ave., 63111). All are welcome. To register call (314) 991-0546 or visit [www.salemstlouis.com](http://www.salemstlouis.com) or [www.connectingnow.org](http://www.connectingnow.org)

## **SERVE Day 2018 // Saturday, September 15**

Save the date for our annual SERVE Day! Join us as we serve around the St. Louis community to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors. More details coming soon.

## **Serve in the Church // Mid-County & South-City**

There are many ways to get involved in the church community. We have a variety of ministry areas that will help you find a place to serve. Visit [www.salemstlouis.com](http://www.salemstlouis.com) or call (314) 991-0546 to find out where you can serve.

## **In the Community // Mid-County & South-City**

We offer many ways to serve in St. Louis such as: Haven Street Meal Ministry, Rock-a-Baby @ Kingdom House Day Care, Epworth Drop-In Center Lunch Ministry, and St. Louis Public School Tutoring. Visit [www.salemstlouis.com](http://www.salemstlouis.com) or call (314) 991-0546 for more details.



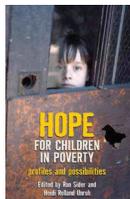
Join us for Justice Film Series on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm. Popcorn & beverages will be provided. No meeting on July 4. Childcare available. Contact Donna Yakel at [donna@salemstlouis.com](mailto:donna@salemstlouis.com) or call (314) 991-0546 to make a childcare reservation.

June 27 - Movie – *Hidden Figures*  
July 11- Movie – *Soundtrack for a Revolution*  
July 18 - Discussion  
July 25 - Movie – *Josiah*  
August 1- Movie - *Let Freedom Sing*  
August 8- Movie - *Selma*

# COMMUNITY

## **Rev. Sheila Bouie-Sledge Installation Service // July 29, 2:00 pm**

Pastor Sheila Bouie-Sledge will be installed as Senior Pastor at North Park UMC in a special worship service on Sunday, July 29 at 2:00 pm. The Salem congregation is invited to attend. North Park UMC is located at 1525 Orchid Ave. St Louis, MO, 63147.



## **Justice Ministry Book of the Month // June 2018**

Each month Salem's Social Justice Ministry presents a featured book of the month. One copy of each book will be available in the Salem library. June's book of the month is *Hope for Children in Poverty* by Ron Sider and Heidi Rolland Unruh.

# LEARN

## **Acts Bible Study: Tues., 6:30-7:30 pm (Mid-County Site)**

The Library - Facilitated by Rev. Terri Swan & Rev. Marvin Pyron

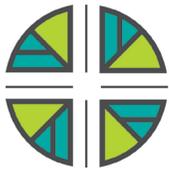
## **Wednesday Women's Small Group: Wed., 9:00 am (Mid-County Site)**

The Study (upstairs in the old library) - Facilitated by Rev. Terri Swan

## **Sunday Morning Groups, 9:30-10:30 am**

Explore the journey of life and faith with others. Several groups meet on Sunday mornings and new persons are always welcome. Visit [salemstlouis.com](http://salemstlouis.com) for more details or contact the office (314) 991-0546.

**Interested in starting a new group?  
Contact Rev. Tim Power  
(314) 991-0546 or [tim@salemstlouis.com](mailto:tim@salemstlouis.com)**



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 am Chapel  
10:45 am Traditional  
9:30 am Modern

9:30 am Classes for adults & children (2 years-6th grade)

8:30-11:45 am Nursery for infants & toddlers

### TUESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

7:30 pm Chapel

### SOUTH-CITY

6701 Virginia Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63111  
(314) 256-0545  
[www.connectingnow.org](http://www.connectingnow.org)

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 am Celebration

10:30 am Kids Connection for children & Nursery for infants

## SAVE THE DATE

June 22: Outdoor Movie Night (Carondelet Park)  
June 27: Justice Film Series Begins (South-City)  
June 23-30: High School Costa Rica Mission Trip  
July 4: Church Office Closed - Happy 4th of July!  
July 9-13: Kingdom House VBS (pg. 1)  
July 29: School Supply Drive Donations Due (pg. 1)  
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