### Message Titles for February

Feb 6: Jesus Proves He Is God

Luke 5:1-11

Feb13: From Solitude to Ministry in the

Community Luke 6:17-26

Feb 20: How to Respond to Hatred

Luke 6:27-38

Feb 27: Handing Over the Baton

Luke 9:28-36; 37-43

### Liturgist for February

Feb 6: Sandi Crider

Feb 13: Sandi Crider

Feb 20: Sandi Crider

Feb 27: Randy Voelker

### **Nursery for February**

Feb 6: Jennifer Saylor

Feb 13: Staci Kemph

Feb 20: Lisa Golubski

Feb 27: Erica Rickard

### **Children Time for February**

Feb 6: Cathy Willis

Feb 13: Pastor Willy Banza

Feb 20: Annessa Russell

Feb 27: Cindy Simons



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# February 2022

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 pm - 12:-00 pm

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### Salem UMC Mission

Disciples making disciples for lesus Christ.

### **Red Bird-UMW**

Meet in FLC classroom 2nd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is 2-8-22, at 1:00pm. Hostess and refreshments by Bev Rosine. Program by Sheila Kerns-Schmidt.

#### **UMM**

Meet in FLC last Saturday of the month. Next meeting is 2-26-22, at 8:00am for breakfast and fellowship.

### Singles Lunch

Meet in FLC 3rd Monday of the month. Next lunch is 2-21-22, at 12:00pm for lunch and friendship.

Contact for more details???

### **Electronic Giving**

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

**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.

## February 2022

# Here's What is Happening

### Salem United Methodist Church

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  Romans 5:8		1 9:30am Companions in Christ	2 NO Family Fusion due to weather	3	4	5
6 5th Sunday After the Epiphany 7pm Confirmation class	7 6pm FLC reserved	8 9am Commodities 9:30am SUMC staff meeting 1pm Red Bird UMW 6pm FCL reserved 7pm SPPR Committee meeting	9 Family Fusion 5:45pm meal 6:30pm classes	10	11 12pm FLC reserved	12
13 6th Sunday After the Epiphany Scouting Ministries Sunday 11am SOUPer Bowl Sunday Lunch fund raiser 7pm Confirmation class	14 Valentine's Day	15 9:30am Companions in Christ	16 Family Fusion 5:45pm meal 6:30pm classes	17	18	19
20 7th Sunday After the Epiphany 6pm FH 4-H club 7pm Confirmation class	21 President's Day 12pm Singles Dinner 6pm FH reserved	9:30am Companions in Christ	23 Family Fusion 5:45pm meal 6:30pm classes	24	25	26 8am FLC UMM breakfast
27 Transfiguration Sunday 7pm Confirmation class	28	Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.  Ephesians 4:2				

### Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

### February Birthdays

- 2 Chuck Haines
- 2 Makenzie Campa
- 3 Joe Spreier
- 7 Maximillian Willingham
- 10 Danielle Wahl
- 11 Karen Lehman
- 12 Betty Kaufman
- 13 Diane Hite
- 13 Bryce Jones
- 14 Mike Larson
- 15 Shari Snelling
- 15 Dennis Siemens
- 16 Lisa Golubski
- 17 Twylah Nightengale
- 19 Mark Buller
- 20 Michael Lewis
- 22 Gunner Hosford
- 22 Nic Voth
- 23 Reid Lehman
- 25 Kyle Beer
- 27 Taylor Fair
- 27 Meagan Waltner
- 28 Sherry Teppen

### February Anniversaries

- 1 Trent & Marcie Arrowsmith
- 24 Gary & Diane Hite
- 28 Bob & Ann Brenzikofer

### Pastor's Column

Dear Salem UMC Family,

As we continue to navigate these "uncharted waters" of a Global Pandemic, it seems almost unbelievable that we are now entering what would be the third year of a Global Pandemic!

While fierce political controversies surround it, my goal in this brief letter is not to pick sides of the debate.

The latest "variant" of the Covid-19 virus is called "Omicron." Many people may not realize it, but this is the 15th letter out of 24 of the Greek Alphabet.

I want to share a scripture focusing on the first and last letters, "Alpha" and "Omega."

As you know, Jesus refers to Himself as the Alpha and Omega in Revelation 22:13 (NKJV) 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." Perhaps we need to be reminded that regardless of what we will face in the upcoming year, Jesus Christ will be there in the beginning and will be there at the end!

Not only will he be at the beginning and end of the year, but He was also at the beginning of Creation and will also be there when time is complete.

All we are facing now may not be understood in totality by any of us, but if we know who the "Alpha" and "Omega" is, then we can rest assured that whatever happens in-between Alpha and Omega, is under control!

God is good all the time, and we can trust Him! We continue to appreciate your faithful prayers and support for the ministry here at Salem United Methodist Church as we forge ahead in faith this year!

We need to pray for our Nation and the entire World to experience a tremendous Revival! I pray that our thirst and hunger for the things of God will only intensify as the days, weeks, and months of this New Year 2022 come and go. May God richly bless you this year, and we appreciate you so much!

Blessings in Christ!

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

### **Bible Trivia**

#### Questions

- 1. Some books did not make it into the Bible. Some have been lost, but some are still around. Do you know the names?
- 2. When and Why were some books kept and some were not?
- 3. What are the Pentateuch's?
- 4. Who is credited for writing these 5 books?

#### **Answers:**

- 1. The Gospel According to Thomas, Letters of Clement, The Shepherd of Hermas, The Didache.
- 2. Around 14th century leaders decided that the 66 books in the Bible are the standard writings for Christian use.
- 3. The 5 scrolls or books are: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. The Jews called it Torah (instructions).
- 4. Moses

### Accept Jesus as your savior

- A- Admit you're a sinner. Romans 3:23
- **B** Believe Jesus is Lord. Romans 6:23
- **C-** Call upon His name. Romans 10:9

#### Micah 6:8 NIU

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

### Calendar reminders:

**SOUPer Bowl Sunday**, Salem Servants fund raiser, is February 13, 2022, following Church, at the FLC. There will be Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup, and take out will be available. Contact Salem Servants classroom member for more details. Look forward to seeing you there.

No Church Choir until further notice per Bob Wambold

**Family Fusion** has had some great turn outs. The food is awesome, the fellowship is special, and the classes are rewarding. Bring your friends to check it out

(just in case you didn't know)

### The Unity Painting at SUMC West Entry

All who enter SUMC through the west doors are welcomed by Jesus 9'x 5' acrylic painting. The local artist, Leslie Phillips, was inspired by the original painting by Thomas Blackshear II and to her thoughts of unity during a time when a war was about to break out in Iraq in 2003 when the painting was commissioned. Jesus communicates to all who enter with his arms stretched out and his eyes open, that he is accessible, comforting, and friendly to all. Attention is drawn to Jesus' robe in the bright and bold colors of national flags in ethnic textile patterns and words printed in Hebrew and Russian. The painting connects us to Jesus' desire for all to live in unity. Phillips provided: Psalm 133:1 NIV How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity.