

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

THE CONNECTION POINT
Contemporary Worship Celebration

January 13, 2019

11:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Comfort Cases

***SONG CELEBRATION & WELCOME**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Zimmerman

There will be no Godly Play or W.O.W. today. Worship bags and clipboards with activities for children are available in the back of the sanctuary.

MEMORY VERSE

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

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.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:14-18

PRAYER TIME

Jeanette Brenner

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15:1-6

MESSAGE

"Finding the Light on a Dark Night"
(1st in the series Night Time Stories)

***CLOSING SONG**

CLOSING WORDS

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

CCLI#978430

Saline First United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 13, 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

January 13, 2019

9:00 am

Please set your cell phone to mute or vibrate.

Prelude
Ringing of the Church Bell
Announcements

Ministry Moment Comfort Cases

Bringing in the Light Evelyn and Robert Gill

***Processional Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #140

Welcome Jay Leadley

Children's Message Rev. Tom Zimmerman

Sung Congregational Response
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Memory Verse John 1:5
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Offertory Anthem *We are Called* Haas

***Doxology** #95

***Offertory Prayer**
 O God, You've given each one of us gifts and abilities and have called called us to use them in all kinds of settings—our homes, schools, neighborhoods and places of employment. Take our gifts, our time and our resources. Us them—and us—as You see fit so that, through us, Your Kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

Scripture Genesis 1:14–18 O.T. Page 1

***Hymn** *Where He Leads Me* (vs. 1, 4) #338

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations Jeanette Brenner
Prayers of the People

State of the Church Gathering—Many of you are already aware that major changes may be coming to our denomination. It's fair to say that for decades people within the church have disagreed on the issue of homosexuality. Over the decades legislation has been brought to General Conferences advocating for changes. This reached a high point at the 2016 General Conference of the United Methodist Church (the world-wide decision making body of our denomination). There delegates asked the Bishops to help with the impasse. In response, the Council of Bishops formed a commission called "A Way Forward". The commission brought to the bishops three possible plans for consideration at a special General Conference to be held on February 23-25, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. Because we want our congregation to be aware of this and its impact, we are hosting a "State of the Church" gathering on **Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Christler Hall**. We will share the above information with more detail and allow time for discussion, questions and answers. This informational meeting might be the launch for further discussion sessions depending on the outcome of the February 2019 special-called General Conference. We hope you will attend.

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).

Columbarium Niches Available—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. This is to be the place especially for those who love First United Methodist Church of Saline and have a sense of closeness to it. Our columbarium includes 144 granite-faced, single-front niches and is located to the north of the church building in the Prayer Garden. Theologically, cremation is not a modern concept and in no way discounts the Christian understanding of resurrection of the body and life everlasting. It simply speeds the natural process by which the body decomposes in burial. Cremation does not change God's plan for our earthly bodies. As far as the Christian Faith is concerned, what is important is that the remains are treated with respect and dignity. The fee paid upon execution of the Columbarium Agreement covers the rights of inurnment of cremated remains, opening and closing of the niche during inurnment, and perpetual care of the columbarium and prayer garden. Cremation costs, funeral home charges, cost for the urn(s), and engraving fees are not included. The fee of \$2,000 covers the cost of a niche for one or two persons. The purchaser may select his/her niche location, based on availability. Once finalized, niche assignment cannot be changed. If you are interested in more information please contact the church office and a member of the Columbarium Team will contact you. Call 734-429-4730 or email office@fumc-saline.org; put "Columbarium Information" on the subject line.

Neighborhood Groups Upcoming Events

South Neighborhood Group Wine & Cheese Party—Come in out of the cold and join some neighborhood fun! Cheryl Schlaff is hosting a wine and cheese party for our group on Saturday, January 26, 1:00–3:30 pm (snow date February 2). South Neighborhood group friends are invited to bring a favorite wine, beer, cider or non-alcoholic beverage and an appetizer or sweet to share. Cheryl will have pop available. If possible, let Cheryl know you are coming, but don't let that stop you from joining the group. Phone: 734-417-3951, email: Cheryla311@comcast.net, or sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns—Tanner Bean and family, Dan Kolander family, Stimic family, Kerri Morrow, Josie Rayle, Luci Anthus, Patti Henes, Gary Held, family who tragically lost 11 year old son/grandson.

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.

Sympathies—The family of Shirley Slagle on her passing, the Schoenfeldt family on the passing of Dick’s uncle, Millie and Chuck Webster on the passing of their brother in law, Betty Lund on her husband’s passing.

