

## Acolytes for March

March 5: Reid Golubski  
March 12: Presleyann Saylor  
March 19: Taylor Redington  
March 26: Taylor Rickard

## Liturgists for March

March 5: Dana Shifflett  
March 12: Aaron Teel  
March 19: Lisa Golubski  
March 26: Teresa Soyey

## Ushers

Wibands SS Class = ushers for March

## Nursery for March

March 5: Jennifer Saylor  
March 12: Staci Ensz  
March 19: Lisa Golubski  
March 26: Erica Rickard

## Message From Bishop

"To receive messages from Bishop Saenz and to stay up to date on news happenings around the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, please sign up for the weekly GPconnect email newsletter at <http://gp-email.brtapp.com/> subscribe, or send an email to [rdelisi@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:rdelisi@greatplainsumc.org). Follow the conference on Facebook so you see videos and receive information as it becomes available, as well as get to know people from around the conference. Like the conference's Facebook page by going to <https://www.facebook.com/GreatPlainsUMC>."

# Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

## March 2017

### Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship

### Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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## Open Door

Want to know more about what Open Door clothing distribution is about, ask LaDonna Unruh or Jan Swickard. We leave the church at 8:00 am. We work at Open door until 11:00 - 11:30, go out to eat and are back in Newton around 1:00-1:30. To join us be at the church at 8:00 am Thursday, Mar. 23.

## Memorial Services

Friends/Family of Milford Ediger: Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am graveside service Greenwood Cemetery, 11:00 am lunch Salem FLC.

Sat. March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm a Memorial Service at Salem for Stanley Findley, brother of Margie McGlachlin. All are invited.

### All Church

### Mexican Dinner

Sunday, March 19

Following Church Service in the Family Life Center

**Come and join us for good food and fellowship**

Chicken Enchiladas  
Taco Salad  
Cheese Dip

Burritos and Pork Chili  
Chips, Salsa,  
Choice of Desserts

Sponsored by

**Salem United Methodist Women**

Money raised goes to missions:

*Newton Health Ministries Clinic & UMCOR*

## Salem UMC Mission:

Disciples making disciples  
for Jesus Christ.

## Received for Expenses

as of 2-26-17

**\$40,071.46**

**Salem United Methodist Church Vision:** Salem United Methodist Church is a joy filled body of Christ which invites God's people into a connected relationship where they might find acceptance, belonging, trust and unconditional love as they seek to live their discipleship.

# Salem United Methodist Church

## Here's what is happening!

## March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 9:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Worship			<b>1</b> 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC FF Meal 6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service	<b>2</b> 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	<b>3</b> Friends/Family of Milford Ediger 10:00am - Graveside Service 11:00am - FLC Lunch	<b>4</b>
<b>5 COMMUNION</b> W door: LaDonna Unruh E door: Ila Jean Sauerwein 6:00pm - FLC/FLC Classroom 4-H	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30am - C in C 5:15pm - FLC Soccer 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	<b>8</b> 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC FF Meal 6:30pm - classes, youth, choir	<b>9</b> 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00am - FLC Reserved
<b>12 <u>Clocks Spring Forward</u></b> W door: Joan Stahly E door: John Samuelson	<b>13</b> 6:30pm - FLC VBS Meeting	<b>14</b> 9:00am - Commodities Distribution 9:30am - C in C 9:30am - SUMC Staff Mtg. 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:00pm - Red Bird Circle	<b>15</b> 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC FF Meal 6:30pm - classes, youth, choir	<b>16</b> 7:30am - FLC Reserved 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved 6:30pm - FLC Reserved	<b>17</b> 5:00pm - FLC Reserved	<b>18</b> 9:30am - FLC Classrooms 4-H 12:00pm - FLC Memorial Lunch 1:30pm - Stanley Findley Memorial Service 1:30pm - FLC Reserved
<b>19</b> W door: Joan Stahly E door: John Samuelson 11:00am - FLC UMW All Church Mexican Meal	<b>20</b> 12:00pm - FLC Singles Dinner 12:00pm - FH Youth Lunch	<b>21</b> 9:30am - C in C 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 6:30pm - FLC Reserved	<b>22</b> 10:00am - Prayer Wrap 12:00pm - FH Youth Lunch 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:00pm - FLC Youth	<b>23</b> 8:00am - Clothes to Open Door 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00am - FLC UMM Breakfast 10:00am - FLC Reserved
<b>26</b> W door: Joan Stahly E door: John Samuelson One Great Hour of Sharing 11:00pm - SPRC Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30am - C in C 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	<b>29</b> 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC FF Meal 6:30pm - classes, youth, choir	<b>30</b> 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	<b>31</b> 1:00pm - FH Reserved	

# Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

## March Birthdays

- 1 Craig Simons
- 2 Rita Bradshaw
- 3 Ric Courtright
- 3 Aaron Kern
- 4 Brandon Bott
- 4 Kalleigh Davis
- 4 Lloyd Musser
- 5 Al Green
- 6 Lisa McCulloch
- 7 Jaisah Arnold
- 8 Bently Crider
- 9 Blaine Bott
- 9 Gavan Petersen
- 9 Teresa Stucky
- 9 Tyler Wedel
- 11 Lorna Preston
- 12 Lisa Dick
- 12 Tyler Jolliff
- 13 Joshua Campa
- 13 Hollis Donker
- 14 Tyra Ketterman
- 14 Brad Schwabauer
- 14 Melinda Voelker
- 15 Bob Jackson
- 16 Debbie Church
- 16 Nick Harris
- 16 Jeff Stauffer
- 16 Donna Willis
- 17 Faye Jolliff
- 18 Jace Morales
- 18 Russell Naylor
- 18 Rose Roberts
- 18 Memphis Saylor
- 19 Nathan Williams
- 20 Krista Briar
- 21 Mason Stauffer
- 25 Alexa Jarrell
- 25 Thomas Jones
- 26 Dana Shifflett
- 27 Geneva Pryce
- 28 Reid Golubski
- 29 Evan Schmidt
- 30 Becky Jackson

## March Anniversaries

- 8 Greg & Karen Jaworsky
- 19 Mark & Brenda Buller
- 23 Arlen & Lisa Barham
- 31 Rusty & Lisa Jolliff

*If there are any Birthdays or Anniversaries missing or incorrect, please let us know in the church office.*

## 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, an order form will be available to you in the bulletin or on the Salem web site beginning Sunday, March 19. 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.

## Ash Wednesday Service

Salem will have an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 1. Come to the Family Fusion meal at 5:45 pm followed by the Ash Wednesday Service.

## From The Pastor

Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter, not counting Sundays, is a time that the church has historically set aside as a time to prepare spiritually for a more meaningful Easter. This season begins with Ash Wednesday service on March 1.

I know how hard it is to set aside some intentional time for God, but it will enrich you! I challenge you if it is not already your practice, to set aside 15 minutes a day for God this Lenten Season. I suggest spending 5 minutes in prayer and 10 minutes in study or reflection. I also challenge you to worship each week in Lent.

In the 10 minutes of study and reflection you could read and reflect on the Lenten devotionals we will have available at church, read through the accounts leading up to the cross in one or more of the gospels, (Matthew is our gospel emphasis this year), or read a book that reflects on the cross.

During your prayer time may want to try just sitting in silence for part of that time, maybe a minute will seem long at first but soon 5 minutes in the presence of your creator, open to anything God might have for you that day, will not seem so long.

If you spend time with God, God will work within you. To heal an open wound, help you to forgive the unforgivable, calm your frayed nerves and give you peace. We experience God in some way when we put ourselves in the presence of God! Give it a try. Let me know how it goes. Share with me know what work God does in you this Lent. Maybe you would even like to share what God has done for you some Sunday morning to encourage others.

