

Announcements

MILITARY: Please pray for our loved ones in the military.

FAMILY FUSION: April 18th

5:45 pm: FLC FF Meal

6:30 pm: classes, choir

HEADS UP: Salem will have a garage sale fund raiser late summer or early fall. As you do your spring cleaning please save items that you would like to donate to the SUMC Garage Sale. As we get closer to the time of the sale, if you would like help in getting items to the church you may call the church office and we will send someone to transport items.

SAFE GATHERINGS: From VBS to weekly or monthly volunteer responsibilities/positions, we strongly advise taking the online Safe Gathering training. This training is for the safety of our children and youth as well as other vulnerable people. Not only does it help our children, it also helps our volunteers. It does take a couple hours, but you don't have to do it all in one sitting. Before beginning, it is helpful to have your Driver's License and contact information (including emails) for 2 references that you have known more than two years – one reference should be a pastor. If anything online is difficult for you, please don't hesitate to come to the church, where you can use a computer and get assistance. The training can be found by clicking on the red "Get Started" rectangle at the top of the following webpage: www.safegatherings.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church or email Ashli at youth@sum.kscoxmail.com.

Women, You are Invited Mother/Daughter Covered Dish

Come Enjoy a Girls Night Out
Bring family, bring a friend
Or come and make new Friends

Program: Detour Quartet

**April 29 at 6:00 pm
In Salem FLC**

Bring a Covered Dish and Table Service

UPPER ROOM: You may pick up the May/June Upper Room Devotionals at any entrance to the sanctuary as well as the east foyer.

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SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus! This is the theme for our VBS this year. Children will be learning how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Now is the time we would like people in our congregation to begin praying for how God could use them as part of VBS. VBS Orientation will be July 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. If you haven't already, please put VBS on your calendar for July 8th-12th. The meal will be at 5:30 while the program will run from 6-8 pm for potty trained 3 year olds up to children just completing 5th grade. Children entering preschool through those completing preschool will be separate from the elementary children.



NOTE: You do not have to change the way you currently financially give to the church if you do not wish to.

Electronic giving options are available for making one time or regular offerings and special giving to Salem UMC.

Here are the Electronic Giving options:

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your checking/savings account for those wanting to give the same amount weekly or monthly. No fees. See Suanne Eshleman for paperwork to complete and send to your bank.
- Give+ Church option – using debit or credit card on a smartphone. Use QR code below or go to the App Store or Google Play, download free "Give+ Church". Choose 'Salem UMC' and follow the directions. Fee for each contribution = 2.75% -3.5%.
- Give+ Church option – using direct draft from your checking/savings account. Fee for each transaction.

Salem giving accounts include General Fund and Mission Shares. More options will come as events arise (Spring Fund Drive, Vacation Bible School, etc.)



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: Scholarship applications for those who will be attending college in the fall of 2018/spring of 2019 are available in the church office or on the church website. All parts of the application are due by **June 1** into the church office. This includes the following: current and past church experiences, school activities/honors, community involvement, work experience, **official** transcript, essay, and letters of recommendation. Please read the requirements carefully!

Noisy Change

April 29 is fifth Sunday Noisy Change Offering. The offering will go to Circles of Hope. Harvey County Circle of Hope is a relationship based initiative that seeks to improve the financial health and well-being of the community and its residents. Circle of Hope connects community volunteers with families ready and willing to begin their journey towards financial stability. Community volunteers support and encourage families by sharing their time and friendship. Harvey County Circle of Hope encourages growth from people of all financial classes and engages the community to break down the financial barriers that can keep the most motivated from achieving prosperity.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP: If you would like to attend church camp this summer, you will have a great time while increasing your faith! Most camps run Monday afternoon through Friday morning. There are a couple overnight camps during the first week of July at our closest United Methodist Church camp which is Camp Horizon in Arkansas City, KS. Kansas also has other UMC camps in the Topeka and Scott City area. Salem does not want the cost to keep you from going. Camp scholarships are available for 75%. There are camp scholarship forms and camp information in the youth section of the spinning bulletin board in the west foyer. After May 1, all camp fees go up \$10 so using the early bird fee would be a benefit for you. Please return scholarship forms to the Education team box in the church office at least one week before going to camp.

NEWSLETTER: Please have items for the May 2018 newsletter into the church office by Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

SPRING FUND DRIVE: The Spring Capital Campaign is Sunday, April 22, 2018. The money will go half to trustees and half to M&Ms. The goal is \$12,000.

This Week at Salem

Sunday: April 15th
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship

Monday: April 16th
 12:00 pm FLC Singles Dinner

Tuesday: April 17th
 9:30 am Companions
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts –basement
 7:00 pm Worship Team

Wednesday: April 18th
 5:45 pm Family Fusion Meal
 6:30 pm classes, choir

Thursday: April 19th
 8:00 am Clothes to Open Door
 1:30 pm Piece Keepers
 6:00 pm FH Reserved

Friday: April 20th

Saturday: April 21st

Sunday: April 22nd
 Spring Fund Drive
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship

Monthly Need for General
 Budget March 2018
 \$23,568.17
 Income in Mar. 2018 to pay bills
 \$14,227.85
 Year to Date Expenses
 \$75,554.69
 Year to Date Income
 \$69,154.08

Memorial Book Open To

Patty Getz

Last Week Year Ago

Worship	95	143
Sunday School	62	95

Worship Leaders

Head Usher *Bob Swickard*
Song Leader *Ruth Williams*
Liturgist *Judy Shifflett*
Acolytes *Caroline Rickard*
Madelyn Bomberry
AV *Don Gruver*
Lorna Preston
Aaron Teel
Nursery *Lynnette Redington*

To Our Guests: Restrooms are available in the east foyer on the main level by the office and on the west side of the building in the Family Life Center (gymnasium). The nursery is down the hall from the Sanctuary on the east side.

Pastor *Ron Kite*
Children/Youth Director *Ashli Teel*
Church Treasurer *Staci Morales*
Church Secretary *Cindy Harms*
Organist/Pianist *Carol Kirchmer*
Choir Director *Ruth Williams*
Child Care *Cindy Gruver*
Janitor *Tony Martinez*