

First United Methodist Church of  
Saline

# STEEPLE NEWS



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## July Memory Verse

“...the Lord doesn’t see things  
the way you see them.  
People judge by outward appearance,  
but the Lord looks at the heart.”  
1 Samuel 16:7 NIV



*“I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength, for war and for going out and coming in.” Joshua 14:11*

### Dear Friends,

I’ve been thinking a little bit about longevity recently. When you read this I will have attended my Aunt Ila’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party. She has always been an inspiration to me because of her bedrock faith and joyful outlook on life which continues to this day.

## S’More Fellowship

S’more Fellowship is back! Remaining Summer Dates: July 11 and August 8, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Join us for campfire with a twist!

It’s no secret that I’ve always admired folks who’ve been able to hold on to their faith over the long haul. It’s a goal for me as well. What is the secret to spiritual longevity? What steps can we take to assure that we will be walking with the Lord years from now? Caleb was 85 when he spoke those words recorded above. That’s pretty impressive. So how did he do it? Simply, he stood his ground. I think one step to spiritual longevity is that we’re willing to stand our ground even when it might not be popular. Maybe we should be more concerned with God’s approval than the approval of others. When we stand strong in our convictions, I think they will help us steer through the rough waters of temptation and compromise.

See you in church!  
Pastor Tom

## Sunday Schedule

**Right Start at 8:04 am**, a casual breakfast service in Christler Hall.  
**Sanctuary Service at 9:30 am** followed by Lemonade in the Shade Fellowship under the portico! We are looking for individuals or groups to host the Lemonade in the Shade, please sign up at the Opportunity Wall.  
**Nursery care** for age 0–3 is offered every Sunday in Room J.  
**Summer Wee Worship and Junior Worship offered at 9:30 service:** The children start worship in the sanctuary and are excused.

### Live Streaming

The new web address for live streaming is an easy to use link on our website. On the home page, click on the FUMC Videos button, then on the Live Video Stream button. Live streamed services are also now archived, click on FUMC Videos, then the Video Library button. www.fumc-saline.org

## Welcome Back

Pastor Jim Tuttle will be back in the pulpit on July 9 and July 16. Make plans to attend worship services with him. Starting July 23, Pastor Tom will begin a 4 week series entitled: “A Whale of a Tale” based on the story of Jonah.

## IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION!!!

We have moved to a wonderful new database with many modern features supporting ministry outreach. Unfortunately it does not support large low cost bulk mailings, so we are going to bite the bullet and do a *mostly* electronic newsletter distribution. We are asking everyone to please send your current email address to membership@fumc-saline.org, please also update your phone number and tell us if it can be printed in the directory. With this new database, in the near future you will have a choice to be in and access a secure online directory, view and update your own information, and yes “there’s an Ap for that!” Watch for details.  
If you do not use email, please call us at 734-429-4730, or drop us a note, and let us know you need your newsletter by mail. We are happy to include everyone, but we will be sending these newsletters first class mail, so please use the email version if you are able. Printed copies will also be available at the Welcome Center in the lobby.  
Thank you helping us make this important transition! (some of us kicking but smiling ☺).

## Habitat for Humanity

We have partnered again with Habitat for Humanity. Tim Smith is our liaison and he has set us up some work days this summer. The work hours are 8:30 am–3:30 pm. We also need to provide lunch. Please contact Tim Smith, [tim.a.smith@comcast.net](mailto:tim.a.smith@comcast.net), 255-1044.

**Aug 18 need 8–10 people**

## Thank You!

What a “Healing” came when our own Jeanette Brenner appeared with her super-pan of Mac & Cheese...and all smiles, too! Many, many thanks, with our love and appreciation for you, Jeanette.

*Stan & Doris Sekerka*

## Dorothy Vedder Memorial Service

Dorothy Vedder’s memorial service will be held on July 15 at the church at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon. Dorothy joined SFUMC in 1955 and passed away on November 2, 2016, at the age of 100.

## Grief Workshop

Stephen Ministry will host a Grief Support Group, on the first Monday of the month 7:00–9:00 pm. Summer dates are: July 3, & August 7 in Room C.

## Prayer Garden

We are looking for a team of people to care for the Prayer Garden landscaping. If you would like join in please sign up at the Opportunity Wall.



