

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SALINE

Worshiping Christ ... Welcoming All

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am

Please set your cell phone to mute or vibrate.

Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bell

Announcements

***Opening Carol**

There's a Song in the Air

#249

***Welcome**

Children's Message

Rev. Tom Zimmerman

Sung Congregational Response
(There is no Godly Play or W.O.W. today)

Memory Verse

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

2 Corinthians 9:15

Advent Candle Lighting

Advent: Love

SkitGuys

Sung Response Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Offering Anthem

Heaven and Nature Sang

Mauldin

Allison Housner, vocal

***Advent Doxology**

(sung to the tune of *What Child Is This*)

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| Praise God from whom all blessings flow. | This, this is Christ the King, |
| Praise God all creatures here below. | whom shepherds guard and angels sing; |
| Praise God above ye heavenly host. | haste, haste to bring him laud, |
| Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. | the babe, the son of Mary. |

***Offertory Prayer**

Loving God, as we present our tithes and offerings to You this morning for Your blessing, we remember the greatest blessing the world has ever received: Your precious Son, sent to redeem us, to pay the price for our sins. Thank you for showing us how to give from the Heart. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Carol**

Love Came Down at Christmas

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Prayer Time

Prayers of the People

Jeanette Brenner

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns— Doug & Deborah, James Badeen, Paul, Mike Oberski, Tony, Greg Hatch, Ann Graber, Peggy Hintz, Debbie Lytle, family of Jack McGlinch, Bill Andrews, family of Kathy Benua, Wendy Vredeveld's aunt and father, those falling away from church, safe travel.

Continue to Pray for—Mark Thorpe, Caleb Nadig, Mary Jo Cox, Julie O'Keefe, Gayle Rogers, , Nancy Bryan, Don Gall, Wanda Beard, Bill Doren, Chase Yarns, Matthew Aungst, Ina May Doub, Jeanne Cogger.

Sympathies—Lynn Shaw on Jack's passing. Karen Peters and family on the death of her mother. The family of Marge Stoddard on her passing. The Klapper family on the loss of Scott.

Praises—Bobbe Hinsman's daughter, Nichole Gossdin, has healed following surgery. 28 mobility carts were shipped to Orphan Grain Train. Church volunteers for funerals and church events. Bob Kelley is back to work part time with improved health. Birth of Cortney Riggs' son, Tanner, on December 15. Jerry and Virginia Sherman's 60th wedding anniversary.

Military—Erik Maddock, J.T. St. Dennis, Abby Jenks.

Special Living—Florence Belt (Brookhaven Manor); Helen Seitz (Oakmont Rochester); Norma Jean West, Jim Bowker (Linden Square); Roselyn Ford, Elaine Carter (EVH); Ihla Donaldson (Towsley Village CRC).

Prayer Notes: _____

Adult Sunday School Updates

Below is a list of Adult Sunday School classes offered when the schedule resumes January 7:

Room F—Sue Hares will be facilitating a discussion on I & II Corinthians.

Room C—Il Peter. Sometime in January they will be begin a 6–7 week study of Colossians.

Room H—The Parenting class will be studying *14 Gospel Principals That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul Tripp.

Room E—Ray Vanderlaan Video Series—Continuing the fascinating video tour of the Holy Land.

Choir Room—Nat Burns will continue facilitating *Hymns of the Faith*.

Lil' Saints Preschool—Contact Wendy Vredeveld, Preschool Director, 734-429-4528, wendy@lilsaints.school. Lil' SAINTS is a Christian Preschool for children ages 2½–5, hosted right here in our church! If you would like more information please visit our website www.lilsaints.school.

Do you have a heart for children's ministry? Do you feel called to work with preschool children? Do you desire to work with others to see God's glory in families' lives? If so, we would love to hear from you! Looking for a part time assistant teacher. Email resume to wendy@lilsaints.school.

Simple Gifts—We have received 202 Estimate of Giving cards for 2018. Thank you! If you have not done so yet, please consider turning in a card as soon as possible. The Stewardship & Finance Team use this information to set the 2018 budget.

WISE AM— All women are invited to join us in Room F on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. We are studying, *The End of Me*, a study of the Sermon on the Mount, by Kyle Idleman. Childcare is available.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday—December 24

9:00 am.....Traditional Worship
 5:00 pm.....Christmas Eve Family Friendly Service
 7:00 pm.....Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service
 11:00 pm.....Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday—December 25

6:00 am.....Cass Lunch Prep
 8:30 am.....Meet & pack for Cass Ave UMC Christmas Lunch

Tuesday—December 26

Wednesday—December 27

12:00 pm..... Newsletter Due Date

Thursday—December 28

9:30 am.....Prayer Ministry – Cry Rm
 10:00 am.....Brecon Services – Brecon
 1:00 pm.....Linden Square Service – Linden Square

Friday—December 29

Saturday—December 30

Birthdays This Week ~ Hannah Lucas, Dan Cundiff, Bill Doren, Grace Brennan, 12/24; Alec Richards, 12/25; David Stein, 12/26; Jeff Fletcher, Ryan Herrick, 12/27; Nancy Jedele, 12/28; Matthew Rosati, Andrew Hieber, 12/29; Logan Dejanovich, Nathan Fletcher, Brock Austin, 12/30.

