

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SALINE
Worshipping Christ ... Welcoming All

THE CONNECTION POINT
Contemporary Worship Celebration

February 3, 2019

11:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SONG CELEBRATION & WELCOME**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Zimmerman

*Children wishing to attend Godly Play (4 yrs.–Kindergarten) in Room N
and W.O.W. (1st–4th grade) in Room G may do so at this time.*

MEMORY VERSE

“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”
Romans 12:10

OFFERING TIME

Please sign and pass the red attendance books that can be found on the
seat at the end of the pew, then pass them back.

PRAYER TIME

Jeanette Brenner

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:25–34

MESSAGE

“Singing in the Dark”
(4th in the series *Night Time Stories*)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our practice is to receive communion by intinction (dipping the bread in the chalice). Today communion bread will be given to you by a steward. If you prefer, individual cups and gluten free bread are available at the center table. Those unable to come forward, please raise your hand and an usher will bring communion to you. We welcome all to Christ's table.

*The Service ends with Communion. Following Communion, please feel free to stay
as long as you desire and leave when you choose.*

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

CCLI#978430

Saline First United Methodist Church

Sunday February 3, 2019



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

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CELEBRATION

February 3, 2019

9:00 am

Please set your cell phone to mute or vibrate.

Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Announcements

Ministry Moment

Bringing in the Light

Grace & Clare Oberski

***Processional Hymn**

To God Be the Glory

#98

Welcome

Jay Leadley

Children's Message

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Sung Congregational Response

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Memory Verse

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Offertory Anthem

One Song

Choplin

***Doxology**

#95

***Offertory Prayer**

We present these gifts, O God, with love. We rejoice in our ability to share. May this moment of giving warm our hearts and stir our souls so that we remember to act consistently out of love in the name of Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen

***Hymn**

Only Trust Him

#337

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Jeanette Brenner

Prayers of the People

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.

2018 Tax Law Changes—Please be aware of tax law changes which impact standard deduction levels starting in 2018 through 2025. Check with your financial adviser for further information on how this might affect your charitable contribution deduction.

Contribute to FUMC Saline Using TEXT! Make a contribution to the FUMC Saline General Fund via text! Send a text message to 734-869-8052 with the amount you'd like to contribute (example: 25).

2019 UMC General Conference Delegates—If you wish to contact any of the Michigan Conference delegates to the United Methodist Church 2019 General Conference, information is at the Opportunity Wall.

Lake Louise Mission Trip—Join Pastor Tom and a group of FUMC Saline volunteers on the annual mission trip for the Boyne Country Service Project, June 10–14. We will be staying at the UMC camp at Lake Louise. You may attend only half the week if you wish. Please indicate this on the sign up at the Opportunity Wall. Any questions, please see Pastor Tom.

Prayer and Praise and Yoga— Are you tired of sitting in a chair throughout winter or need a break at work? Get moving and stretching while still in your chair or on a mat with Prayer and Praise and Yoga. Chair yoga is surprisingly an active and fun way to move and stretch your body and to strengthen your core for balance. Anyone can do it, and you don't even have to get out of your chair—although you can. Join us Sundays at 4:00 pm starting February 3. All ages and abilities are welcome, mats too! Wear comfortable, loose clothes and bring a water bottle. Sign up at the Opportunity Wall so we can plan room arrangements. Contact Carolyn Minnette with questions.

Euchre Anyone? Join us for a game of Euchre on the second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm in Christler Hall. Our first game date is February 12. Sign up at the Opportunity Wall or just show up. Contact Val Porter with questions.

Game Day Returns—On Sunday, February 24 at 12:30 pm, join your church family in a day of play! We will have a church wide Family Fued and then time for lots of different games. We will share a meal before the games begin. Please sign up to help set up or clean up and to bring a soup, vegetable tray, cheese and crackers or a dessert at the Opportunity Wall. Hosted by the Community Care Committee.

JOY Lunch—JOY lunch is a fellowship group for retired people. If you are available join us for lunch and fellowship we meet on the **Third Thursday** of every month. This month we meet on February 21, at noon. We will have great food and fellowship. This month's theme will be Valentine's Day! Everyone bring a friend and enjoy some fun, See you there! *Cost is a \$5 donation.* Sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

Bake Sale Next Week—Stop by Christler Hall between services next Sunday to pick up some yummy baked goods. This month's bake sale benefits the UMW.

Need an Ear to Listen? Sometimes all the little things add up...maybe all you need is someone to listen! *Stephen Ministers* are not going to judge you or your situation, they are caring people who listen to you, pray for you and walk beside you. “Stephen Ministers are God's ears, shoulder, and hugs here on Earth.” Contact Jeanette Brenner, 429-4730, jeanette@fumc-saline.org.

Shawl Ministry—Do you want to give a hug to someone for comfort or in celebration? Someone nearby or far away? Prayer shawls and lap robes are in the ladies' lounge. They are there for you to take, made with love by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns—Tanner Bean and family, Stimic family, Patti Henes, Grace Popa, Maggie Greer, Bill Hallock, Alice, family and friends of Pat King, Jill, Andrea Maddock, Annette Urban's sister, Veal family, PJ Corey, children without parents, safe travels.