## Thank You

A GIANT THANK YOU to all who made me feel so loved and appreciated on my last official Sunday as your Director of Children's Ministries! I have enjoyed serving in this staff position for the last 13 years and I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store down the road! Both personally and for our church family. I am forever touched by the kids that came through, and are currently a part of the ministry! May God bless and keep you close to Him as He continues to mold and shape all of us into making us more like Him. Thanks again for all the cards, my wonderful memory book, the amazing video put to one of my favorite songs, my prayer quilt and the yummy golf cakes at my reception! I have the little golf cart and flag sitting on my desk at home! Hebrews 12:1-2, coined in my Video song, *I Wanna Live Like That*. May this summer of transition be a transition where God is Glorified and may we "live like that" as we strive to be Christ Like the way He calls us to be! THANK YOU!

*Leanne Rimnac*

## Important Milestones!

Pastor Jim and Linda Tuttle are celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** on July 8! You can send your love to: 1450 Maplewood Drive, Saline, MI 48176.



Blair West is turning **90 years** old on July 18! Let’s shower him with birthday cards: 801 W. Middle St. Apt 351. Chelsea, MI 48118

## Suggestions for Worship

1. Pray before you come to worship. Pray for your worship leaders. Ask God to anoint their hearts and their spirits, their countenance and their voices. Pray for those you are worshiping with you that day.
2. Take yourself out of the equation – it’s all about God and all for God.
3. Always remember that “wherever two or three are gathered in His name, God is in our midst.” We are in God’s house, before God to worship HIM as a congregation. Let’s remember – **“There are no spectators in worship!”**
4. Always remember in each service people are dealing with different struggles and pains, dreams and longings.
5. Pursue excellence not perfection. Remember, you can do nothing on your own. But through Christ, “All things are possible.”

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## Congregational Care Corner

Jeanette Brenner, Dir. of Congregational Care, [jeanette@fumc-saline.org](mailto:jeanette@fumc-saline.org)

**This is what’s happening in my corner of the world...**

- Do you remember the person who **invited** you to this church? Do you remember who made you **feel welcome**? Chances are that **hospitality** might

be the reason you made a **second visit**. **Catch the Vision of Welcome and Hospitality...** “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13: 1 • S’more Fellowship is back once a month during the summer. Summer Dates: July 11 and August 8, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Campfire with a twist! • We are going to be doing a new picture directory, watch for details •**Catch the Vision of Welcome and Hospitality... Contact Jeanette 429-4730.**

## *Worship Live Streaming & Archived Videos*

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## *Suggestions for Worship* (continued from page 2)

6. The quality of the music and the size of the band or choir have nothing to do with how “good” the worship is.
7. Be prepared, be open to hear from God and be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
8. Understand that people are using their God-given gifts for His glory, not the glory of the church or themselves. It may not always be perfect, but it still glorifies God.
9. Strive to feel joy. God wants our praise to Him to be filled with joy!
10. Worship is a lifestyle – “God is not just looking for lifted hands on Sunday but for Kingdom Worshipers who walk out their relationships with the Father daily.”

## *Lost & Found and Left Behind Dishes*

There are a lot of coats plus a box of miscellaneous items in the narthex closet. There are also dishes left from funerals and other events on a cart by Christler Hall. Please claim your items.

## *Divine Doodles*

For all who love to doodle during our worship services, there are white cards labeled Divine DOODLE to use in the table box for the Right Start service and in the pews for the Traditional service. After the service, if you want them displayed, place cards in the white Divine DOODLE box on the Opportunity Wall and the cards will appear on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

## *Graduation Congratulations*

Our eldest son, Nathaniel T. Held received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, (UCCS) May 11, 2017. Nate retired from the USAF after 20 years of service in 2013 with the rank of Major. Proud parents are Keith and Patsy Held.

If you have a family member who has completed a post high school degree or certification, please let us know so we can recognize them! Email or call the church office, 429-4730, [office@fumc-saline.org](mailto:office@fumc-saline.org).

## *Men's Ministry—Toledo Mudhens*

The United Methodist Men's group has reserved seats for the Toledo Mudhens baseball game vs Buffalo on Saturday, August 12, at 7:05 pm. The tickets are \$12 per person. Everyone is invited! There is a sign-up sheet at the Opportunity Wall. Please submit payment no later than July 17. We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:00 pm and carpool to game. Make all checks payable to Mike O'Keefe.

