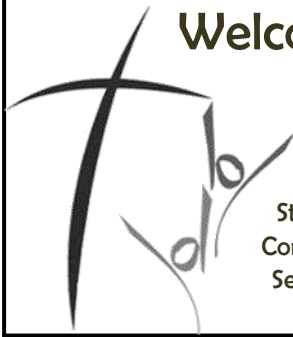


First United Methodist Church
of Saline

STEEPLE NEWS

Worshipping Christ... Welcoming All!



Studying God's Word
Connecting with Christ
Serving through Love

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Memory Verse

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them
and they follow me." John 10:27

Church Safety & Security Update

Beginning Sunday, **May 5**, the church
doors will lock 10 minutes after each
worship service starts and will unlock at
the end of services. Ushers will open
doors for people arriving between those
times.

Worship

9:00 & 11:15 am

Sunday School for all ages 10:10 am

Children are always welcome to remain
in the worship service, but alternative
options are available if desired:

Nursery care birth to 3 years is offered
every Sunday in Room J.

Godly Play: Both services, 4 years–
Kindergarten meets in Room N.

Worship Our Way: Both services, 1st–4th
grades meets in Room G.

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).

Family Worship Sundays: The third
Sunday of **this** month. Nursery will be
provided for birth to 3 years old, but all
other children will stay in worship with
their family. Worship Bags & clipboards
with developmentally appropriate
activities are available in the back of the
sanctuary.

"Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin."
Psalm 51:2

Dear Friends:

It's been spring clean-up around our house lately. No section of the
house has been spared. Why is it that we collect items we don't really
need, keep piling them up in the attic, the basement, and closet shelves until, suddenly,
there's no place to put anything else? Eventually, we're forced to have a big clean-up project
to get rid of the stuff we wonder why we held on to in the first place!

That sort of clutter is bad enough, but it's even worse if we clutter up our heads with useless
thoughts and feelings that just get in the way—like bitterness, guilt, grudges, hateful
thoughts toward others. They're spiritual trash—robbing space for better thoughts.

How about cleaning up our minds by focusing, as Paul said, on better things? Maybe even
allow the grace of Christ to wash us clean and replace the clutter with love and hope.

See you in church!

Pastor Tom



Internship Positions

Summer Youth & Family Ministries Intern—A position is open for a part time summer
youth intern, who will serve to help support the youth ministry throughout the summer
months. As a church, we are committed to providing an intern experience that will assist a
qualified individual in pursuing a future leadership role within a church setting either
professionally or personally. The internship will commence in approximately late May and
conclude in late August. The youth intern will be expected to work an average of 10 hours
per week (or 120 hours throughout the course of the summer), and attend at least one
summer youth trip. This position will report to the Director of Youth & Family Ministries,
Jay Leadley.

Summer or Fall Children & Family Ministries Intern—A position is open for a part time
intern for children and family ministries, who will serve to help support the ministry in the
areas of teaching, discipleship, administration, and special projects while learning how to
effectively oversee ministry to children and their parents. As a church, we are committed to
providing an intern experience that will assist a qualified individual in pursuing a future
leadership role within a church setting either professionally or personally. This position is
available for either the summer months of June–August or the fall months of September–
November. Hours and time are flexible, but approximately 10 hours a week or a total of
120 hours over the course of the internship are expected. Duties and schedule vary
depending on whether intern serves during the summer or fall months.

Save the Date

Saline community fireworks will be on July 4 at nightfall. The fireworks will be displayed at Crabtree Field. Our church will be hosting on the front lawn for a time of fun and fellowship as we celebrate Independence Day!



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 May 16 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.

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 would like to contribute.

National Day of Prayer

FUMC will be participating in the National Day of Prayer gathering in our community on Thursday, May 2, at the Liberty School community boardroom, 7265 N. Ann Arbor Street in Saline. The event begins at 9:30 am with the following detailed timeline:

9:30–10:00 am: Coffee and fellowship

10:00–10:30 am: Corporate prayer

10:30–11:00 am: Small prayer groups praying for government, business, education, military, first responders, media arts, churches and families.

All are welcome! For more information contact Annherst Kreitz at 734-355-7200

Congregational Care Corner

Jeanette Brenner, Director of Congregational Care, jeanette@fumc-saline.org



Stephen Ministry

Have you received a shoulder tap from God about searching for a new opportunity to serve Him? Stephen Ministry, a one on one ministry, might be something for you....

Are you interested in volunteering as a Stephen Minister in the program here at FUMC? A new class is forming for this year. There is an application process and the forms are available in the church office. Initially the training requires you to attend a 2½ hour class weekly until the basics are covered. There is no cost for the training. You volunteer your time, the church provides the manuals and other required reading. If you have questions, you can ask Jeanette Brenner or Bobbe Hinsman.

