

## Message Titles for March

**Mar 6:** Saved by Faith Through Grace in Jesus Christ Romans 10:8-13

**Mar 13:** Heavenly Citizenship  
Philippians 3:17; 4:1

**Mar 20:** The Great Invitation  
Isaiah 55:1-9

**Mar 27:** We Are Christ's Ambassadors  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

## Liturgist for March

**Mar 6:** Paul Blythe

**Mar 13:** Aaron Teel

**Mar 20:** Cathy Willis

**Mar 27:** Teresa Soyez

## Children Time for March

**Mar 6:** Cathy Willis

**Mar 13:** Pastor Willy Banza

**Mar 20:** Annessa Russell

**Mar 27:** Cindy Simons

## Nursery for March

**Mar 6:** Jennifer Saylor

**Mar 13:** Staci Kempf

**Mar 20:** Lisa Golubski

**Mar 27:** Erica Rickard

# Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

## March 2022

### Sunday Worship Schedule

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 Jesus Christ.

## Red Bird-UMW

Meet in FLC 2nd Tuesday of the month for fellowship.

Next meeting: 3-8-22, at 1:00pm

## UMM

Meet in FLC last Saturday of the month for breakfast and fellowship.

Next meeting: 3-26-22, at 8:00am

## Singles Lunch

Meet in FLC 3rd Monday of the month for lunch and friendship.

Next lunch: 3-21-22, at noon

## 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.

# March 2022

## Here's What is Happening

## Salem United Methodist Church

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>Galatians 5:25 NIV</b> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.		1 9:30am N FLC classroom Companions in Christ 7pm FLC SPPR meeting	2 7:00pm Ash Wednesday  NO Family Fusion Meal or classes	3	4 World Day of Prayer	5
6 1st Sunday in Lent Holy Communion 7pm Confirmation Class	7 6pm FH Rachelle Scott 7pm Worship meeting	8 9am Commodities Distribution 9:30am SUMC staff meeting 1pm FLC Red Bird UMW 6pm FLC Rachelle Scott 7pm Endowment meeting	9 Family Fusion 5:45pm meal 630pm classes	10 5-8pm FLC Girl Scouts	11 12pm FLC Rachelle Scott	12 2pm FLC Juli Garcia
13 2nd Sunday in Lent Scouting Sunday Daylight Savings Time Begins 6pm FLC Macon Lakers 4-H Club 7pm Confirmation Class	14	15 9:30am N FLC classroom Companions in Christ	16 Family Fusion 5:45pm meal 630pm classes	17	18	19
20 3rd Sunday in Lent Spring Begins 7pm Confirmation Class	21 Pastor out of office 12pm FLC Singles Dinner 6pm FH Rachelle Scott	22 Pastor out of office 9:30am N FLC classroom Companions in Christ	23 Pastor out of office Family Fusion 5:45pm meal 630pm classes	24 5-8pm FLC Girl Scouts	25	26 8am FLC/Kitchen UMM
27 4th Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday 7pm Confirmation Class	28	29 Charles Wesley died 1788 9:30am N FLC classroom Companions in Christ	30 Family Fusion 5:45pm meal 630pm classes	31		

# Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

## March Birthdays

1 Craig Simons	14 Brad Schwabauer
2 Rita Bradshaw	14 Luke Stauffer
3 Ric Courtright	15 Bob Jackson
3 Aaron Kern	16 Debbie Church
4 Brandon Bott	16 Nick Harris
4 Kalleigh Davis	16 Jeff Stauffer
4 Lloyd Musser	16 Donna Willis
5 Al Green	17 Faye Jolliff
6 Lisa McCulloch	18 Memphis Saylor
8 Bently Crider	18 Jace Morales
9 Bob Wambold	18 Russell Naylor
9 Blaine Bott	18 Rose Roberts
9 Tyler Wedel	19 Nathan Williams
9 Gavan Peterson	20 Krista Briar
9 Teresa Stucky	21 Mason Stauffer
10 Chloe Weidenbener	22 Marcia Payne
10 Harlie Will	23 Joan Stahly
11 Lorna Preston	25 Alexa Jarrell
12 Lisa Dick	25 Thomas Jones
12 Tyler Jolliff	26 Dana Shifflett
13 Joshua Campa	27 Geneva Pryce
14 Hollis Donker	28 Reid Golubski
14 Melinda Voelker	29 Kaisen Campa
14 Tyra Kettermen	29 Evan Schmidt
	30 Becky Jackson

## March Anniversaries

- 8 Greg & Karen Jaworsky
- 12 Terry & Tyra Kettermen
- 19 Mark & Brenda Buller
- 23 Arlen & Lisa Barham
- 24 Aaron & Vickie Kern
- 31 Rusty & Lisa Jolliff

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

## Pastors Column

Dear Faithful members of Salem United Methodist Church, Just a quick reminder for you: lent season is here!! Lent requires of us to investigate God's word, spend time in prayer, and meditate on Scripture. But how can this be possible in this digital world of us? Even though I'm a fan of technology, it seems like there's no escaping it, even if you wanted to. In our modern, digital world, it's easy to work around the clock: our cell phones are always on and everyone expects their text messages and emails to be answered instantaneously. You might even crawl into bed with your phone, checking out your Facebook updates or playing a game to "wind down." It's safe to say that for most of us, our work and our technology can consume our days and our nights.

Citizens of the ancient world saw no such conveniences, of course. They entertained themselves in other ways, usually in groups: true face-to-face fellowship at its finest. Even still, they managed to be distracted from the ways of the Lord. God wants our attention. God wants to be He who consumes your thoughts every day and every night. It might seem impossible. The psalmist writes: But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, he meditates day and night. —Psalm 1:2 He who is close to the Lord is the same one who meditates on holy things night and day. How can that translate for us, in our world, with all of our distractions and responsibilities? As we ready ourselves for Christ's death and resurrection, we should turn ourselves to prayer. Lent is a prime time for investigating God's word, spending time in prayer, and meditating on Scripture. Ask God to help you carve out more time to spend in His holy presence, and He will. Even though you may not lead a monk-like lifestyle, the more we spend time talking to God and, even more importantly, listening to God, the more our thoughts return to Him and His ways. Through regular prayer and reflection on Scripture, we become more like Him and it becomes possible to spend our days and nights thinking godly things. This Lenten season, I invite you to join me as we dedicate more time to God through quiet times of prayer, meditation, and reflection.

## Bible Trivia

### Question:

The first 5 books are believed to be written by Moses and are called the Pentateuch. Can you name them? Briefly describe each of these books?

### Answers:

The Pentateuchs are about God's dealings with humankind from the creation to the death of Moses.

**Genesis** is about beginnings & chronicles the creation of the world. It reveals God's plan.

**Exodus** is about the event where God's sets his people free from bondage in Egypt & made an everlasting covenant.

**Leviticus** is God's guidebook for holy living & worship.

**Numbers** records Israel's experiences while journeying through the wilderness. We must persevere and finish the race.

**Deuteronomy** is a reminder that God is worthy of worship & obedience. It retells the covenant.

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### 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

## Prayer of St Francis (United Methodist Hymnal #481)

Lord make Me an instrument of Your peace  
Where there is hatred let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness joy.  
O Divine master grant that I may  
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console  
To be understood, as to understand.  
To be loved. as to love  
For it's in giving that we receive  
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned  
And it's in dying that we are born...  
To eternal life. Amen...

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## Micah 6:8 NIV

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.*