

STEEPLE NEWS



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Memory Verse

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Website Launch

Our new and much improved website will be set to launch this coming week. Same address, but NOT the same look! We hope you take some time to visit the site and navigate the pages. We also invite you to check it out from your mobile device. www.fumc-saline.org

Upper Class Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to Penelope Mankey for receiving our Upper Class Scholarship this year. Penelope is attending Eastern Michigan University. We are proud of you, Penelope, and are excited to see all God has planned for you!

Fall Worship Schedule

9:00 am — In-person and Live Stream traditional worship service in the sanctuary.

10:15 am — Christian Education hour for children, youth, and adults.

11:15 am — In-person praise worship service in the sanctuary.

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Dear Beloved Saline First UMC Community,

Fall is a great time to recharge our faith walk and fill our hearts with God’s richest treasures! As the leaves change and the days grow shorter, we are given the blessing of more time to focus on the things that draw us nearer to God.

As a church family, on September 11th, we will begin a journey that will walk us through “Treasured Practices that Help Us Discover God” including worship, Bible study, prayer, communion, giving, telling, and serving. Each of these spiritual disciplines help us discover ways to become more like Jesus and live the flourishing lives that God has called us to live.

Perhaps the treasure you need to discover most can be found in attending one of our fall classes or joining us for in person worship. Maybe the gems you want can be found by serving on a mission project or becoming a part of the visitation team. Is the gold you seek sacred time on Monday evenings at 5:30 as part of the prayer team or volunteering with our students on Sunday nights?

The possibilities for joy on this journey are endless! Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where it is that you need to travel this fall to find the treasure trove of faith, hope, and love that God has waiting for you!

Looking forward to discovering what God has for us as we seek to live out our faith on purpose.

In loving service,

Pastor Amy

Fall Kick Off

We hope you are planning to join us on Sunday, September 11, as we kick off our new fall schedule! We will have a 9:00 am Traditional in person and Live Stream Service, and a Praise Service from 11:15 am – 12:00 pm. The nursery will be open 8:45 am – 12:15 pm.

Plan to join us for a fall kick off brunch and program at 10:15 am in Christler Hall.

September 18 will be the start of our Christian Education year with classes at 10:15 am. All our Christian Ed teachers are asked to attend worship that morning to join us for a prayer and blessing over our classes.

JOY Fellowship

JOY Fellowship will be meeting the third Thursday in September, the 15th at noon! There will be a luncheon for Just Older Youth ("JOY"), 55 and older. Joe Luben and Gordy Peters will work their culinary magic and make something delicious! Suggested donation of \$5 to defray food costs. Invite a friend, we hope to see you there!!



Third Annual FUMC Saline Golf Scramble

The 3rd Annual FUMC Golf Scramble to benefit our scholarship fund will be held on Sunday, September 25 with tee times starting at 12:00 noon. Brookside Golf Course has been gracious enough to host again this year. Cost is \$45.00 per player which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, snacks, and hot dog. There will be prizes for winning team, closest to the pin, and longest drive (male and female). Mulligans will be available for \$10.00 per golfer which will give the golfer one on the front and on the back. You may sign up at the Opportunity Wall or on our website. Please call the church office if you have questions.

Thank You!

We wanted to say THANK YOU to our custodian Lucy Slater-Doren for her many years of faithful and loving service to our church. Lucy has decided to try out this retirement gig she's heard about! Please join us in wishing Lucy well and God's blessings in her new chapter.

Backpack Blessings

During both worship services on September 11, we will have a back-to-school blessing. Students of all ages are asked to **bring their backpacks** to worship for a blessing and to receive a gift as the school year starts. All school teachers and staff are invited to join us for a special prayer – invite a teacher to show some love for our Saline Area Schools, or other area schools too!

Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry

Our Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry will be offering handmade quilted potholders for a suggested donation of \$5.00 on Sunday, September 11 in Christler Hall. Get some of your Christmas shopping done early! What a great stocking stuffer, teacher gift, or a little something for yourself. Please consider supporting these wonderful ladies and their ministry.

Thank you from Mobility Worldwide

Mobility Worldwide would like to thank all of those who so generously donated to our organization! We appreciate it more than you know and are so grateful to see what God is doing through all of you!

Safe Sanctuaries Training

We will be offering a safe sanctuaries training class on Sunday, September 18 at 12:00 noon in Room E. Everyone working with children or youth here at First United Methodist Church of Saline will need this initial training class. This needs to be renewed every 3 years if you volunteer. You can do the Adult Safe Sanctuaries Refresher Training online at the church website, www.fumc-saline.org. Sign up at the Opportunity Wall. Please feel free to contact the church office if you have any questions.