Summer Neighborhood Groups

Summer is a great time to host a neighborhood group event! Let me know what you are planning and I will help you advertise. So, 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 May, June, July or August?



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. All are welcome.

S'more Fellowship

S'more fellowship will return this July! S'more fellowship is such a great time to fellowship with each other and invite friends to come and have some fun. S'mores will be on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. We will kick off the S'more season on Wednesday, July 17 at 6:30 pm. S'more nights are for ALL ages!



"Next Steps"

If you are an active friend or a guest and want to find out more about the church and how to become more involved in the church email me at jeanette@fumc-saline.org or call the church office at 734-429-4730.



First Impressions



SPRING CLEAN UP DAY—Our outreach to the community begins with our appearance from the road, sidewalk, and parking lot. That's where we make our first impression with the way our building, yard, landscape beds look. Do they look well maintained and cared for, or unkempt and dreary? We hire the lawn mowing to be done but EVERYTHING ELSE IS VOLUNTEER. On May 4 from 9:00 am until noon we are asking for a crowd of helpful people to come and give our grounds their annual spring cleanup. The more people that come, the more we accomplish, it's that simple. Bring rakes, shovels, gloves and anything else you think you may need, please put your name on your tools.

We also have an amazing group of people that continue to maintain the landscape beds all summer. If you are interested in taking on an area please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or contact Pam Heffebower, 734-320-6090. It usually requires a few hours per month. If you have landscape design experience and are willing to share your expertise, please contact Pam as well. Thank you in advance for considering helping on May 4, many hands really do make light work for all.

Methodist Children's Home Tour

Join us to caravan from our church parking lot over to The Methodist Children's Home to take a campus tour on Sunday, May 19. We will form into car pools in the Narthex after early service and drive about 40 minutes to Redford. All ages are welcome as we tour with a staff member for approximately one hour. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall in May and dress for the weather. After our tour, anyone interested can gather at the Brunch Cafe on Newburgh Rd for a bite of lunch before returning home. Call Jill Jedele at 734-316-2279 or Karin Haynes at 818-862-1146 with questions.



NAMI Faith Group

The National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Faith Group combines scripture lessons, educational topics and a sharing time to promote support and spirituality in mental health.

The group is open to adults living with a diagnosis, and to anyone who wants to learn how to better support those living with a condition. There is no fee or registration required. Attendance is on a drop in basis and each meeting will have a new lesson. NAMI Faith Group is inclusive and welcomes all religions and all people.

Meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30pm, in Christler Hall. **Exception – May's meeting will be Thursday May 30, 6:30-8:30pm.** Call 429-4730 for questions re: NAMI Faith Group. Visit namiwc.org for info about additional classes and support groups.

UMW Circles

Hannah Circle: Monday May 6 from 12:30–2:00 pm in Room F.

Esther Circle: Monday May 6 at noon at the home of Pat Peterson.

Susanna Circle: Monday May 6 at 7:00 pm in Room E.

Church Softball League

Wishing you would have played on last year's team? Well, here is your chance! We are putting together a team for the Saline Rec Center Church softball league that will begin in June. Cost is \$40.00 per player. Participants must be 18 years of age and older. We will have more information to come. If interested sign up at the Opportunity Wall. Call the church office if you have questions.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the chancel area please sign up on the calendar outside the main office. The cost is \$25 for one bouquet and you are invited to take them home after church.

Thank You

Rebecca, Nichole and Bobbe Hinsman would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, love, meals, visits, calls, cards and concerns over the last month. All three of us are recovering well at this time. It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring community of believers.

Love and many thanks,
~Bobbe

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School

July 9, 10, 11, 12
6:00-8:30 pm

K - 4th Grade



Our last DEN 56 of the school year is Friday, May 31, from 6:30-8:30 pm. All 5th & 6th graders are welcome to join us for pizza, fun and fellowship. RSVP by Thursday May 30 to Mrs. Klepaczyk. This is a great activity to bring a friend to! This month we will have a photo scavenger hunt!

Mountain TOP

Mountain TOP calls one of our own back to Tennessee for another summer on the Mountain! Starting in May, Matt Eby will be working at the ministry outreach camp as a first-time director and he is so excited for the opportunities to come, but he needs our help. As a nonprofit organization, Mountain TOP operates on the basis of partnerships; so if you'd like to partner with Matt and support the ministry through a monetary donation, please fill out the forms on the Opportunity Wall and Matt will be in touch with you!

God bless and updates to come!
~Matt

For 7th -12th graders



Children & Family Ministry

Linda Klepaczyk, Director of Children & Family Ministry, lindak@fumc-saline.org



Relationships are at the core of a church family and we are working on bringing our church family together. On **Saturday, May 11**, Children, Youth and Family Ministries in cooperation



with the United Methodist Women will be hosting an Intergenerational Dinner.

