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Special points of interest:

- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than the 23rd of the month.
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection October 23rd
- Annual Pig Roast coming up October 15th
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It is exciting to be approaching the time when our church will have a committee in place to begin the search for a new installed Pastor . As we begin to prepare our hearts and minds for this new phase in the life of our church, many of us have begun to prepare ourselves for this next step.

I was reminded this week as I gave thought and prayer to this, that it is now similar to the period of Advent when we prepare for the joy of the birth of Christ, and Lent when we prepare for the joy of Easter.

Many in the congregation have begun to read several books, written to explore the ideas that help churches succeed. There are multiple copies available and each of you is invited to explore the ideas the books present. The books are short, easy to read, and are full of important positive ideas.

Don't let any titles scare you away. One book is about dying churches and the good news is that we are not in that condition. We are doing lots of positive things as outlined in the book, The more we learn of the positive steps we can take, the more we can grow as a congregation.

Check on the table by the bulletin board during coffee hour to sign out a book. The ideas in the books are valuable "tools" to use as we approach our new ministry here in Salem.

Happy reading!

Scriptures

Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in October will come from the following readings:

October 2nd	Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26; Psalm 137:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
October 9th	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
October 16th	Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
October 23rd	Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65:1-13 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
October 30th	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

"You are like a PUMPKIN.

God lifts you up, takes you in and
WASHES all the dirt off you.

He opens you up, touches you deep
inside

and scoops out all the yucky stuff....
including the seeds of doubt, hate,
greed, etc.

Then He carves you a new SMILING
face and puts HIS LIGHT inside of
you

to SHINE for all the world to see."

Newsletter Articles

**Please get the information
for any and all of the excit-
ing activities that will occur
the month of October to
Holly Keys
(holly.keys@aol.com or call
854-3975 before 8 pm or
drop something in her box in
the business office at the
church (just let her know its
there)) by Sunday, October
23rd. Thank you!!!**

Christian Nurture

As of the writing of this article, FFF planning was underway, with the first meeting scheduled for Friday Sept. 30th. Amy has been planning on 'borrowing' somewhat from the VBS material, with plans to explore what it means to 'shine your light' The theme will continue in the October 28th meeting when we'll carve pumpkins and shine our light in the community on Halloween night. Starting in October we'll be taking donations of candy for that fun night! As always we appreciate all your donations of food, drinks, time and support of our youth program!

A Note on the Basket Raffle for AJ Goddard

The dinner and basket raffle for the Goddard family was a great success! This community event was well attended, with the total from the basket raffle reaching about \$2800! Thank you so much to all who donated to the 2 baskets our congregation was able to donate. A huge thank you as well to Mission Team for the generous donation of a \$150 Visa gift card for Tonya and AJ to wherever they need! They were truly appreciative! A thank you photo card is pinned up to the chapel bulletin board. Take a peek if you get a second!

Submitted by Amy Thetford

Mission Report

Your Mission Team had a regular meeting in September and continued making plans for several projects during the upcoming months.

Our ANNUAL PIG ROAST will be Saturday, October 15th from 4:30 until 6:30. Bob and Glenda Wilcox will again be cooking the meat on the front lawn of the church. Other items on the menu include potato salad or baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, roll or cornbread, applesauce, and various desserts. The Mission Team will be furnishing most of the main meal, but will ask for donations of desserts. WATCH FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET! Take outs will be available. Adults -- \$12.00; Youth under 10-- \$6.00 and under 5 -- free. Proceeds benefit the church mission projects.

Sunday, October 16th the Mission Team will be in charge of the morning worship service. Weather permitting, everything except the "Message" will take place in the Sanctuary. We will then adjourn to the chapel for an informal discussion, "What Your Pastor Wishes You Knew" which will help prepare us for a new pastor. Something to think about ---- what would we expect a full time pastor to do during their **48 hour** work week; --- when we get a pastor, we can't sit back and expect him/her do all the work-- how can we help them; --- believe it or not: pastors need to be nurtured and cared for as much as the congregation -- how to help? The Mission Team will furnish sandwiches and cookies during this enlightening discussion as we sit around the tables.

We are planning to extend the Halloween celebration to Nov. 6 when we will have a "sort of" Scavenger Hunt, collecting items for Operation Adopt A Soldier. Hannaford is donating grocery bags that we will distribute to our neighbors' front door knobs on the 6th and collect on the 13th. A flyer describing the project and a few suggestions of items to donate will be inside the bag. A covered bin will be set up by the chapel door for donations if you don't receive a bag or if the pick up date is not convenient. Operation Adopt A Soldier was founded in 2003 by Cliff Sequin, a resident of Saratoga, who sent care packages to his son and buddies on the battlefield - many of whom had never received packages. His operation soon grew as more and more people became aware of his efforts. There are now over 40 regular volunteers packing over 100 packages a day with donations from individuals and groups. We participated in a very successful joint project with the Shushan Grange in April, and look forward to showing God's continuing love for us by helping others.

Christmas Cookie Sale date - Saturday December 10.

WE WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!

Mission Team Members: Moderator Neal Rea, Rev. Dr. David Simmons, Helen Simmons, Marilyn Hanby, Charlie Perry, Amy Thetford, Arna Thibeau, Steve Burgess,

Submitted by Dolores Phaneuf

Session Notes

Pastoral Care--David Simmons phone number is 692 7859

We are disappointed that we cannot use the organ for a while during services, due to a problem with the organ lamp. It is an old style fixture and is not working properly. We are seeking to restore the lamp, but due to its age it is a complex problem. Without the lamp, the organist cannot properly see the music. Please be patient as we seek to resolve the problem.

