

Acolytes for May

May 1: Taylor Redington
May 8: Taylor Rickard
May 15: Reid Golubski
May 22: Eli Redington
May 29: Cody Sauerwein

Liturgists for May

May 1: UMW
May 8: Cindy Simons
May 15: Suanne Eshleman
May 22: Glenda Triplitt
May 29: Margie McGlachlin

Ushers

UMW and non SS persons = ushers for May

Nursery May

May 1: Jennifer Rosenstiel
May 8: Lori Jolliff
May 15: Lynnette Redington
May 22: Erica Rickard
May 29:

SUMC Scholarship

Scholarship applications are available in the Salem Church Office or on the web site, salemumc-newton.org. You can either get an application off the web site, come in a pick up an application or one may be emailed to you. They are due back into the church office by Wednesday, June 1.

Red Bird Circle

Red Bird Circle will meet May 10 at 7:00 in the FLC classroom and put together UMCOR kits. All ladies are welcome to join us.

Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

May 2016

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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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

May 1 at 6:00 pm in Salem FLC

Bring Covered Dish and Table Service

Short Program by Salem UMW

Volunteer Opportunities

The following are SUMC volunteer opportunities: Memorial Chair, Communion Servers for worship as well as home, Evangelism Team, Fun & Fellowship Team, Nurture Team, Health Team. If you feel that you would like to serve Salem in any of the above positions, please contact the church office or Pastor Ron.

All Church Lunch

On Sunday, May 22, after church, the PPR Team is coordinating a STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH! Bring your goodies to share. The team will provide plates, utensils, drinks, etc. - besides our own goodies. Staff, sit back and relax...we'll do the cooking!

Salem UMC Mission:

Disciples making disciples
for Jesus Christ.

Received for Expenses

as of 4 - 24 - 16

\$73,234.81

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's happening!

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 COMMUNION UMW Sunday 3:30pm - Pastor/Asbury Pk. 6:00pm - FLC UMW M-D Dinner Greeter w= UMW e= UMW	2 6:00pm - Girl Scouts	3 9:30am - C in C 10:30am - ASAP	4 4:00pm - Basement Res. 6:30pm - Choir Practice 7:00pm - PPR Meeting	5 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	6	7 8:00am - FLC Reserved	
8 Graduate Recognition Children's Choir Mother's Day 7:00pm - Youth Meeting Greeter w= Joan Stahly e=	9 6:00pm - Girl Scouts 6:30pm - FLC Class Room 4-H	10 9:00am - Com. Dist. 9:30am - C in C 10:30am - ASAP 5:30pm - FLC Reserved 7:00pm - Red Bird	11 4:00pm - Basement Res. 6:30pm - Choir Practice 7:30pm - NHS Baccalaureate	12 Cindy gone 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved 7:00pm - Finance Committee	13 Cindy gone 1:00pm - FLC Reserved	14 12:00pm - FH Reserved 2:00pm - FLC Reserved	
15 Spring Fund Drive Choir sings 6:15pm - FLC 4-H 7:00pm - Youth Meeting Greeter w= Joan Stahly e=	16 12:00pm - FLC Singles Dinner 6:00pm - Girl Scouts	17 9:30am - C in C 10:30am - ASAP 7:00pm - Worship Team	18 4:00pm - Basement Res. 6:30pm - Choir Practice	19 8:00am - Clothes to Open Door 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH/FLC Reserved	20	21	
22 Choir sings Christian Ed/FF Recog. 11:00pm - FLC SUMC Staff Apprec. Pot Luck 2:00pm - FH Reserved 7:00pm - Youth Meeting Greeter w= Joan Stahly e=	23 6:00pm - Girl Scouts	24 9:30am - C in C 9:30am - SUMC Staff Mtg. 10:30am - ASAP	25 10:00am - Prayer Wrap 4:00pm - Basement Res.	26 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	27 1:00pm - FH Reserved	28 8:00am - FLC UMM 2:00pm - FLC Reserved FH: Reception with Zimbabwe DS Daniel Chitsiku	
29 Memorial Sunday Noisy change offering 7:00pm - Youth Meeting Greeter w= Joan Stahly e=	30 Church Office Closed 6:00pm - Girl Scouts	31 Cindy gone 9:30am - C in C 10:30am - ASAP				Sunday Worship Schedule 9:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Worship	

