

Message from Pastor

What a month March turned out to be. We now know April is going to be more of the same. Closings, stay at home, jobs cut or lost, no school, no sports, distancing, isolation and loneliness. I would have never thought we would be doing Palm Sunday and Easter by livestream.

I offer two words to think about in April. The first is resiliency. This is the capacity to work through and recover from difficulty, the ability to be flexible and bounce back. We will need much resiliency in the coming months, as individuals, as a church, as a community, as a state and nation.

The second word on my mind is steadfast. Firm and unwavering, faithful and loyal. God's love described in many of the psalms is "steadfast love". No matter what, God's love is present. Even in the midst of confusion and chaos God is steadfast and God's love is steadfast. This is a time for us extend God's steadfast love by being steadfast in our support for each other, in support for the church, in our faith, and in continuing to love God.

Psalms 136 is about God's steadfast love for us. It begins, "O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever."

Psalms 57: 1 and 4 talks of us remaining steadfast in difficulties, because of our faith. "Be merciful to me God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge, in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge." . . . A list of difficulties, then, "My heart is steadfast God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody." Consider reading all of Psalms 57 and 136.

Stay in touch by phone and email, Facebook and livestream. And watch for God's grace at work even in these times, especially in these times.

Ron

Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

April 2020

Sunday Worship Schedule 10:00 am Worship Livestream

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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Messages – Lenten Series: Characters of Lent

Apr 5 – Simon of Cyrene

Apr 12 – Mary Magdalene

We need your opinions!

Thank you for those who have filled out the Readiness 360 survey. If you have not, please consider doing so by Apr 15th.

A goal the Administrative Counsel set for 2020 was to intentionally review how we could better fulfill our vision and ministry. The Readiness 360 is a survey tool that helps churches understand how ready they are to take steps forward in mission and ministry.

Scholarship Application

Scholarship applications for those who will be attending college in the fall of 2020 spring of 2021 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!

Electronic Giving

For electronic giving options such as direct drafts from your checking account, see Suanne Eshleman.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for my birthday cards and phone calls for my 90th birthday. I miss seeing everyone and really appreciated it. Bob Jackson.

New Web Site

Thanks to Chuck Haines for designing and launching Salem's new web site. It is wonderful. Check it out .

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

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:00 AM - Worship

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>April Anniversaries</p> <p>2 Gene & Suanne Eshleman 6 Todd & Kathy Allen 12 Tyson & Angela Weidenbener 17 Tim & Marva Bever 24 Robert & Fran Hoch 25 Kevin & Diane Foreman 29 Robert & Elisha Guest</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>If there are any Birthdays or Anniversaries missing or incorrect, please let us know in the church office.</p> </div> <p>*April Birthdays in blue</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Beth Schmucker Todd Arrowsmith</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Heidi Anderson</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Brandon Gruver</p>
<p>5 COMMUNION</p> <p>Sheila Kern-Schmidt</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Wilbur Besore</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Salem makes meals for New Hope</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Salem makes meals for New Hope</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Salem makes meals for New Hope</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Cindy Lou Simons Wayne Venso</p> <p>Salem makes meals for New Hope</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Emily Peaney Terry Sauerwein</p> <p>Salem makes meals for New Hope</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Janine Arnold</p> <p>Salem makes meals for New Hope</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am - Commodities Distribution Salem makes meals for New Hope</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Adam Clark</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Peggy Wambold Robert Unruh</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Douglas Lloyd Jane Naylor Joel Golubski</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Tim Jeffries</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Cody Sauerwein</p> <p>6:15pm - FLC 4-H</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Howard Arrowsmith Kristine Peaney</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00pm - Finance Committee (done electronically)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>John Gatz</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div>
<p>26</p> <p>4:00pm - Network Meeting (done electronically)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00pm - FLC Church Council??</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Lisa Jolliff Jay Williams</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Taysley Cowan Kevin Jones Ann Roberts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Marcia Dumler</p>	<div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Salem UMC Mission</p> <p>Disciples making disciples for Jesus Christ.</p> </div>	