



The Scroll



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Fruit of the Spirit

Message from Pastor Linda

Today in worship, we began our 2018 Summer Sermon Series: *Fruit of the Spirit: Cultivating the Character of Christ* using the text, Galatians 5:22-23

“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Usually among churches, teachings about the fruit of the Spirit seem to be reserved especially for our children; they are taught with the intention of building strong character. In truth, the Apostle Paul didn’t list these as moral values for our children to strive for, but rather for all followers of Christ to reflect in their lives by the help of the Holy Spirit.

Author Christopher Wright explains, “Galatians 5:22-23 is a beautiful picture of Jesus, who was Himself filled with the Spirit of God. “The more we are filled with God’s Spirit, and the more the Spirit ripens his fruit within us, the more we will become like Christ. Our character is shaped and formed from the inside out. Together these nine “fruits” make up our identity as Christ-like people.” In John 15 and Matthew 7, Jesus makes it abundantly clear, that people will know we are Christians by the fruit that we bear in our lives. “This is to my Father’s glory, that you **bear much fruit**, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” (John 15:8)

The ‘fruit of the Spirit’ is significantly different from the ‘gifts of the Spirit.’ Certain *gifts* of the Spirit are for some people, while others are for another; for example, some people have the gift of administration while others have the gift of hospitality. But the ‘*fruit* of the Spirit’ is for every believer. When we walk in the Spirit, live by the Spirit, we allow these fruit to grow in us, and mature.

When Paul wrote of this fruit of the Spirit to the Galatians, the young church was bickering and fighting among themselves; it was getting nasty and the church’s divisiveness was literally beginning to destroy itself. Paul reprimanded them to stop, look at themselves, and remember Christ’s command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. He reminded them (and us) , “The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”

Today, one Christian writer comments, “In an age when everyone seems angry, entitled, hacked off, selfish, and filled with me-first strong arm tactics to get their way, don’t we long for more loving people who are kind, good, peaceable? Don’t we pine to see self-control and patience and a deep-seated joy setting the tone for our interactions with each other, for our politics, for our very church communities?” My answer is “Yes!” So, this summer together we will seek to learn about and cultivate these fruit here at Salem and as individuals so that we may bless our neighbors, communities and workplaces with good fruit that satisfies.

LOVE • JOY • PEACE • PATIENCE • KINDNESS • GOODNESS • FAITHFULNESS • GENTLENESS • SELF-CONTROL

Fruit of the Spirit:

Cultivating the Character of Christ



COMMUNITY DAY

It was a beautiful day at this year's community Day in downtown Washington Depot. Our church hosted a table and had pens, fliers, Cd's, and Pencils/erasers as our 'give-aways.' Though it is difficult to see any 'fruit' of this effort, or to quantify any long-term impact, there is great value in stepping outside our church walls and being present and visible in the community. It shows a glimpse of the life at our church. It shows we are active and engaged with our community. Along with the gift of simply being visible to people in town, there was ample time for connecting and visiting with one another in an upbeat, festive setting. Thank you to all who volunteered: Patti Anderson, Starr Evans, Cathy Greiner, Helga Hershey, Jean Monteleone, Diane Swanson, Joe and Barbara Went, and Michel Williams.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY



In mid-June, our children, grades K-8 concluded their year of Sunday school. During worship, we listened as the children shared highlights of what they learned through the year. Hayden Fisher spoke about the Bible lessons; William Becker named the Acts of Love the children did each month, including baking brownies for Loaves and Fishes, making cards for those members who are homebound, making cards for the children of Tetela Mexico, and more. Caroline Marich and Penny Becker shared how they learned about many women in the Bible using the book, Grit and Grace, and about the Middle Schoolers'

discussion group that takes place during worship. Along with the children's report, Amy Julia Becker, Chair of Spiritual Formation recognized and thanked our children's teachers for their hours of preparation and leading class: Deb Andrews, Amy Julia Becker, Peter Becker, Laura Cannavaro, Heather Hurley, John Quist, Pam Quist, and Michel Williams.