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays

- 1 Gene Eshleman
- 3 Marc Sattler
- 4 Thomas Laswell
- 4 Elaina Newell
- 5 Carolyn Arrowsmith
- 7 Roger Devin Swickard
- 8 Jill Mathies
- 8 Staci Morales
- 9 Janelle Briar
- 9 Ruth Pankratz
- 10 Larry Gilchrist
- 10 Kassidy Kliewer
- 10 Troy Smith
- 11 Annessa Russell
- 11 Karla Stauffer
- 12 Arlene Besore
- 12 Denise Bott
- 12 Jared Branson
- 12 Sue Clay
- 12 Kathy Leal
- 12 Mark Willingham
- 13 Gail Marsh
- 13 Teresa Soyez
- 13 Dawn Wedel
- 14 Don Gruver
- 15 Lucas Burson
- 15 Doug Storer
- 16 Tonya Cowan
- 17 Randy Voelker
- 19 Bob Swickard
- 20 Ashley Lehman
- 20 Archie Schmidt
- 20 Mallory Simons
- 20 Mary Wells
- 22 Wyatt Hosford
- 22 Donald Stucky
- 22 Niccole Zollinger
- 23 Abby Reinhardt
- 24 Gertrude Olson
- 25 Samuel Gatz
- 25 Shirley Hinde

May Birthdays

- 26 Cindy Phillips
- 27 Audra Davis
- 27 Sarah Harkman
- 28 Lou Ensz
- 28 John R. Phillips
- 30 Mackenzie Sauerwein

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

May Anniversaries

- 4 Gary & Teri Unruh
- 24 Todd & JoAnn Arrowsmith
- 26 Gary & Elizabeth Gatz

Open Door

Want to know more about what Open Door clothing distribution is about? LaDonna and Jan will be going to Open Door May 19, 2016 to hang clothing and would like to have you join us. 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 on Thursday, May 19.

Serving and Giving

There can be many motives for serving and giving: because we see a need, have a specific passion, it makes us feel better about ourselves, maybe because we feel the need to Thank God for our many blessings, or just the desire to 'pay it forward'. Our finances are part of our service to God. Giving is slightly down from what is needed for our budget. This topic is one of those that most of us do not like to talk about; we keep our giving private. The finance committee just wants to share with the congregation the status of the variables between 'giving' and what is needed for the budget. Currently our giving is slightly down and we receive approximately an average of \$5,000 to \$6,000 per month less than what is needed for budget. When giving is down, we then look to what expenses will have to wait, and do some juggling. We realize that wages in our world are staying stagnate where living expenses continue to increase. Utilities go up, groceries go up, school expenses go up, and the cost of living goes up. So it goes with the Church family and Church expenses. We have a multi-million dollar facility that takes funds in order to give it proper care; funds needed for repairs and replacements, and funds needed to keep our church home in operation. As the Spring Fund Drive comes upon us, the Finance Committee is asking that you give what you can, give from the heart, and give cheerfully. Our Church home is very important to us; and is part of our service to God. The Bible calls us to service for a different reason-because God served US in Jesus. Jesus said that He came NOT to be served, but to serve. So, the Christian motive is different, it's not to work off a guilty conscience, or a crutch to feel righteous and acceptable, but rather fueled by our gratitude for grace. Grace always wins! Why we give has everything to do with the WAY we serve. Grace helps us to appreciate our gifts and talents, as we come to appreciate our need to take care of God's house. We believe that every gift is necessary. Our giving service is a natural response to God's generosity and an essential hallmark of the Christian Faith. Jesus gave freely of his time, energy and resources in order to welcome people into renewed relationships with God and with one another. As a community-driven church, Salem depends on its people to be involved and also depends on the use of your gifts, talents, and service. In a world full of great problems, we might think that our small, personal gifts are not meaningful. But they are! Thanks in advance from the Finance Committee.

Shalom
Cindy Simons, Chair

United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR)

Supply kits help provide care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. UMW are putting together Cleaning Buckets and Sewing Kits at their May 10th meeting. If you would like to help with this project please purchase any of the items on the list located on the table in the west entry and return to the church before May 10th. Sample kits are in the West Entry.

