

## Pastor's Column

We have had a few spring storms come through the area in April. I have noticed that the cloudy, dreary days somewhat match our mood right now. Often rainy days are days in waiting. Waiting for the sun to shine and for the opportunity to get outside again.

We surely are going through some cloudy, stormy days with this coronavirus, aren't we? The thunder of unemployment, 'stay at home', and 'distancing' rumble in the background of everything we do (or don't do). We are waiting for the opportunity to go back out. To get back to routines.

Yet, after the rain on Thursday, April 23, I viewed a number of pictures on Facebook taken by people around Newton of a beautiful full rainbow. Did you see it? It was one of those rainbows that was clearly visible, from one end to the other, creating a globe in the sky.

What is the rainbow to remind us about? God's promise to us that the storm will end. The rainbow is a symbol of hope! A symbol of God's presence and promise! Often we see a rainbow when the sky is still cloudy; maybe it is even still raining, but a bit of clear sky lets sunshine create a rainbow. Promise of a better day.

Look for that clear sky. Look for hope. That is a promise of God.

*Ron*

## Nursery for May

May 10: Staci Kempf  
May 17: Lisa Golubski  
May 24: Erica Rickard  
May 31: Lynnette Redington

## Electronic Giving

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

# Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

## May 2020

### 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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### Children's Time for May

May 10: Cathy Willis  
May 17: Taylor Redington  
May 24: Cindy Simons  
May 31: Annessa Russell

### Ushers for May

Salem Servants S.S. Class

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Noisy Change Offering

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Noisy Change Offering on May 31 will go to New Hope which is a 501c3 non-profit Christian outreach ministry for those in Harvey, Marion, and McPherson Counties who are in need of one night emergency shelter to longer term transitional housing. It is funded solely through contributions from area churches, businesses, and individuals. New Hope Shelter, Inc. is supported by two full-time, four part-time paid staff, over six-hundred volunteers, twenty-six local churches, and numerous area businesses. Staff works to build relationships with each resident, understanding their unique needs, and ministers to help them grow physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually so they can move past the shelter and find a productive and healthy life.

## 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!

## UMW

UMW meeting in May TBA later.

## May Message Titles

May 3: Jesus' First Words  
May 10: Called to Happiness  
May 17: Discipleship and Light  
May 24: A New Way  
May 31: Catch Fire

## Liturgists for May

May 10: Cindy Simons  
May 17: Lucy Cook  
May 24: Jean Mitchell  
May 31: Annessa Russell

## 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 UMC Mission**  
Disciples making disciples for  
Jesus Christ.

**May  
2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Worship</b> <b>9:00 AM:</b> Sunday School will resume when safe to do so. <b>10:00 AM:</b> Worship in the sanctuary will resume when safe. Live Stream will continue each Sunday as of now.			<b>May Anniversaries</b> 4 Gary & Teri Unruh 14 Shane & Jennifer Saylor 22 Archie Schmidt & Sheila Kern-Schmidt 24 Todd & JoAnn Arrowsmith 26 Gary & Elizabeth Gatz *May Birthdays in Blue		<b>1</b> Gene Eshleman	<b>2</b> 
<b>3 COMMUNION</b> Marc Sattler	<b>4</b> Thomas Laswell Elaina Newell	<b>5</b> Carolyn Arrowsmith 9:30am - C in C? 5:30pm - FH Reserved	<b>6</b> 6:30pm - Adult Choir Practice?	<b>7</b> Roger Devin Swickard	<b>8</b> Jill Mathies Staci Morales	<b>9</b> Janelle Briar
<b>10</b> Kassidy Kiewer Troy Smith Larry Gilchrist Greeter W: Jeff Stauffer Greeter E: Ila Jean or Lorna	<b>11</b> Karla Stauffer Annessa Russell	<b>12</b> Arlene Besore Denise Bott Jared Branson Sue Clay Kathy Leal Mark Willingham 9:00am - Comm.. Dist. 9:30am - C in C? 5:30pm - FH Reserved 7:00pm - Red Bird - UMW? 7:00pm - Tendick Meeting	<b>13</b> Dawn Wedel Teresa Soyez Gail Marsh 6:30pm - Adult Choir Practice?	<b>14</b> Don Gruver	<b>15</b> Lucas Burson Doug Storer 5:30pm - FLC Reserved	<b>16</b> Tonya Cowan
<b>17</b> Randy Voelker Greeter W: Jeff Stauffer Greeter E: Ila Jean or Lorna 6:15pm - FLC 4-H	<b>18</b> 12:00pm - FLC Singles Dinner 6:00pm - Girl Scouts	<b>19</b> Bob Swickard 9:30am - C in C? 5:30pm - FH Reserved 7:00pm - Finance Comm.	<b>20</b> Ashley Lehman Archie Schmidt Mallory Simons Mary Wells 6:30pm - Adult Choir Practice?	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Wyatt Hosford Donald Stucky Nicci Zollinger	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Gertrude Olson Greeter W: Jeff Stauffer Greeter E: Ila Jean or Lorna	<b>25</b> Lisa Barham Samuel Gatz	<b>26</b> Cindy Phillips 9:30am - C in C? 5:30pm - FH Reserved	<b>27</b> Audra Davis Sarah Harkman Abby Reinhardt 6:30pm - Adult Choir Practice?	<b>28</b> Lou Ensz John R. Phillips	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Mackenzie Sauerwein One day Annual Conference on line 8:00am - FLC UMM Breakfast <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">                         Spring Fund Drive                          Sunday, June 7.                     </div>
<b>31</b> Greeter W: Jeff Stauffer Greeter E: Ila Jean or Lorna Noisy Change Offering						