Praises—Dave Hares and Kerri Morrow’s successful surgeries, Todd Nash’s successful liver transplant.

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: Tie a knot and say a prayer for our dear friend Kerri Morrow.

Prayer Notes: _____

Condolences—Sadly, our friend Shirley Slagle passed away on January 6. Per Shirley’s wishes, there will not be a public funeral. If you’d like to send a card to Shirley’s sons, please send it to:

Slagle Family
460 W. Russell St., Apt 303
Saline, MI 48176-1161

If you’d like to make a donation to Shirley’s favorite charity in her memory, please send it to:

Samaritan’s Purse
PO Box 3000
Boone, NC 28607

Comfort Cases is Back Again—In today’s Ministry Moment, you will hear 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. For more information, please contact Karin Haynes, 818-862-1146.

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.

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Sermon “Finding the Light on a Dark Night” Rev. Tom Zimmerman
(1st in the series *Night Time Stories*)

***Closing Hymn** *Standing on the Promises* #374

***Benediction
Postlude**

**Please stand in body or in spirit* CCLI#978430

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 ~ Jason AuBuchon, 1/13; Jeff Comfort, George Lancaster, Joshua Wells, 1/14; Chris Ahrns, Bruce Bennyhoff, Aaron Brenner, Jack Lancaster, Christa Tepper, Luke Vredeveld, 1/15; Stefanie Fletcher, Katherine Hoppert, Patsy Mayer, 1/16; Hailey Basler, Katelin Igoe, Julie Steele, Jonathan Wells, Melissa Zimmerman, 1/17; Ira Leadley, 1/18; Helene Pillsbury, Matthew Wenner, 1/19.

Anniversaries This Week ~ Dakota & Emily Smith, 1/16.

Due Dates ~ The closing date for submission of articles for the February newsletter is noon Tuesday, January 22. Please submit articles for the bulletin or narthex screens by noon on Wednesdays.

Blood pressure checks are offered between services today in the Conference Room (across the hall from the kitchen)



Bake Sale Today! Today's mission bake sale benefits Habitat for Humanity. Stop by Christler Hall between services to pick up some great baked goods and donate to this worthy cause. Thank you!

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 (January 13): 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 (January 20): 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 (January 27): 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. And that's ok.

Overcoming Mental Health Challenges—An adult Sunday school class, today through February 3, 2019, in room M. Mental health disorders are common. In fact, nearly 1 in 5 (19%) U.S. adults experience some form of mental illness in a given year, according to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). Overcoming Mental Health Challenges is a 4-week Sunday school class designed to teach about mental health disorders and explore the faith community's response. We will grapple with topics such as: What is mental illness? What should you do if someone seems suicidal? The caregiving role—how do I take care of myself, too? What is a co-existing illness such as substance use disorder? What are the local resources to help? How would Christ have us respond as an individual and as a faith community? This class is offered by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Washtenaw County. Facilitators Darlene Wetzel and Bob Nassauer are trained NAMI presenters. Questions? Call Darlene Wetzel, 734-945-2416. Sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

Annual Church Celebration—TONIGHT—Our Annual Church Celebration of Ministry Together. Is tonight in Christler Hall. The church will provide an entrée; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Arrive for potluck dinner at 4:45, we will share a meal from 5:00-5:30 pm, the celebration is from 5:30-6:00 pm. We have lots to celebrate, everyone is welcome!!!!

January J.O.Y. Lunch—If you are 55 and up join us for lunch and fellowship. We meet on the third Thursday of every month. We meet this month on January 17 at noon. We will have great food and fellowship. Everyone bring a friend and enjoy some fun, See you there! *Cost is a \$5 donation.* Sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

Contribution Statements—To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2018 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, 2019.

Feed My Sheep—Donations of food and supplies are needed to provide the homeless meal at First Baptist Church in Ann Arbor on Tuesday, January 29. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall. *“Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40*

Medical Closet—We have some medical equipment available to borrow, including crutches, walkers, wheel chairs, raised commode seats, shower seats, and even a knee wheeler. Please contact the church office, 734-429-4730.

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.

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! Not meeting on Sunday, January 20 due to SpringHill retreat

Before School Bible Study—Fridays, 6:30 am, at Jay's, breakfast and rides to school- Not meeting on Friday, January 18 due to SpringHill retreat

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 studying the OT story of King Solomon.

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-Next session begins January 23

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, January 25. More information to come.

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.