Help Us Out

We at Salem have a request of those using the facility. Please do not put cups containing liquid (water, pop, milk, hot chocolate, etc.) in the trash. We ask that you empty your cup before placing it in the trash can. THANKS.

Opportunity to fellowship with Zimbabwe DS

As we finalize the newsletter plans are still being made for the Newton UMCs to gather with Zimbabwe Mutare DS Daniel Chitsiku who is with a delegation from Zimbabwe coming to attend our Great Plains Annual Conference. He is spending the days ahead of the conference around the Hutchinson District learning about our churches and telling us more about the Zimbabwe churches. Look for details in weekly bulletins about a reception being planned for mid-afternoon May 28.

May Message Titles

- May 1: The Sound of Silence (UMW Sunday)
- May 8: Waiting for the Spirit (Ascension Sunday)
- May 15: Help Arrives (Pentecost)
- May 22: The Spirit Inflates Us
- May 29: The Spirit With Us

Youth

Prep at 7 pm on Fri, May 6th
 Serve Scholarship Breakfast
 Sat, May 7th at 8 am

Mother/Daughter Covered Dish
 Bring item for meal.
 May 1st @ 5 pm

We will recognize Seniors and 8th graders during church (10 am) on Sunday, May 8th.

Summer youth group
 Starting May 15th, Sundays 7-8 pm
 Get text reminders by texting @ateel to 81010

From the Pastor

We have noted that each Sunday is a "little Easter" where we learn how to live the resurrection by learning how to live into our faith and hope. We have discussed how we need to live with the resurrection transforming us into Christ-likeness; we are to live with the Spirit given at our baptism. Yet we don't talk about the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, enough in our churches these days. So this year I will focus on the Spirit with my messages during the month of May.

Many of us try to live as Christians and transform ourselves just by our own willpower and good intentions. If that is all we do, we will surely fail. We get some help! We get some help from the supportive and loving community of church. But we need more help, we need help from outside ourselves! May 15 is Pentecost. On Pentecost, Help Arrives for the church and for you! We cannot transform ourselves into Christ-likeness without the power of Christ's Spirit.

Do you want to grow more Christ-like? Do you need to experience God's power? Do you need to experience the Spirit? Join us in May as we study the Spirit.

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VBS Volunteer Opportunities!

Please place this completed form in the offering plate or the VBS bucket in the West Foyer by June 26.

Name _____

Phone _____

- Meal Preparation/Serving
- Publicity
- Decorating
- Registration
- Storyteller

- Assembly
- Youth Leaders
- Crew Leader/Asst.
- Music
- Craft

- Photography/Technology
- Nursery
- Donating Money/Supplies
- Hospitality
- Praying

If you would like, volunteers can also sign up at www.cokesburyvbs.com/FirstandSalem This is the same website children can be registered as well.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6 PM Mother/Daughter Tea	2	3	4 No Youth	5	6 7 pm Prepare for Break-fast	7 8 AM Serve Scholarship Breakfast
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 Baccalaureate @ 7:30 pm in HS Auditorium	12	13	14 NHS Graduation
15 Youth Group 7-8 pm	16	17 Last Day of School	18	19	20	21
22 Youth Group 7-8 pm	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Hope you have some family time!	30 Memorial Day	31				

May

From Ashli

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, supported, or participated in Family Fusion! We hope everyone has experienced the grace of God through this program. As Family Fusion winds down and was yet another successful year, it is time to gear up for Vacation Bible School.

If you have not taken the **Safe Gatherings training**, now is the time. Anyone who would like to work with children, youth, the disaster shelter or VBS are encouraged to take the Safe Gathering training at www.safegatherings.com/app/login whether needing to stay up to date or have never done so. There are people and computers available to help get through the training. We have to care for children and youth's safety before teaching them about God and His love will mean anything. The best way to serve our children is to be informed. This is not only to protect our children, but also to better minister to children who have been through these unfortunate circumstances. According to statistics from Childhelp, a national child abuse organization, one of 4 children have been physically abused and 1 in 5 have been sexually abused. It will take a couple hours to do training, but certification lasts 4 years.

There is a place for you to **help at Surf Shack VBS!** Please fill out the form and bring to church to put in offering plate or VBS bucket in the West Foyer. If it's easier you can also email either the church office or Ashli. Great opportunities include: (as listed in volunteer attachment... volunteer/registration website)

Salem United Methodist Church would like to **honor Seniors and Eighth graders** that have been involved in our church during worship (10 am) on Sunday, May 8th. Seniors are welcome to wear their graduation gowns.