Who's Hosting? – Families of SFUMC

Who's Invited? – Anyone of Any Age

What do I bring? – Just Yourself!

What time is it? – 5:30 p.m.

Sign Up by May 5 at the Opportunity Wall. We have a limited number of spots so save yours today! Come and join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Contact Linda Klepaczyk, Director of Children & Family Ministries with questions.

Don't miss this special Sunday in the life of our church!



Each year we try to have a special Sunday to celebrate all the growing our children & youth have done in the past school year. They will once again "take over" leading the worship services for the morning. In addition, Dhiraj John (Pastor William John's son) will be visiting from INDIA and will bring us news from Living Hope Children's Home and Anton Public School. Dhiraj is the acting director of Living Hope Children's Home in Bangalore INDIA. We will have a special offering on Growing Sunday to help support the children of Living Hope Ministries

Youth & Family Ministry

Jay Leadley, Director of Youth & Family Ministry, jay@fumc-saline.org

Hello Everyone!

Spring is here! It seems like it took forever to get here, but I'm feeling pretty good about this weather sticking around for a little while now. Our youth programs are going strong in both attendance and involvement in church activities. We are now in a stretch of about 2-3 months where you will see our youth actively involved in worship services in one form or another. So there is a lot to report on, and a lot to look forward to.

The month of April got off to a great start with the **Rummage Sale!** This time around we raised almost \$3000 with part of those proceeds going toward the purchase of our new church van. Soon we will be cruising in style (and safety) with a lightly used 2018 Ford Transit 12-passenger van. It is truly a blessing that God has provided us with this vehicle, but we still have more money to raise in order to pay it off, so please consider making a donation toward that end. On Easter morning our students led us in worship at our yearly **Sunrise Service**. This year's service was highlighted by worship songs written and presented by our very own worship team, and it was capped off with a powerful drama of the Easter story.

Coming up in May we have quite a bit going on! We will get started with **Confirmation Sunday** on the first Sunday of the month, which is always a joy to be a part of. Later in the month, on May 19, the children and youth will be leading the congregation in worship for another **Growing Sunday**. I look forward to seeing the children and youth challenge us in a new and fresh way this spring.

So there's a lot going on, but it's all for the glory of God and it is a blessing just to be a part of it. Make sure you show your support by thanking a youth volunteer for what they do, and continue to think about ways that you could get directly involved!

Grace&Peace,

Jay Leadley, Director of Youth & Family Ministries



Take a Break Before You Break

Sharon United Methodist Church in Manchester invites you to a Celebration of Women and a high tea on Saturday, May 18, 3:00 pm. Nationally known speaker and author, Breeda Miller will share her experience, insight and humor as a caregiver. "Take a Break Before You Break" will help equip you to care for yourself as you care for a loved one. Tickets are \$10 and are required as seating is limited. Contact Michelle McCalla, 734-929-8514, Shirley Disch, 937-728-0210 or email sharonumcchurch@gmail.com. Proceeds benefit the Manchester Area Senior Center.

Van Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed toward the purchase of a 12-passenger van that will be used for our church ministries. \$17, 685 has been raised so far. There is still time to contribute. Gold special offering envelopes and a drop box are at the Opportunity Wall. Thank you for stepping out in faith and giving so generously!

Out with the old.....

.....in with the new!



Prayers

Prayer Concerns—Dorothy Bredernitz, Mary, Chris Kruger, Jake, graduating college students, Christians in Sri Lanka, parent & young adult relationships.

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

Sympathies—Marilyn Knight on the death of her husband, John.

Praises—Easter cantata participants.

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

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

Busch's My Way

Attention Busch's Shoppers!

Did you know that FUMC Saline can earn quarterly rewards from Busch's? If you have a Busch's MyWay account, you can designate our organization to receive rewards based on your purchases. Money we collect from this program is deposited to our Good Samaritan Fund which is used to provide emergency assistance to families in our church and community.

Follow these simple steps to sign up:

- (1) Go to www.buschs.com.
- (2) Click on the MyWay tab and login or create an account.
- (3) From the dropdown menu under your name tab (top right) choose Cash for Education.
- (4) Under the Select Organization dropdown menu choose First United Meth. Church-Saline for each quarter.

Please Note: FUMC Saline must be reselected each year for us to continue receiving rewards.



Lake Louise Mission Trip Meeting

There will be an informational meeting between services for our mission trip on May 5. If you have signed up please come to our meeting to find out more details. We will meet in Room F.