Heritage District Gathering

You're invited to our UMC District gathering at Dixboro UMC on Sunday, September 18, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. There will be food, fun, fellowship, and live music. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Address of Dixboro UMC is 5221 Church Rd. Ann Arbor, 48105.

Methodist Children's Home

Our church's back to school clothing donation to the Methodist Children's Home was extraordinary! Without a doubt, our largest donation ever. The staff at the home was so grateful to receive the much needed clothing and toiletries for the boys to start up the new school year. We were told that the staff selects bundles of new clothing in each boy's size and delivers the items to their cottages. Receiving new stylish clothing helps the boys' self esteem as they join their peers in a new school year.



Thank you for generously donating to this very important mission!

Children & Student Ministry

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Fall 2022

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After School Adventures

Wednesdays 4-5:30pm
Begins Sept 21
After school faith program is for children grades 1-5. Transportation available. Requires registration. Fall theme is Twists & Turns. Through playing giant board games, we will be reminded how God is with us throughout the game of life no matter what.

Fall Church Kickoff

Sunday, Sept 11
The whole church will be celebrating the new school year together. Bring your school bag for the Backpack Blessing and receive a gift in worship. Join the kickoff program, brunch, & family treasure hunt at 10:15am. Capture the excitement!

Cross Training

Begins Sept 18th 10:15am
Our Cross Training Sunday School theme for the school year is TREASURED- where children discover they are priceless to God. New energy, new curriculum, & new time. Classes for ages 4-grade 6, nursery, grades 7-12, and adults. Parents are invited to pick a class to grow in their own faith and catch their breath too!

Worship

9AM Traditional Worship
10:15 Christian Ed
11:15 Praise Worship

We love kids in worship! Every service has a children's message and additional opportunities for families:

Birth-age 3: Nursery
Age 4-5: Prayground (quiet activity center in sanctuary)
Age 6+: Activity bags
All Ages: Oasis Room (cry/sensory space)

Den 56

Fridays 6-7:30pm
Sept 30, Oct 29, Dec 9
Youth group for grades 5 & 6! Pizza, game, project, and devotion in the Den student room to build friendships and make faith alive. Parent volunteers are needed for each month.

save the dates

Oct 21 Chili Cookoff

Nov Mental Health Event

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services TBA

Dec 25 Christmas Day Worship 10am
Come in your pajamas and sing loudly favorite Christmas songs with your church family. Prizes for best jammies!

**Register for
Christian Ed
online!**

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Family Ministry

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT "RESET"
Oct 8th 9-12:30pm
Its been a rough 2 years, all ladies are invited to set aside time to reset- spiritually, emotionally, and physically- with us. Nursery care provided. All moms & friends deserve this break! Details coming soon.

FAMILY SERVICE EVENT: KIDS COALITION AGAINST HUNGER
Nov 13th 1pm
Bring your entire family to make a difference in the fight against hunger in our world for this special food packing event. For all ages! Great opportunity to teach children how to serve.

FAMILY ADVENT MOVIE NIGHT
Dec 16 6pm
For Advent, we'll be looking at the movie Christmas Carol to see what God teaches us about the birth of Jesus. Join us for a showing of the movie, hot cocoa bar, and holiday fun!

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THE UNDERGROUND

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Make sure to register for this school year on our NEW website!