**VBS**  
**AUGUST 14-17**

## *NEW* *Cancer Survivor* *Support Group*

Sign up on the Opportunity Wall to join this **new** support group. Summer dates: June 7, July 5, and August 2, at 7:00–9:00 pm in Room C. Facilitated by the caring team of Stephen Ministry.

## *JOY Lunch*

If you are 55 and up join us for lunch and fellowship. We meet this month on July 20 at noon. We will have great food and fellowship. Everyone bring a friend and enjoy some fun. Cost is \$5 donation if able. Sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

## *Church Glossary*

Our goal is to Worship Christ and Welcome All. A stumbling block to worship can be church language. There are words in the Christian church vocabulary that people have never heard before. So we are putting a Church Glossary in the church pews and at the Welcome Center. We also offer the following classes “Bible 101” and “Learning to Pray” during the year.

## *Red Attendance* *Books & Name Tags*

During the offering time in the 9:30 service 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. Doing this and wearing our nametags is a great way to get to know more of our church family by name!

## Vacation Bible School



August 14-17

## Scholarship Recipients

Our Carr Scholarship recipient for 2017 is Lauren Denlinger and our 2017 Congregational Scholarship recipient is Sammy Sabo. Congratulations to both of them.

## LIL' SAINTS Preschool

Wendy Vredeveld, Preschool Director, 429-4528, [Wendy@lil-saints.org](mailto:Wendy@lil-saints.org)

Lil' SAINTS is a Christian Preschool for children ages 2½-5, hosted right here in our church! Your child will develop many new skills and gain knowledge in a fun-filled atmosphere. We are currently enrolling for the 2017-18 school year. If you would like more information please contact Wendy Vredeveld.

## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets once a month on the third Wednesday. Our next meeting is July 19, from 7:00-8:00 pm in Room C.

## Women in Study & Encouragement

**WISE AM**—Our current DVD and book study is entitled *Happiness: God's Invitation to Delight, Celebration & Joy*, by Randy Alcorn. Please join us in Room F on Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Childcare is available.

## Children's Ministry

Linda Klepaczyk, Children's Ministry, [lindak@fumc-saline.org](mailto:lindak@fumc-saline.org)

Welcome to our new Director of Children's Ministry, Linda Klepaczyk!

**VBS 2017, August 14-17, 5:45-8:30 pm**—Registration is open for Vacation Bible School. "MAKER FUN FACTORY" will help our children explore how God made them each so very special and that each of us were made for a special purpose! Tinker Tots is for ages 4-Kindergarten (entering this fall) and Elementary Explorers is for children entering grades 1-6 this fall. You can register children at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/sfumc-vbs-2017>. Volunteers can register there too! Families have or will be receiving this link in an email. Friends are welcome, but need to be registered in the same manner. Unsure how to register? Contact Linda Klepaczyk at [lindak@fumc-saline.org](mailto:lindak@fumc-saline.org). We will also have someone in the narthex before and after the 9:30 service if you need assistance registering online. Mark your calendars for this time of worship, wonder and excitement!



## Youth Ministry News

Jay Leadley, Youth Dir., 429-4730 x232, [jay@fumc-saline.org](mailto:jay@fumc-saline.org)

**HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY**—Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am at Jay's house.

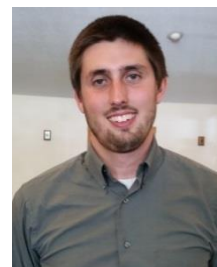
**COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY**—Sunday nights from 8:00-9:30 pm at Jay's house. Bonfire and S'mores!!! See Jay for address.

**YOUTH NIGHT**—Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**WORSHIP BAND PRACTICE**—Monday nights from 7:30-9:00 pm. This is a completely optional band practice for Youth Night worship.

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE**—Throughout the summer we will be playing ultimate Frisbee every Thursday morning from 10:00-11:30 am at Mill Pond Park.

**All Youth events** are suspended from July 8-16 while we are on our mission trip.



## Prayers for the Senior High Mission Trip

Please join our Senior High Youth Group and drivers in prayer as they prepare for mission, travel to Tennessee, serve in the Appalachia Mountain area, and grow in their faith. Pray for all the youth and adults and thank God for them today. Pray that God will teach them new things and strengthen our whole team in a way only He can do; and for God to help team members see where they can use their gifts.

