

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

THE CONNECTION POINT
Contemporary Worship Celebration

January 27, 2019

11:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT
United Methodist Women

***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

“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.

PRAYER TIME

Jeanette Brenner

VIDEO PRESENTATION

Gideon – Nat Burns

SCRIPTURE

Judges 7:15–22

MESSAGE

“Don't Say No Way–Say Yahweh”
(3rd 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 27, 2019

**Worshipping Christ...
Welcoming All!**



Studying God's Word
Connecting with Christ
Serving through Love

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

PRAYERS

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

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 of Oneta Coffey on her passing.

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

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 Notes: _____

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.

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Scripture

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Sermon

“Don't Say No Way—Say Yahweh”
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***Closing Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#127

***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 ~ Patricia Aungst, Don Telfer, 1/27; Tim Cockerham, Scott Kise, Martin Makolin, Lauren Telfer, Gloria Tyler, Miriam Weaver, 1/28; Shelby Dahms, 1/30; Mark Eby, Emma Rigg, 1/31; Toni Ellicott, Dai Ping, 2/1; Gwendie Babcock, Betty Charles, McKenna Ducca, Lina Irvine, 2/2.

Anniversaries This Week ~ Carlos & B Melendez, 1/28.

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.

Feed My Sheep—We still need a few donations of food to provide the homeless meal at First Baptist Church in Ann Arbor on Tuesday! Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall. Please call the church office if you have any questions on items requested or preparation, 734-429-4730.

“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

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 (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.

Overcoming Mental Health Challenges—Join us for this adult Sunday school class, 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.

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.

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, stuff 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.

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.

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.

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 *Note: Not meeting on January 28*

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.