**Ron**

## March Message Titles

### Series for Lent: Jesus Encounters on the Way to the Cross

March 5 – Jesus and Satan

Mar 12 – Jesus and Nicodemus

Mar 19 – Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

Mar 26 – Jesus and the Blind Man

Romans 5:12-21 (MSG), Matthew 4:1-11

Romans 4:1-5, John 3:1-17

Exodus 17:1-6, John 4:5-42

Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9: 1-41

One Great Hour Of Sharing offering

## Lenten Study

There will be two different Lenten studies available at three different times. Both studies are by Rev. Adam Hamilton of the Church of the Resurrection and begin with a 10-15 minute DVD followed by discussion. *The Way: Walking in the Steps of Jesus* will begin Mar 5 in the Sunday school class across from the staff offices. *Final Words from the Cross* will be offered at both 10 am and 6:30 pm on Wednesdays beginning Mar 8.

## Birthday

All of Salem is invited to join the family of Lorna Preston on Saturday, March 11, in the FLC from 2-4pm to celebrate Lorna's 70th birthday. No gifts please.



Salem youth will be doing mission projects during the week of Spring Break, (the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>). As you may have noticed in the March newsletter, youth are collecting old jeans for a Sole Hope mission project. We would also like to invite our church family to join our Sole Hope Shoe Cutting Party. During our Sole Hope Party, we will be cutting out shoe parts from denim. This begins to provide what is needed for shoemakers in Uganda to make the shoes that can help keep thousands jigger-free. What are jiggers? Jiggers are parasites that attach to people's feet. Jiggers often lead to death due to not getting proper care. Come fellowship with us as we seek to provide hope and serve the people of Uganda. The Sole Hope Shoe Cutting Party will be on Wednesday in the Family Life Center from 5:30-6:30 pm.



VBS Dates: Mark your calendars! This year we will host VBS in the evening from Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup>. The theme is Fun Factory Maker: Created by God, Built for a Purpose. VBS Orientation will be June 25<sup>th</sup>. VBS is closer than you think. We are already in planning mode. We will be working with First UMC again as we seek to reach our community for the sake of the gospel. We have a great VBS program and great volunteers. We will continue to need all your help. This year we have an awesome opportunity to minister to our community. We will be allowing children age 4 through those who have just completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children age 4 and 5 will not be intermixed with the elementary age, but will have their own program during the elementary aged stations. Also we will have more groups with less kids together, making the experience more personal, relational and effective. Please begin the prayerful process of being part of this ministry. We will need station leaders, crew leaders and so much more. The first step of working with children for VBS is completing our Safe Gatherings training. It is an online training that takes about 2 hours. While you may be thinking, I don't ever have 2 hours to sit down to do this. The beauty of this online training is that it saves your spot. You can come back to it 2, 4, or however many times needed to complete it. While there is a background check, it is paid by our church and is at no extra cost to you. Please take the time to take the Safe Gatherings training at [www.safegatherings.com](http://www.safegatherings.com) and click on the red "Get Started" rectangle at the top of the page. It is helpful to have 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. 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)



New curriculum for Elementary age children will begin in March. After having tried out a couple different curriculums, they will be using Hands-On Bible Curriculum. The promotional information reads "Just as Jesus used everyday objects to teach eternal truths, Hands-On Bible Curriculum uses fun gizmos that help kids understand God's word, love it and remember it for a lifetime." We would love to have your children join the elementary (K-5) or preschool aged classes (3-5 year olds)! Preschool is using Deep Blue curriculum, which is perfect for hands-on activities for their age group. We will be needing at least one Sunday school teacher for school aged children in the Fall. We have between 10-15 children that attend Sunday school. Please be in prayer for the person or people (maybe you) that God is calling to fill this need and contact Ashli if this person might be you.

## One Great Hour

On March 26, 2017, we join with thousands of other congregations across the connection in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). When our congregations participate in One Great Hour of Sharing, we help cover the operating budget of UMCOR. This is a powerful story. Your support makes it possible for UMCOR to direct 100% of all other contributions to the projects our donors specify, instead of using this money on administrative or fundraising costs. It is a powerful statement that your gifts enable UMCOR to respond in times of crisis. All over the world and in the states, UMCOR is there, providing compassion and hope to those who desperately need it.

## 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.

- 3-5: Dental supplies
- 3-12: Feminine hygiene, adult protective underwear
- 3-19: Hand soap, body wash
- 3-26: Lotion, body powder
- 4:2: laundry supplies
- 4-9: hair care products