July 8 – (travel day) Thank God for this wonderful opportunity; prayers for safe travel.

July 9 – Pray for the formation of work teams, group dynamics, settling in.

July 10-14 – Pray for work to go safely and smoothly and that each household visited will see God's love through them. Pray for God's presence to be known to each person through their interactions with others and worship experiences. Pray for youth and adults to know how to use their gifts for God's glory. Pray for strength and restored energy as the week goes on. Pray for God to be seen and known. Pray for the emotions and minds of each person as they finish working with their groups and participate in the powerful closing worship.

July 15 – (travel day) Pray for travel safety and how to embrace their new powerful relationship with God.

July 16 – (travel and fun day) Pray for a fun closing day together and for the adults driving the remainder of the trip home. Prayers that what was learned and felt on the mountain can be shared in the valley below.

*Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian partnership ministry affiliated with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, dedicated to rural life ministry in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. They seek to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual & social needs of people through the love of Christ. For more information go to <http://mountain-top.org/>*

## Upper Class Scholarship

Applications for the FUMC Upper Class Scholarship are available at the Opportunity Wall. Application forms are also available at the Opportunity Wall. If you are a member or active participant at our church and are currently enrolled in an accredited post high school educational institution with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher, you are an eligible candidate for the Upper Class Scholarship. Completed applications are due August 6.

## Ann Arbor District Picnic

The Annual District Picnic will be July 29 at Dexter UMC. Reverend Spaw will grill hot dogs; paper products and beverages will be provided, please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. There will be sand volleyball, and you can do a 40 minute float on the Huron River! River depth is safe for younger children and transportation is provided, please bring your own floatation device.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual UM Friday at Comerica Park

The Detroit tigers will play the Chicago white sox at 7:10 pm on September 15. Come early for pre-game fun with Bishop Bard. Post game fun includes fireworks. Tickets are \$40 with seating in the Right Field Lower Deck. Contact: Dan Archambeau 734-422-2227 or go to <http://news.michiganumc.org/2017/01/catch-baseballs-back/>.

**Worship Attendance:** May 28—293    June 4—368    June 11—337    June 18—296  
June 25—249

## Prayers

### Prayer Concerns

Nathalie Lienard, Shaw family, Hipsher family, Clayton Macy, Paul Rambo, Tom & Edna Goetz, Charlene Sadler, Saline students in Germany, US Navy sailors, safe travel, those with cancer or health issues, flood victims, a nephew, Mark Thorpe, Caleb Nadig, Marge Stoddard, Mary Jo Cox, Jack Shaw, Julie O'Keefe, Mary Ann Sweet, Tammy Schoenfeldt, Gayle Rogers, Scott Klapper, Bob Kelley, Nancy Bryan, Don Gall, Wanda Beard, Bill Doren, Chase Yarns.

### Praises

Rick & Gloria Tyler's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.  
Support from this congregation.  
Saline High School Baseball State Champions  
Jim & Linda Tuttle's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.  
Dorothy Bredernitz's successful surgery.

### Sympathies

Mary Domeier and family on the death of her father, Harold Carter.  
The family and friends of Dorothy Heath on her passing.

### Military

Timothy Frisbee, Dan Erlwein, Erik Maddock, Aaron Friese, Joseph Miller, Benjamin Cripe, Randy Lossing, J.T. St. Dennis, Brad Nadig, Mark Nadig, Abby Jenks.

### Special Living

**BROOKHAVEN MANOR:** Florence Belt  
**OAKMONT ROCHESTER:** Helen Seitz  
**HILLSIDE TERRACE:** John McKeown  
**LINDEN SQUARE:** Marge Stoddard, Jim Bowker, Wes Exelby  
**EVH:** Roselyn Ford, Elaine Carter  
**TOWSLEY VILLAGE-CRC:** Ihla Donaldson



## HYMN SING & ICE CREAM

Please join us for an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing Evening at 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 23. Request your favorite hymn to sing and join us for fellowship and an Ice Cream Social afterward!