Garbage needs to be taken to the receptacles at the rear driveway. Both garbage and recycling are now picked up on Wednesdays. Recently two bags of garbage were left on the rear steps, making them vulnerable to animals. Please keep an eye out as you use the church and help us maintain the property.

A work day will be held on Saturday October 8 to tidy up the landscape beds, and any interior "fall cleaning" that may be appropriate. More information to follow.

Submitted by—Marie Bell
Clerk of Session

A Note About Building Usagae

Did you fill out a building request form and get approval to use the chapel? Ask for a building request form, the session approves them. The events for building use should be on the calendar, so the space isn't double booked for activities. The calendar helps all of us to know what is going on and helps to plan for times there aren't activities so perhaps one can be scheduled. If something comes up and it's short notice to get approval- please let Marie know so the session can be aware. The space is used by the community too for activities.

Church members, if you are using the Chapel, please remember to turn off the lights and lock the door before you leave. Recently the door was left unlocked- and nobody was in the building. This could pose a problem. The door blew open with the wind and the building was unattended. If you leave and nobody is in the Chapel- please LOCK it, even if you plan to return. Also, if you have a function or notice the trash needs to be removed- please take it to the trash can outside. We don't want to feed four legged creatures in the kitchen, please don't leave trash and food out so there is a problem. Locking doors includes the door to the side of the building where you take out trash. Lights also means the bathroom area and kitchen.

Please do not leave food in the kitchen or the fridge unless there is a plan in place to have it used. Nobody needs to second guess that the cake in the fridge is left for coffee hour unless you put a note on it.

We all need to be good stewards of the gift of using the building and be responsible for keeping it clean.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

October Birthday's

4th Seth Pitts
7th Carol Wilkins, Ruth Ihne
20th Diane Jilek
22nd Donna Phaneuf
24th Kay Tomasi
29th Nancy Rountree

October Anniversaries

8th Travis & Holly Keys

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: _____

Cause for joy or concern: _____

You name (optional): _____

I Am the True Vine

By Christine Yount Jones on April 7, 2015 Children's Ministry

"I am the true vine,"
Jesus said in John 15:1.
As I read this recently, I AM jumped out at me.

I AM! The name that means "to be." The God who is and who will be. The eternal one.

God's name: YHWH. Y'howah—the name that was never to be spoken aloud. It was three short breaths—*yah, ho, wah*. The breath of God. Who he is. He exists.

We are to abide in the one who exists! Our God is the true God in whom we are to plant ourselves and find nourishment. To abide and bear fruit.

There's so much to this God we are to abide in. From Exodus 3, God called Moses from a burning bush to lead his people out of captivity. Moses asked, "Who am I to do this?"

It's not about who we are but about I AM! So God detailed everything that he is and would be for Moses.

God said, "I am the God of your ancestors. I have seen. I have heard." *What do you need God to see and hear in your life? He already has.*

"I am concerned about their suffering. I have come down to rescue them. I have seen oppression. I have watched over you and seen your misery. I have promised to bring you out." *Where are you hurting? God has seen your pain and is concerned. The great I AM will rescue you.*

"I know what Pharaoh will do. I will stretch out my hand. I will perform signs. I will make the Egyptians favor you." *Who do you need favor from? Where do you need a miracle from God?*

"I am sending you. I will be with you. I have sent you." *How can you remember your deep calling from I AM?*

God says, "I am who I am!"

I AM the true vine!

What a great God we serve!
And he calls us to abide in him.

Abide in his greatness. Abide in his goodness. Abide in I AM!

Let's accept his invitation!

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 David Haase Worship 10am	3 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	4	5 Adult Crafts 10 am	6 Line Dancing 9:30am	7	8 Work Day @ Church
9 David Haase Worship 10am	10 COLUMBUS DAY Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	11 Choir Rehearsal 9 am	12	13 Line Dancing 9:30am	14	15 PIG ROAST
16 MISSION SUNDAY Worship 10am Worship & Music 11:30	17 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	18 Choir Rehearsal 9 am	19 Soup & Sandwich Luncheon 11:30 am Session 7pm	20 Line Dancing 9:30am	21	22 Salem Women's Club
23 Char Killam 4 Cents a Meal Collection Worship 10am	24 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	25 Choir Rehearsal 9 am	26	27 Line Dancing 9:30am	28	29
30 Rupert Harris FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION	31 HALLOWEEN					

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At First United Presbyterian Church:

We believe that God calls everyone to serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!
Service begins at 10 AM

We're on the Web!
www.salemnyfirstupchurch.com

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**Service Schedule for
October 2016**

Elder of the Month: Dave Mears

Sunday, October 2nd

Reader: Nancy Rountree

Coffee Time: Mary Vanderwater
Amy Thetford

Sunday, October 9th

Reader: Jean Skellie

Coffee Time: Marilyn Hanby
Donna Holmes

Sunday, October 16th

Reader: Pat Briglin

Coffee Time: Nancy Bardwell
Neal Rea

Sunday, October 23rd

Reader: Ruth Ihne

Coffee Time: Diane Jilek
Nancy Rountree

Sunday, October 30th

FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION