

# Announcements

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

**FAMILY FUSION:** Please join us Wednesday, March 29 for Family Fusion in the FLC. Meal at 5:45 pm: sloppy joes, potato salad, lettuce salad, sandwich meat, chips, dessert followed by classes for all ages and choir at 6:30 pm.

**EASTER PLANTS:** If you would like to order a tulip plant for \$11.00 to be displayed on the altar Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017, in honor of or in memory of loved ones, see order form. Please have the form filled out and returned to the church office by Monday, April 10. The plants may be taken with you upon completion of the worship service on Easter Sunday.

**LENTEN MISSION:** The Lenten Mission for Salem this year is hygiene supplies which will be donated to Salvation Army. Your donated items may be placed in a container in the west foyer.

4:2: laundry supplies

4-9: hair care products, toilet paper

**HEARTFELT THANKS FROM OVM:** Thank you SO MUCH for joining with OVM in our Commit a Radical Act Valentine's letter writing and prisoner care kit campaign. You showed up, put pens to paper, filled Ziploc bags with toothpaste, socks and more. Because of you, with you, 1100 letters were written and delivered to Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Because of you, 236 Prisoner Care Kits are ready to deliver to indigent men. We'd love to see you next year, same time, same place!

**THROUGH THE BIBLE MADE EASY:** Third edition, is now available on lulu.com at printing cost - \$15.97 plus shipping. The link below will take you directly to it to purchase and/or write a review if you are so inclined. I make no money from the sale of these Bibles, but positive reviews might help spread the Word of God. If you are reviewing the two volume edition please note that it is an earlier edition. Feel free to share this on your social media sites.

<https://www.lulu.com/shop/gene-eshleman/throught-the-bible-made-easy/paperback/product-23090925.html>

**ANNIVERSARY:** The congregation of the Salem UMC is invited to a 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebration for Gene & Suanne Eshleman. It is on April 2nd, 2-4pm in the Family Life Center. It is a come-and-go event and please NO GIFTS.

**SAFE GATHERINGS:** Mark your calendars: VBS dates are Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are considering helping, please take some time to take the Safe Gatherings training at [www.safegatherings.com](http://www.safegatherings.com) Look for the red "Get Started" rectangle at the top of the page. It is helpful to have ready your Driver's License (or ID card) and contact information for 2 references that you have known more than two years – one reference should be a pastor.

**CHILDREN CARRY PALMS:** We would like for the children to carry in the palms on Palm Sunday, 4-9. Please meet in the chapel before worship.

## Easter Plant

If you would like to order a Tulip plant to be displayed on the altar Easter Sunday, please fill in the form below and turn it into the church office by April 10, 2017. The cost of the plants is \$11.00 each. The plant may then be taken with you upon completion of the worship service on Easter Sunday.

I (we), \_\_\_\_\_ would like \_\_\_\_\_

Tulip Plant(s) in honor of, \_\_\_\_\_

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I (we), \_\_\_\_\_ would like \_\_\_\_\_

Tulip Plant(s) in memory of, \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FUND RAISER DINNER:** Mark your calendar for April 23 as you don't need to leave church for lunch! Come join the 8th grade DC trip families for a fabulous pork chili dinner with rice and beans in the Family Life Center. Cost is by donation and serving will be from 11:30am-2pm. Make sure and check out the bake sale as well.

**FUND RAISER RAFFLE:** How would you like to win \$40 in Arby's gift cards, gift certificates to go to the movies or golfing, beautiful quilts, a 2 ton jack, 10 boxes of girl scout cookies, a metal train sign, or pampering yourself packages? Check out these and many other choices in the 8th grade DC trip raffle currently being held. You can purchase 1 ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. Drawings will be held on April 23 at the pork chili dinner, but you do not need to be present to win!

**SKATE NIGHT:** For the last night of Family Fusion on April 26, the children and youth will not have class. In previous years, we have had a carnival. For this year, Salem Children and Youth will have a Skate night at Starlite Skate, 130 E 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:30-8 pm.

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:** Education team will be sending College Care Packages to our college students the last week of April since some finals begin the first week of May. If you know of someone that we could send a package of goodies from our church, please leave their name and address in the Education box in the office or send an email to the church or to Ashli youth@sum.kscoxmail.com. Also, Education team invites the congregation to donate items for our college students. Please have names of college students and items for college student to the church by Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Easter Sunday**

We will have an All Church Easter Breakfast in the Family Life Center from 8:30 - 10:00 am on Easter morning, April 16. Pot Luck format, sign up in the west foyer. All are invited.

Children and Youth will not have Sunday school on Easter Sunday – April 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a craft project for children to do around 9:30 in the Family Life Center during the breakfast.

The children will be singing in church for Easter – April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**SUMMER CHURCH CAMP:** Summer church camp information is available on the red board in the narthex outside the sanctuary. Within the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, there are 5 camp locations. The closest of these 5 locations in Camp Horizon in Arkansas City, Kansas. If you are interested in church camp, take a look! Church camp often has a profound effect on a person's faith life. Early bird registration fee ends May 1st. Camp scholarships are available for 75%. There is a basic camp scholarship form on the bulletin board as well. Please turn in to Education team box at least a week before going to camp to ensure money arrives.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Join us for a Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm on Friday, April 14.

**This Week at Salem**

**Sunday: April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 9:00 am Sunday school  
 10:00 am Worship  
 11:00 am FLC Reserved  
 2:00 pm FLC Reserved  
 6:00 pm FLC/class room 4-H

**Monday: April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Tuesday: April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 am Companions  
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts-Basement  
 7:00 pm Worship Team

**Wednesday: April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 10:00 am Lenten Study  
 4:00 pm Basement Reserved  
 5:45 pm FLC Family Fusion Meal  
 6:30 pm FLC Lenten Study, classes for children/youth, choir

**Thursday: April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 1:00 pm Piece Keepers  
 4:30 pm FLC Reserved  
 6:00 pm FH Reserved

**Friday: April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday: April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday: April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 am Sunday school  
 10:00 am Worship

**Monthly Need for General Budget**  
**February**  
 \$23,822.83  
**Income in February to pay bills**  
 \$21,366.19  
**Year to Date Expenses**  
 \$61,888.15  
**Year to Date Income**  
 \$52,983.08  
 M&Ms not paid

**Memorial Book Open To**

Clifford F. Holm  
 Mrs. Gertrude May Bunting

**Last Week Year Ago**

<b>Worship</b>	117	218
<b>Sunday School</b>	71	0

**Worship Leaders**

**Head Usher** *Bob Swickard*  
**Song Leader** *Sheila Kern-Schmidt*  
**Liturgist** *Kim Storer*  
**Acolyte** *Presleyann Saylor*  
**AV** *Don Gruver*  
*Lorna Preston*  
*Aaron Teel*  
**Nursery** *Lisa Golubski*

**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*