Spring Fund Drive

The Spring Fund Drive will be May 15th this year. Half of the funds will go to the Trustees and half to the budget. Sunday school classes will meet in the sanctuary the morning of the 15th around 9:45 am. Giving IS an act of faith. Thank you in advance for such strong faith and generosity.

Report of Salem Ministry through Giving for 2015

I have tried to collect a list Salem giving to ministries in 2015, including Special Offerings, giving through UMW, Mission Committee, Endowments, Sunday School, etc. This will help you see the ministries Salem supports. I am sure I have missed some so you can help me know what else to include next year. This shows the generosity of Salem. I have not attempted to estimate the value of non-monetary giving. Praise God for the ministries of Salem UMC!
- Ron

Some Salem Ministries

- Designated for VBS - \$2500 (Endowment)
- Church Camp scholarships - \$405 (Endowment)
- Youth Mission Trip - \$800 (Tendick)
- Youth Mission Trip Donation - \$600
- Youth Mission Trip fundraisers – \$2280
- Some of these funds from outside the church
- Food Pantry (Mission Team – from Dillon's Rewards Program)
- Scholarships \$16,000 (Tendick)
- Children's bulletins - \$300 (Tendick)

Supporting Community Ministries

- Good Samaritan Fund Offering -- \$1906
- Good Samaritan Fund - \$1000 (Tendick)
- Collection box for food going to Sal Army/ Agape
- Collection box for clothing going to Open Doors
- Thanksgiving Dinner - \$300 (Endowment)
- Ember Hope - \$200 (Endowment)
- Ember Hope - \$477 (UMW Thanksgiving Dinner)
- Ember Hope – collection personal items (UMW)
- Asbury Park - \$880 (Endowment)
- Harvey County Homeless Shelter - \$610 (Endowment)
- Harvey County Homeless - \$738 (Youth Garage Sale)
- Harvey County Homeless - \$60 plus personal items (UMW)
- Harvey County Homeless – Quarterly Meals and volunteers
- Salvation Army - \$50 (UMW)
- Salvation Army - hygiene items (Lent Collection)
- Salvation Army \$200 (Wibands)
- Harvest of Love - \$1,290
- Harvest of Love food collection (Advent)
- Newton Ministerial Alliance - \$880 (Endowment)
- Harvey County Safe House - \$580 (Endowment)
- Health Ministries - \$500 (Endowment)
- Health Ministries - \$477 (UMW Thanksgiving Dinner)
- Health Ministries – about \$450 (Wibands)
- Peace Connections - \$100 (UMW)
- Harvey County Special Olympics - \$500 (Tendick)

General Church Special Offerings

- One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR) - \$53
- World Communion Sunday - \$53
- Native American Sunday - \$47
- United Methodist Student Day - \$1
- Human Relations Day - \$0
- Peace with Justice Sunday - \$0
- UMCOR Emergency Kits (UMW)

Regional, Worldwide Ministries

- Zimbabwe Partnership - \$1,000 (Endowment)
- UMCOR - \$1000 (Tendick)
- Angel Tree gifts and meal
- VBS Offering
- Disaster Offering – \$20
- UM Mexican-American Ministries - \$324 (UMW meal)
- House of Hope (for Honduras) - \$50 (UMW)
- Red Bird Mission - \$50 (UMW)
- McCurdy Mission - \$25 (UMW)
- World Thank Offering – \$429 (UMW)
- Christmas Shoe boxes (42) to N/S Dakota
- Vegetable Seed Collection to Jackson Ministries (UMW)

Conference, Regional, Worldwide

- Zimbabwe Partnership - \$1,000 (Endowment)
- Children Time Offerings - \$410
- Going to Mosquito Nets, Compassion (water), Heifer International
- Various Disaster Offerings – \$20
- Send Hope (for Honduras) - \$50 (UMW)
- Red Bird Mission - \$50 (UMW)
- McCurdy Mission - \$50 (UMW)
- UMW Thank Offering – \$340
- 42 Christmas Shoe boxes to N/S Dakota

Feel free to get additional items to me that I missed.