

# Announcements

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

**FAMILY FUSION:** Last Night of Family Fusion April 25<sup>th</sup>

5:45 pm: FLC FF Meal

6:30 pm: classes, choir, children and youth bowling at Eastgate Lanes

**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](http://www.safegatherings.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church or email Ashli at [youth@sum.kscoxmail.com](mailto: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**

Rachel Newell, LaDonna Cheatham, Linda Schroeder, Kristi Lovett

**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.

**LAWN MOWER:** A push lawn mower has been donated to Salem.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. If you haven't already, please put VBS on your calendar for July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.)



**LAST NIGHT FAMILY FUSION:** For the last night of Family Fusion, April 25<sup>th</sup>, the children and youth will not have class but will be welcome to bowl at Eastgate Lanes, 1610 E. 2nd St, for free from 6:30-7:30 pm. If transportation is needed, please let Ashli know.

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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.

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

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:** Education team is asking the congregation to help provide items for the College Care Packages. Ideas include but are not limited to snacks, ramen, sticky notes, and highlighters. At this time, we know of 8 college students. If there are other college students that we might not know about, please let the church know. Items can be put in the box labeled College Care Package items in the narthex. These items will be sent the first week of May so if you can bring them to church by April 29<sup>th</sup>, that would be great.

**TWO ITEMS:** On **Wednesday, April 25**, be part of a NATIONAL Walk at Lunch Day right here in Harvey County! Join the Healthy Harvey Coalition at noon at the Athletic Park tennis courts or in Halstead at Kansas Learning Center for Health for a refreshing spring walk. If you can't make one of those locations, take your own walk at that time! Rx Take Back Day will be **Saturday, April 28**, 10AM - 2PM at the Harvey County Sheriff Office, 120 E. 7th Street, Newton. Bring your unused and expired drugs for drop off. Sharps will not be accepted at this event. You can dispose of sharps for a fee through the Harvey County Health Department, 215 S. Pine Street, 2nd floor, Newton on Mondays - Fridays.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEETING:** There will be a meeting at Salem on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 pm to help plan the 2018 Community Thanksgiving Dinner. All are welcome to attend. This meal reaches many in the Newton community. Please consider if this would be a service project in which you and your family would like to be involved.

## This Week at Salem

**Sunday: April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 9:00 am Spring Fund Drive  
 10:00 am Sunday school  
 Worship

**Monday: April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 6:30 pm Education Team

**Tuesday: April 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 am Companions  
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts –basement  
 7:00 pm Finance Committee  
 7:00 pm Community T-Giving Mtg.

**Wednesday: April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 10:00 am Prayer Wrap  
 LAST NIGHT FF  
 5:45 pm Family Fusion Meal  
 6:30 pm classes, choir, children and youth bowling

**Thursday: April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 1:00 pm FLC Reserved  
 1:30 pm Piece Keepers  
 5:00 pm FLC Reserved  
 6:00 pm FH Reserved

**Friday: April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 1:15 pm FLC Reserved

**Saturday: April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 am FLC UMM Breakfast  
 10:00 am FLC Reserved

**Sunday: April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 am Sunday school  
 10:00 am Worship  
 6:00 pm FLC Mother Daughter Dinner

Monthly Need for General Budget March 2018  
 \$23,568.17  
 Income in Mar. 2018 to pay bills  
 \$14,227.85  
 Year to Date Expenses  
 \$75,938.77  
 Year to Date Income  
 \$71,520.47

### Memorial Book Open To

Jon Soyez  
 Max Roberts

### Last Week Year Ago

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| <b>Worship</b>       | 105 | 231 |
| <b>Sunday School</b> | 56  | 88  |

### Worship Leaders

**Head Usher** *Bob Swickard*  
**Song Leader** *Ruth Williams*  
**Liturgist** *John Smith*  
**Acolytes** *Reid Golubski*  
**AV** *Don Gruver*  
*Lorna Preston*  
*Aaron Teel*  
**Nursery** *Erica Rickard*

**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 Kirchner*  
**Choir Director** ..... *Ruth Williams*  
**Child Care** ..... *Cindy Gruver*  
**Janitor** ..... *Tony Martinez*