Attendance

4/7— 326	4/14—362
4/21—756	4/28—278

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			1 Wednesday 9:30a Pastor's Study- Rm F 12:30p Prayer Quilts- Rm F 3:00p Truth Quest-Den 4:00p Brick by Brick-M,M,N,O,P 6:30p Praise Team Rehearsal 6:45p Small Group-Offsite 7:00p WISE PM-Rm E 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2 Thursday 9:30a Prayer Ministry-Oasis 1:00p Daniel Plan Forward-E 6:15p Orchestra Rehearsal 6:30p Pack 461- H,F,M,N,O,P 7:30p Handbell Rehearsal 7:30p Flying Club-CLC	3 Friday 6:30a Youth Bible Study	4 Saturday 9:00 a Spring Clean -Up Day
5 Sunday Confirmation Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Lk. Louise Trip Mtg-Rm F 10:10a Sunday School-All Ages 11:15a Connection Point Service 2:30p Piano Recital-Sanct/Kitchen 3:00p EHS WorshipService 5:00p Pack 461-Leader Mtg-F 5:30p Underground	6 Monday 9:30a Private Group-TOPS-CH 12:00p Esther Circle-offsite 12:30p Hannah Circle-Rm F 12:30 Grieving Together-Rm C 6:30p Open Prayer-Oasis 7:00p SPRC-Room A 7:00p Susanna Circle-Rm E 7:30p Youth Worship Band	7 Tuesday 9:30a WISE AM - Rm F 7:00p Troop 446-O/P	8 Wednesday 9:30a Pastor's Study- Rm F 12:30p Prayer Quilts- Rm F 6:30p Praise Team Rehearsal 6:45p Small Group-Offsite 7:00p WISE PM-Rm E 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 Thursday 9:30a Prayer Ministry-Oasis 6:15p Orchestra Rehearsal 6:30p Pack 461- H,F,M,N,O,P 6:30p Stephen Ministry-Rm E 7:30p Handbell Rehearsal	10 Friday 6:30a Youth Bible Study	11 Saturday 5:30p Intergenerational Event
12 Sunday Mission Bake Sale 9:00a Traditional Service 10:00a Blood Pressure Checks 10:10a Sunday School All Ages 11:15a Connection Point Worship 5:30p Underground	13 Monday 9:30a Private Group TOPS-CH 1:00p Shawl Ministry- Rm E 6:30p Open Prayer Mtg-Oasis 7p Community Care-Rm F 7:30p Trustees - Rm A 7:30p Youth Worship Band	14 Tuesday 9:30a WISE AM - Rm F 12:00p Volunteer Luncheon 7:00p Troop 446-O/P	15 Wednesday 9:30a Pastor's Study-Rm F 12:30p Prayer Quilts-Rm F 6:45p Small Group-Offsite 7:00p WISE PM-Rm E	16 Thursday 9:30a Prayer Ministry-Oasis Rm 12:00p JOY Fellowship-CH 1:00p Daniel Plan Forward-Rm E 6:30p Pack 461CH/CLC 7:30p Handbell Rehearsal	17 Friday 6:30a Youth Bible Study	18 Saturday 7:00a Private party- CH/CLC/Kitch
19 Sunday Growing Sunday Family Worship Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Connection Point 4:00p New Horizon Concert 5:30p Underground	20 Monday 9:30a Private Group-TOPS 6:00p Adult Ministries-Rm F 6:30p Open Prayer-Oasis 6:30p UMW Executive Mtg-E 7:00p Stewardship/Finance-A 7:00p Grieving Together-Rm C 7:30p Youth Worship Band	21 Tuesday 9:30a WISE AM - Rm F 12:00p Newsletter Due 1:00p Euchre Time-Rm C 7:00p Planned Rec/Giving-A 7:00p Troop 446-O/P	22 Wednesday 9:30a Pastor's Study-Rm F 12:30p Prayer Quilts-Rm F 6:30p Praise Team Rehearsal 6:45p Small Group-Offsite 7:00p WISE PM-Rm E 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	23 Thursday 9:30a Prayer Ministry-Oasis 10:00a Brecon Ctr Worship 1:00p Linden Square Worship 6:30p Pack 461- H,F,M,N,O,P 7:30p Handbell Rehearsal	24 Friday 6:30a Youth Bible Study	25 Saturday
26 Sunday 9:00a Traditional Service 10:10a Sunday School 11:15a Connection Point	27 Monday Memorial Day Church Building/Office Closed	28 Tuesday 9:30a WISE AM - Rm F 7:00p Troop 446-CH-Court of Honor	29 Wednesday 9:30a Pastor's Study-Rm F 12:30p Prayer Quilts-Rm F 6:30p Praise Team Rehearsal 6:45p Small Group-Offsite 7:00p WISE PM-Rm E 7:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30 Thursday 9:30a Prayer Ministry-Oasis 6:30p NAMI Faith-CH 6:30p Pack 461- H,F,M,N,O,P 7:30p Handbell Rehearsal	31Friday 6:30a Youth Bible Study 6:30p DEN 56	