Continue to Pray for—Mark Thorpe, Caleb Nadig, Mary Jo Cox, Julie O'Keefe, Gayle Rogers, Bill Doren, Ina May Doub, Jeanne Cogger, Charolette Becker, Mary Dinnan, Paulette Suchy, Wanda Beard, Todd Nash, Steven Baker.

Sympathies—The family and friends of Pat King.

Praises—Todd Nash's successful liver transplant. Charolette Becker's continuing recovery, Grace.

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

Special Living—Florence Belt (Texas); Norma Jean West, Jim Bowker, Lysle Smith (Linden Square); Elaine Carter, Naomi Woods (EVH); Pat Boisvert (Brecon Memory); Betty Sellers (Brecon); Ina May Doub, Nancy Adsit (StoryPoint).

Prayer Quilt—Please tie a knot and say a prayer for our friend, Tanner Bean.

Grieving Together—Grieving a loss of a loved one is such a hard and lonely journey. Why choose to go it alone when you can sit on the grieving bench with others who understand, support and pray with you. Stephen Ministry is facilitating a Grief Support Group on the first Monday of the month at 12:30–2:00 pm and third Monday of the month, 7:00–9:00 pm.

UMW Missions—Just a reminder that the United Methodist Women are continuing to collect aluminum pull tabs and also clean (disposable) aluminum pans. There is a large plastic “pop bottle” at the Opportunity Wall for tabs and pans can be placed in the designated tote at the Opportunity Wall. This project supports the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you.

~Neighborhood Groups Events~

Downtown Neighborhood Group—Lin and Mark Nichols are inviting the **Downtown Neighborhood Group** over for “Happy Hour” Friday, February 22, 6:00–8:00 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share and stop over.

West Neighborhood Group—Charlene and Neal Belitsky are hosting a “Wine and Cheese” event for the **West Neighborhood Group** on Friday, February 15, 5:30–7:30 pm. Drinks provided. Please bring an appetizer to share and stop over.

Keep an eye on what your Neighborhood Group is doing through group emails, bulletins, newsletters and the Neighborhood Group Board in the church lobby. Would you be willing to host a gathering in March, April or May? Contact Jeanette Brenner, jeanette@fumc-saline.org or 734-429-4730.

Scripture

Acts 16:25–34

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Sermon

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

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***Closing Hymn**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

#614

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

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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. Please join us for coffee in Christler Hall between services, or visit a Sunday School Class.

Adult Sunday School Classes:

Room C—Bible study and discussion on the book of Jeremiah

Room H—Parenting class: *The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family: Over 100 Practical and Tested Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Kids*

Room E—Ray Vanderlaan Video Series—An in-depth study of the early Christian Church in historical Biblical context.

Room F—Adult Ministry Rotation Station (see article for details)

Room M—Overcoming Mental Health Challenges

For children attending worship with their family, there are **Worship Bags and Activity Clipboards** in the back of the sanctuary with age appropriate quiet activities. Please return the bags and clipboards after the service.

Childcare is available for children birth to 3 years in Room J/Nursery in the Education Wing.

Sensory Bags are available for use during worship services for those who might find them helpful. They contain noise cancelling headphones, weighted lap pads and appropriate manipulatives. Please see an usher for assistance and direction.

Our Oasis Room is an extension of our worship space where parents with babies and young children, individuals with disabilities, and other unique circumstances can remain a part of our worship services in a separate space.

Large Print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

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.

Birthdays This Week ~ Cody McCullough, Corissa Roush, 2/3; Sue Kelch, Lisa Morrow, Adrianna Sweet, Payton Sweet, 2/4; Nancy Roosa, Jacquie Willis, 2/5; Janet Geer, 2/6; James Adams, Donald Drake, 2/7; Steve Bredernitz, 2/8; Samantha Barber, Nancy Gill, Mary Hess, James McClelland, 2/9..

Anniversaries This Week ~ Jack & Ann Adams, 2/3.

Due Dates ~ The closing date for submission of articles for the March newsletter is noon Tuesday, February 19. Please submit articles for the bulletin or narthex screens by noon on Wednesdays.

Adult Ministry Rotation Station—The Adult ministry committee is excited to offer a new offering that will run through May. We will be using a rotation schedule – each Sunday will focus on a different topic. Here's how it works:

First Sundays (February 3): Bible 101—facilitated by Kristi Cundiff. Don't know a single name of a book in the bible? That's ok; this course will focus on the very basics of the Bible.

Second Sundays (February 10): Spiritual Gifts—facilitated by Doug VerWoert. Interested in learning more about your spiritual gifts? This class will help you discover your unique gifts.

Third Sundays (February 17): Next Steps—facilitated by Jeanette Brenner. Learn more about our church, meet leaders in our church, and become familiar with United Methodist beliefs.

Fourth Sundays (February 24): Grandparenting: Loving our Children's Children—facilitated by Jim Tuttle & Tom Zimmerman. Grandparents serve many roles, not the least of which is sharing our faith with our grandchildren. Let's talk about that role.

