

# Announcements

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

**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**

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all who made Family Fusion possible this year. Thanks to Ashli and Pastor Ron, meal volunteers, teachers, those who come, parents who bring their children, etc. It has been a busy but great year!

**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.

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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.



## WAYS TO GIVE TO SALEM UMC

**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!

**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.

**THANK YOU:** The Board of Trustees would like to express our appreciation to Mary Anne Baker for her donation of a new lawn mower for the church.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all members of the church for their prayers and thoughts while I was in the hospital. Thanks for all the cards I received, they were a blessing and I loved them all. Betty Smith

## This Week at Salem

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

**Monday: April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 pm FLC Church Council

**Tuesday: May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 9:30 am Companions  
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts –basement  
 7:00 pm Staff Parish Meeting

**Wednesday: May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 6:30 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday: May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 1:30 pm Piece Keepers  
 6:00 pm FH Reserved

**Friday: May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday: May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 am FLC/Sanctuary Res.

**Sunday: May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 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  
 \$80,655.15  
 Year to Date Income  
 \$75,369.46

### Memorial Book Open To

Howard Eshleman  
 Alma Life

### Last Week Year Ago

<b>Worship</b>	99	136
<b>Sunday School</b>	64	79

### Worship Leaders

**Head Usher** *Bob Swickard*  
**Song Leader** *Ruth Williams*  
**Liturgist** *Lynnette Redington*  
**Acolytes** *Jace Morales*  
*Taylor Rickard*  
**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 Kirchner*  
**Choir Director** ..... *Ruth Williams*  
**Child Care** ..... *Cindy Gruver*  
**Janitor** ..... *Tony Martinez*