## Friends InDeed Golf Outing

The Annual Golf Outing is coming up on Monday, July 17 at the Washtenaw Golf Club. We are very excited to announce that Rep. Debbie Dingell is serving as our Honorary Chair! Proceeds from the event will help Friends In Deed help our low-income neighbors with furniture, car repair, and prevention of utility shutoff. **Come play with us!** Register at <http://www.friendsindeedmi.org/golf/>.

## Columbarium Niches

Niches are available in our church columbarium. A columbarium is an answer for the proper disposition and identification of the earthly remains of those who have shared the fellowship of our church family. Our columbarium includes 144 granite-faced, single-front niches and is located to the north of the church building in the Prayer Garden. If you are interested in more information please contact the church office.

## Prayer Groups

**Monday evening** come join us in the Cry Room for prayer from 6:30–7:30 pm, to pray for this congregation and more.

**Thursday morning** we also have a prayer group that meets in the Cry Room at 9:30 am.

**Prayer Chain** There is an at home option for emergency prayer during the week that you may join. Contact the church office at 429-4730.

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### Calendar for July 2 – July 31, 2017

<b>2 Sunday</b> 8:04a Right Start Service 9:30a Sanctuary Worship Mission Team Commissioning 3:00p EHS Worship 8:00p College Bible Study	<b>3 Monday</b> Office Closed 6:30p Open Prayer Grp 7:00p Grief Support Group	<b>4 Tuesday</b> Holiday Building/Office Closed	<b>5 Wednesday</b> 9:00a Lil Saints Super Wednesdays 9:30a Pastor's Study 12:30p Prayer Quilts 5:00p Youth Band 6:00p Youth Night 6:45p Small Group I 7:00p New Cancer Spprt	<b>6 Thursday</b> 9:30a Prayer Ministry 1:00p Daniel Plan 7:30p Flying Club	<b>7 Friday</b>	<b>8 Saturday</b> Youth Mission Trip Leaving 11:00a Private Party
<b>9 Sunday</b> 8:04a Right Start Service 9:30a Sanctuary Worship	<b>10 Monday</b> 6:00p VBS Planning 6:00p Stephen Ministry 6:30p Prayer Mtg 7:00p Community Care 7:00p Trustees	<b>11 Tuesday</b> 9:30a WISE AM 6:30p S'More Twist	<b>12 Wednesday</b> 9:00a Lil Saints Super Wednesdays 9:30a Pastor's Study 12:30p Prayer Quilts 6:45p Small Group I 7:00p Cancer Small Grp	<b>13 Thursday</b> 9:30a Prayer Ministry	<b>14 Friday</b>	<b>15 Saturday</b> 11:00a Dorothy Vedder Memorial Service
<b>16 Sunday</b> 8:04a Right Start Wrshp 9:30a Sanctuary Worship Youth Mission Trip Returning	<b>17 Monday</b> 6:00p Adult Ministry 6:30p Prayer Mtg 7:30p Youth Band Prac	<b>18 Tuesday</b> 9:30a WISE AM	<b>19 Wednesday</b> 9:00a Lil Saints Super Wednesdays 9:30a Pastor's Study 12:30p Prayer Quilts 5:00p Youth Band 6:00p Youth Night 6:45p Small Group I 7:00p Men's Bible Study	<b>20 Thursday</b> 9:30a Prayer Ministry 12:00p J.O.Y. Fellowship 1:00p Daniel Plan	<b>21 Friday</b> 7:00p Private Quilting	<b>22 Saturday</b> 10:00a Youth AM Bible Study
<b>23 Sunday</b> 8:04a Right Start Wrshp 9:30a Sanctuary Worship 8:00p College Bible Study 6:00p Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social	<b>24 Monday</b> 6:00p VBS Planning Mtg 6:30p Prayer Mtg 7:30p Youth Band Prac	<b>25 Tuesday</b> 9:30a WISE AM 12:00p Newsletter Due date 7:00p Call Team	<b>26 Wednesday</b> 9:00a Lil Saints Super Wednesdays 9:30a Pastor's Study 12:30p Prayer Quilts 5:00p Youth Band 6:00p Youth Night 6:45p Small Group I	<b>27 Thursday</b> 9:30a Prayer Ministry 10:00a Brecon / Linden	<b>28 Friday</b>	<b>29 Saturday</b> 10:00a Youth AM Bible 11:00a Private Party 12:00p Ann Arbor District Picnic
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