Because there is a different focus each week, you may choose to come to one and not another.

Comfort Cases—Please help to support Foster Children in our area by giving them a sense of dignity, as they transition to a very scary time in their lives. We are asking for donations of **NEW PJ's (especially boys sizes Youth M up to Adult XL)**, coloring books/crayons, books, roll blankets, stuffed animals, toiletries and duffle bags. The complete list can be found on the Opportunity Wall, along with the donation bins. Any questions please contact Karin Haynes 818-862-1146.

New Adult Ministry Class—State of the Church—As a follow up to our “State of the Church” gathering on January 15, we are offering a 6-week class beginning Tuesday, February 5, concerning paragraphs in The Book of Discipline on human sexuality that will be voted on at the special-called General Conference February 23-26. We will study and discuss the book *United Methodists Divided* by Dale McConkey. The class will be held 7:00–8:00 pm, and will be facilitated by pastors Tom Zimmerman and Jim Tuttle. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

Lenten Studies—Our adult Lenten Study this year will be based on the book *The Story of God's Love for You*. We encourage you to join one of the many discussion classes available, starting March 10:

- Sunday evenings, 6:00–7:00 pm
- Wednesday mornings 9:30–10:30 am

Lenten Events:

Pancake Supper—March 5, 5:30–7:30 pm

Ash Wednesday—March 6, Worship Service at 7:00 pm

Lenten Dinner & Small Group Kickoff—March 10, Dinner 5:30 pm;
Study Group 6:00-7:00 pm

Palm Sunday—April 14, Worship Service at 9:00 & 11:15 am

Maundy Thursday—April 18, Worship Service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday—April 19, Worship Service at 12:00 noon; Cross Walk at 2:30 pm

Easter Sunday—April 21, Worship Services at 7:00, 9:00, & 11:15 am

Youth Ministry News—The Underground

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

Visit the Youth Ministry pages on the church website or pick up a calendar at the **Children, Youth & Family table** in the narthex.

COMING SOON

Join us tonight at 5:30 for our Super Bowl Party!

February 17 Winter Jam.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

Sunday School—Sundays at 10:10 am in the Underground

Worship Team—Sundays at 4:30 pm

Worship Workshop—Monday nights 7:30–9:00 pm

The Underground—For 7th–12th Graders, Sunday Nights, 5:30–8:00 pm, dinner included!

Before School Bible Study—Fridays, 6:30 am, at Jay's, breakfast and rides to school

Children and Family Ministry News

Sunday Mornings from 10:10–11:10 am

TOTS IN TRAINING—Bible training on Sundays for 2 and 3 year olds

CROSS TRAINING—Hands on Bible Workshops for Age 4 through 4th Grade. We are presently starting our studies of the New Testament and the story of young Jesus in the Temple.

SUBMERGE – Our 5th & 6th graders get *SUBMERGED into God's word in THE DEN*

Sunday Morning Worship Offerings

GODLY PLAY—for 4 years through Kindergarten after children's message

WOW - WORSHIP OUR WAY—for 1st through 4th Grades after children's message.

Midweek Offerings – Wednesdays

Registration is open for session 3 of Brick by Brick and Truthquest, see website homepage to register.

BRICK BY BRICK—LEGO based bible lessons for K–4th from 4:00–5:30 pm.

TRUTHQUEST—5th & 6th Graders on a quest to dig deeper into God's Word from 3:00–5:30 pm.

Monthly Offerings

DEN 56—All 5th and 6th graders are invited to join us at our next DEN 56 on Friday, February 22.

For more information on the items above, visit the Growing Up In Christ pages on our church website, visit our Children, Youth & Family table in the narthex, or contact Linda Klepaczyk, Director of Children & Family Ministries at lindak@fumc-saline.org or 734-646-7987.

***NEW* Family Lenten Study**

Information will be coming soon on our Lenten Study for families! Pastor Tom and Kaylee Klepaczyk will be leading a class that offers families an opportunity to read through the Jesus Storybook Bible together with other families and discuss how the stories of the bible relate to Christ. There will also be time for parents to meet with Pastor Tom to discuss ideas on how to raise kids in God's word! Keep an eye out for coming details on this special opportunity for families of ALL ages and stages in life! We will meet Sundays, March 10 through April 14, 4:00–5:30 pm.

UMW News—Esther Circle will meet at the home of Pat Peterson at noon on February 4. Hannah Circle meets Monday, February 4, 12:30–2:00 pm in Room F. Susanna Circle meets Monday, February 4, 7:00 pm in Room E.

Legacy Ministry Annual Report 2018

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A special thanks to those who have contributed to the fund and to those who have helped find projects to help fulfil our congregation’s vision for the present and the future. Donations offer the satisfaction of knowing your gifts continue working for years to come, thus the term Legacy Giving. A plaque has been placed in our church narthex recognizing those individuals who have made Legacy gifts to the endowment fund over the years.

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Submitted by Carl Weaver, Gene Bull and Karin Haynes, Endowment Fund Trustees.

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