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- 11 CHURCH FALL KICKOFF: TREASURED**
The whole church will be celebrating the new school year together. Bring your school bag for the Backpack Blessing and receive a gift in either worship service. Join the kickoff program and brunch at 10:15am.
- 18 SUMMER 23 TRIP INFO MEETING 5:30-6pm (parents & students) UNDERGROUND FALL KICKOFF 5:30-7:30pm**
Heal about the NEW summer plans for 2023!!! Everyone is asked to attend and we'll discuss over a LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA TRUCK dinner (free for all) Students stay for our kick off with new schedule, new games, and new series "How to Survive School." Bring a friend & win a prize!
- 25 UNDERGROUND "HOW TO SURVIVE SCHOOL 2" 5:30-7:30pm**
We'll continue our theme to get you through the school year successfully. Throw down game is "Taco Bell Olympical"
- 2 UNDERGROUND "HOW TO SURVIVE SCHOOL 3" 5:30-7:30pm**
You made it to October! Congrats! Let's check in and see how the first month of school and faith life are going!
- 9 UNDERGROUND "HOW TO SURVIVE SCHOOL 4" 5:30-7:30pm**
Are you just surviving school or genuinely thriving? We'll wrap up our theme with guest speaker Noah Majors from Bayshore Camp.
- 16 TOURNAMENT NIGHT: DODGEBALL 4-7PM**
Get a team of friends together (or just show up to join one!) for our NEW Tournament Night- BIG PRIZES. Free dinner provided. Everyone invited.
- 23 NONE: FALL BREAK**
- 30 UNDERGROUND "THIRD PERSON 1" 5:30-7:30pm**
What in the other-world is the Holy Spirit and is it real? Our new theme will explore. PLUS- costume contest & Halloween games with prizes.
- 6 UNDERGROUND "THIRD PERSON 2" 5:30-7:30pm**
Are your eyes opened up to the Holy Spirit? Hear stories about real life encounters with God through the Holy Spirit!
- 13 SPECIAL EVENT: KIDS COALITION AGAINST HUNGER 1:00PM**
Bring your entire family to make a difference in the fight against hunger in our world for this special food packing event. No Underground tonight.
- 20 TOURNAMENT NIGHT: BASKETBALL 4-7PM**
Is your team ready for 3 on 3 basketball? BIG PRIZES. Free dinner provided. Not into basketball? There will be other activities as well.
- 27 NONE: THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- TBD MENTAL HEALTH EVENT**
In November, we'll join other Saline churches to learn real life techniques to stay emotionally healthy and help others. Watch for more info to come!
- 4 UNDERGROUND "AVATAR ADVENT" 5:30-7:30pm**
Is it the new movie Avatar2 or the Advent story? A family in trouble, trying to stay safe, and avoid life tragedies. Plus, donkey dodgeball. IYKYK
- 11 TOURNAMENT NIGHT: VOLLEYBALL 4-7PM**
Its Volleyball time- get your team together! BIG PRIZES. Free dinner provided. Nine Square & other activities will be set up also.
- 18 UNDERGROUND "AVATAR ADVENT & PARTY" 5:30-7:30pm**
Don't be blue. (get it?!) get into the holiday spirit as we wrap up our Avatar Advent series and have a Christmas party!



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Adult Ministries

Christian Education Offerings ~ Sundays 10:15 am, beginning September 18

Pathfinders – Currently studying Treasures of the Parables. Dave Drenning facilitator.

Parenting Class – In a small-group setting of mutual encouragement, support, and fellowship, our studies focus on ways that God can equip parents to respond and apply God's fresh work in their homes. Nancy Gill facilitator.

Bible 101 – A beginner's look into the Bible. Bobbe Hinsman facilitator.

A Biblical Travelogue of the Holy Land – Exploring the historical and cultural contexts of the Bible in Finding Freedom in the Midst of Life's Trials. Rob Hafer and Doug VerWoert are the facilitators.

Small Group & Weekday Offerings

United Women in Faith Circle Meetings:

Susanna Circle – meets at the church at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of the month. As a circle they work to foster community between their members. Everyone is welcome to visit their meeting at any time!

Hannah Circle – meets at the church at 12:30 pm on the first Monday of each month. This circle has an emphasis on outreach. If you want to put your faith into action, this is the group for you!

Beyond the Sermon: Dig into Sunday's scripture for a midweek pick-me-up. Tuesdays in person at 10:00 am and Zoom at 6:00 pm, beginning September 13. Pastor Amy facilitator.

NAMI Faith Group: Combines scripture lessons, educational topics, and a sharing time to promote support and spirituality in mental health. Second Tuesday of the month via Zoom at 7:00 pm and fourth Tuesday of the month in person, 7:00 pm, in Room A.

Out of Office Hours: Coffee and casual discussion with Pastor Amy at Brewed Awakenings Café on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 10:00 – 11:30 am.

Pub Theology: Discuss theology, questions, and real-life challenges with faith. Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Location to be determined. Pastor Amy and Eric Triebwasser facilitators.

The Divine Conspiracy: Pastor Jim Tuttle will lead a class on Wednesday evenings starting October 5 and going through November 16 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. DVD study offering a timely and challenging call back to the true meaning of Christian discipleship.

Weekday Women's Bible Study: We will be doing a study on Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 am, beginning September 15. Our first study will be on Lisa Terkeurst's book "It's Not Supposed to be This Way". Kristin Harper facilitator.

Onward & Upward Study Group: Study group that meets the first and third Thursday of the month from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. We are currently studying Gospel Foundations.

Women's Bible Study: Loving God, Loving Others: We will be meeting on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, beginning September 15, in Room E.

Men's Bible Study: All men of the church are invited to attend the men's bible study, held the last Thursday of the month in Christler Hall from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Hope to see you there, bring your Bibles! Will Minnette facilitator.

2nd Friday Supper and Study: October through April at 6:30 pm. Join Pastor Amy for a 7-lesson study of James A. Harnish's book, *A Disciple's Path: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church*. We will enjoy a meal together and then dive into what it means to be a leader in the United Methodist Church. (Class limited to 24 people due to home constraints)

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Please Note our Revised Hours and Contact Information

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