JUNE GUEST PREACHER, MS. JESSICA CARTER



We were delighted to welcome Ms. Jessica Carter, a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, and member of Bethany Covenant Church (Berlin, CT) on June 24. She brought a message about our freedom in Christ, preaching on the passage in Galatians 5:1-16 in which the Apostle Paul urges all believers to stand firm in this freedom. It is a wonderful introduction to our Summer Sermon Series: *The Fruit of the Spirit: Cultivating the Character of Christ* (Galatians 5: 22-23). You may listen to her sermon by visiting: <http://salemcov.sermon.net/main/main/21193322>.

A "shout out" of Thank you to Spencer Guptill for leading Worship that Sunday.

CELEBRATING 28 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Sadly, Sunday, July 1 was Susan Anthony-Klein's last Sunday as Salem's Director of Music. Guided by her leadership and amazing musical ability, the music of our worship hour was enriched to the high standards of excellence for nearly three decades. Worshippers sat and listened with appreciation and admiration to her tremendous talent at the keyboard. Many evenings of concerts and special music presentations blessed all who came.





As a show of our appreciation, the church presented Susan with a beautiful, locally hand-crafted, large glass bowl and a standing ovation during worship. The Fellowship Committee provided a festive cake and organized a lovely reception, where Susan also received an additional monetary gift.

We pray the Lord will bless her as He takes her on a new path with her music. We know He will continue to use her many talents to bless people. Thank you Susan for blessing us! We will miss seeing you up in the front, leading us on piano or organ, but we glad you will continue to remain an active part of Salem's family.

CHURCH PROPERTY



Mike Andrews and crew removing the bookshelves in the Lydia Room and customizing one for the Youth Office.

Update on the Lydia Room –

The Lydia Room is slowly being transformed. Some of the new furniture has arrived; new lamps and side tables will soon be replacing the old. The oak bookshelves have been re-located; one is downstairs in the Youth Office and the other was donated along with the large red chair to the Indian Art Institute. Soon the room will be receiving a fresh coat of paint.

The Lydia Room Design team includes Dawn Belanger, Amy Hoeniger, Patty Parker, and Carol Walzer.



The Lydia Design Team getting some input from Donna Alex about color options for the Lydia Room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational Business Meeting, July 8

Please plan on joining us for the semi-annual congregational business meeting following Worship. We will be voting on 6 new members, getting an update on our Budget and our Search Process for the new Music Director/Worship Leader, and hearing some exciting news on our Pave the Way Capital Campaign.

Vacation Bible School, July 30 - August 3



We are excited to be hosting another VBS this summer! Mark your calendars for the week of **July 30-August 3rd**. The theme of VBS 2018 will be **“Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus”**. We will be venturing onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive!! Our goal is to anchor the children in the truth that Jesus carries them through the storm.

Children, incoming K-4, are invited to join us for an action-packed, fun-filled week. Registration is FREE.

Youth, Grades 5 and 6, may participate as Junior Crew Leaders.

Middle and HS students (Grade 7 and above) interested in participating in VBS this year will serve as Crew Leaders. To register, follow this link: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/salemvbs2018>

Thank you!

Dear Friends,

The Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges your generous gift of \$662.50. We are continually inspired by the thoughtfulness and generosity of donors like yourselves. Thank you for your faith in our mission.

Warm regards,

Sarah Straub, Treasurer

JULY EVENTS

July 1 – Worship & Communion

Special Recognition of Susan Anthony-Klein

July 4 – Happy 4th of July!

July 6 – Loaves and Fishes

July 8 – Bi-annual Congregational Meeting, following
worship

- Sundaes Sunday!

July 11 – Seniors Brunch @Pastor Linda's Home, 10 am.

Please RSVP by July 9.

July 22 – Sundaes Sunday!

July 25 - Seniors Brunch @Pastor Linda's Home, 10 am

Please RSVP by July 23.

July 27 – Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm

July 30 – Vacation Bible School begins!



Happy Birthday! July Birthdays

Joe Fredlund	1
Andrew Hansen	3
Ron Smith	4
Charlie Tillman	4
Eddy Anderson	12
Joan Gauthey	12
Anna Carlson	14
Nicholas Haas	14
Sallie Stevens	14
Erin Light	17
Vincent Belanger	19
Jessica Alex	24
Deborah Shurberg	25
Spencer Guptill	28
Jaak Aulik	29
Grace Mele	29
Carrie Rowe	31

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Reverend Linda Williams

Interim Accompanist – Heather Pytel

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Cannavaro

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