Anniversaries This Week ~ Gary & LuAnn Chriscinske, 12/24; Kevin & Wendy Littlejohn, Donald & Anita Drake, 12/27; Ken & Lois Baldus, 12/28; Michael & Paulette Suchy, 12/30.

Due Dates ~ The closing date for submission of articles for the January newsletter is noon Tuesday, 12/27/17. Please submit articles for the bulletin or narthex screens by noon on Wednesdays.

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Welcome!

If you have recently begun to worship with us please pick up a welcome gift at the welcome center in the lobby.

Nursery care: for age birth–3 years is offered 8:45 am–12:30 pm every Sunday in Room J.

Godly Play, W.O.W. (Worship Our Way): There is no Godly Play or W.O.W. for the remainder of the year. Regular schedule resumes January 7. There are worship bags and clipboards in the back of the sanctuary for children.

Sensory Bags: Sensory bags are available to check out for individuals who might find them helpful to use during worship services. Bags include noise cancelling headphones, weighted lap pads, and manipulative items. See an usher to check out a bag (found in a tote under the back pew).

Assisted Listening Devices are available from an usher. These devices can be used alone like a portable radio or with T-coil compatible hearing aids.

Live Streaming of the worship services is available. Go to the church website and select Join Us Online, www.fumc-saline.org. If you do not want to be on camera, please see the diagram at the back of the sanctuary.



Joyful, all ye nations rise

We are a Safe Sanctuary Church Protecting and caring for all God's children

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Adornaments

By Randall Lee Walti, David Sims, and David Boehi

The True Vine Emmanuel

John 15:5
Matthew 1:23

Carol *Emmanuel* #204

The Giver of Living Water The Door

John 4:10
John 10:9

Carol *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (vs 1 and 2) #224

The Light of the World The Bright Morning Star

John 8:12
Revelation 22:16

Carol *We Three Kings* (Chorus Only) #254

The Lion from the Tribe of Judah The Lamb of God

Revelation 5:5
John 1:29

Carol *The Friendly Beasts* (vs. 1 and 4) #227

The Bread of Life Savior

John 6:35
1 John 4:14–15

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 3 and 4) #230

The Good Shepherd The King of Kings and Lord of Lords

John 10:11
1 Timothy 6:15

Carol *Crown Him King of Kings* Moen

Closing Words Postlude

*Please stand in body or in spirit

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Christmas Eve Services—Sunday, December 24

5:00 pm—Family Friendly Worship

7:00 pm—Candlelight Communion Service

11:00 pm—Candlelight Service

Sunday, January 31—One morning worship service, 9:00 am, no Sunday School

Church Office Contacts—In light of Pam Heffelbower's retirement on December 31, please contact our new Administrative Assistant with requests: Pilar Graden, pilar@fumc-saline.org. You may also continue to contact our Office Assistant, Jill Trokey, jill@fumc-saline.org, or use office@fumc-slain.org..

End of Year Giving Reminders—If you are mailing a contribution it MUST be postmarked by 12/31/17 in order for it to be claimed on your taxes this year. For online contributions, to ensure your gift is process in time for year end, please submit your transaction no later than 2 business days EARLIER than 12/31. Gifts received in the Sunday, 12/31 offering will also be credited as donations for this year.

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2017 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Statements will be mailed on or before January 30, 2018.

Comfort Cases Are Coming—On Sunday, January 14th, find out how you can help give the foster children in our community a sense of dignity during a transition period that can be a scary time for them. UMW is sponsoring this gift giving opportunity throughout Lent that will include a fun Packing Party on Sunday, April 8th. For more information and opportunity to help with this cause, please contact Karin Haynes 818-862-1146.

Hannah Circle Book Discussion—*All women* are invited to join Hannah Circle in reading and discussing **I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up For Education and Was Shot By the Taliban**. This memoir is written by Malala Yousafzai, the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. Join us for a discussion on Monday, January 8 at 12:30 pm. One copy of the book is available for check out from the UMW library in Room H and other copies are available at the Saline District Library.

Cancer Support Group—Meets the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00–9:00 pm. If you want to join, please give Jeanette Brenner a call, 734-474-1357.

Youth Ministry News—The Underground

Jay Leadley, Director of Youth Ministry, jay@fumc-saline.org, 734-429-4730

Our schedule resumes on January 7. Visit the Youth Ministry pages on the church website or pick up a calendar at the Opportunity Wall.

Springhill Retreat—Registration for the January 12–14 Winter Retreat is now open!

CIY Move—A 5 day event for all 8th–12th graders held at Hope College Monday June 25—Saturday June 30. Registration is open.

Children's Ministry News

Linda Klepaczyk, Dir. of Children's Ministry, lindak@fumc-saline.org, 429-4730

Please go to the church website to view our offerings for children.

Holiday Calendar Notes—December 24 and 31, no W.O.W, Godly Play, or Cross Training. Regular schedules resume on January 7.