

# First United Methodist Church of Saline

Rev. Tom Zimmerman  
July 15, 2021

*“...the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.”*  
Matthew 2:9

Dear Friends:

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In our Wednesday morning bible study on Matthew, we looked at the story of the Magi. You might remember they followed a star until it positioned itself directly over the place where the infant Jesus was. All they needed was the phone app to say: “You have arrived at your destination!”

As disciples of Jesus, the road map for our life is written within the pages of the Bible. In it we find the “rules for the road”, so to speak. Wouldn't it be nice if God gave specifics—like the phone app that gives street by street guidance? I'd love for God to tell me exactly what He wants me to do, step by step, turn by turn. However, following God also takes faith. In faith, we step out in one direction and then listen for His next instructions. That's what those Magi did, maybe that's why we also call them wise!

See you in church, outside, or on Livestream!

*Pastor Tom*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES + PRAYER LIST

**Birthdays** ~ Ella Rumpsa, Abel Mickey, 7/19; Clive Smith, Doug VerWoert, 7/20; Susan Hares, Wendy Vredeveld, 7/21; LuAnn Chriscinske, Donald Dickinson, Matthew Adle, Ann Adams, Ryan Harper, 7/22; Pam Sackett, Andrew Morseau, 7/23; Kay Richmond-Angaran, Doug Cogger, George Lancaster, Jr., 7/24.

**Anniversaries** ~ Nat & Anna Burns, 7/20; Chuck & Millie Webster, 7/23.

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**Prayer Concerns**—Jim Hill, Jaylin, Annella Aurand, Joyce Bailey, Annette Urban, Kevin, all of our shut ins, safe travel, young people with mental health issues, those seeking employment or having difficulties at work.

**Sympathies**—Lois Baldus & family on the passing of her father, Wes Exelby.

**Praises**—The wonderful jazz concert by the Paul Keller Ensemble Wednesday night here at the church.

**Continue to Pray for**—Jim Ducca, Julie O'Keefe, Gayle Rogers, Bill Doren, Steven Baker, Mike Walker, LeeAnn Redies, Rob Fowler, Abby Cudney, Macy family, Kim Durham, Laurie Tuttle Stewart, Robert Barnes, Muffy Largin, Shiela Blough, Laurie Tuttle Stewart.

**Military**—Erik Maddock, J.T. St. Dennis, Ben Herrick.

**Pray for the homebound and those in special living facilities**—Naomi Woods, Betty Sellers, Florence Belt, Norma Jean West, Nancy Jedele, Joyce Gifford, Vera Bennett, Doris Schmerberg, Virginia Sherman, Pat Peterson, Doris Sekerka, Sally Hanifi.

**Prayer Quilt**— Please tie a “virtual” knot and say a prayer for our dear friend Annette Urban. *Note: due to the pandemic, the quilt will not be on display, nor will there be a prayer sheet to sign.*

## Announcements

**Motown Missions Work Day—July 21**—Several of our youth will be serving for the Motown Missions next Wednesday. They'll be working in people's homes. Motown Missions welcomes any adults to work as well. If you're interested in spending the day working in Detroit, please call the office and sign up. Lunch will be provided!

**Quarterly Contribution Statements**—Second quarter contribution statements were emailed/mailed on Wednesday, July 14. Please contact Michelle Grill at the church office if you do not receive your statement or if your statement is not accurate. Thank you!

**Michigan Area Disaster Response**—Our Michigan conference bishop, David Bard, asks for your help for victims of floods and storm damage in metro Detroit. In a recent article he stated that since there are limited opportunities for direct in-person assistance, he encourages us to consider a gift to the Michigan Conference Disaster Response Fund as an initial response to this disaster. To donate please write on your check or donation envelope “Michigan Area Disaster Response”. Thank you for your generosity.

**Prayer Garden Bricks**—Consider purchasing a brick for our prayer garden, something beautiful that will last a lifetime. We will be accepting orders now until July 28. 4” x 8” bricks, with up to three lines of characters are available for \$50.00 and 8” x 8” bricks with up to six lines of characters are \$80.00. Simple graphics, such as a cross or dove, may be added. Order forms are available from the church office.

**Grief Support Group**—Grief is a journey that you do not want to walk alone. The grieving process can be overwhelming and difficult. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, we offer a grief support group twice a month. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 pm in Room C. Contact Jeanette Brenner for more information 734-474-1357.

**Post-COVID-19 Transition**—Navigating through the last year has been hard for our church family, both individually and collectively. As we find our way forward, we must remember that the lives of many have been impacted in unseen ways that will have long-lasting effects, some physical, some emotional, and some spiritual. As a church, we endeavor to move forward together thoughtfully and respectfully. We intend to extend grace, patience, and love to all, no matter their COVID experience, vaccine status, masking practices or comfort level.



OUTDOOR  
WORSHIP

1030 am  
bring a chair  
or blanket

IN  
PERSON  
900 am

LIVE  
STREAM  
900 am  
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The graphic features a yellow background with icons for a group of people, a laptop, and a lawn chair. The text is arranged in columns, providing details for both in-person and live-streamed outdoor worship services.



YOU ARE INVITED

Manchester United Methodist Church  
invites you to celebrate the ordination of Rev. Dillon Burns  
Sunday, August 8th - 10:30 Worship, Celebration Following  
RSVP to [office@manchesterumchurch.org](mailto:office@manchesterumchurch.org)  
or 734 428 8495

The graphic shows an open envelope with a red heart on the inside flap. The text is centered below the envelope, providing an invitation to a church event.

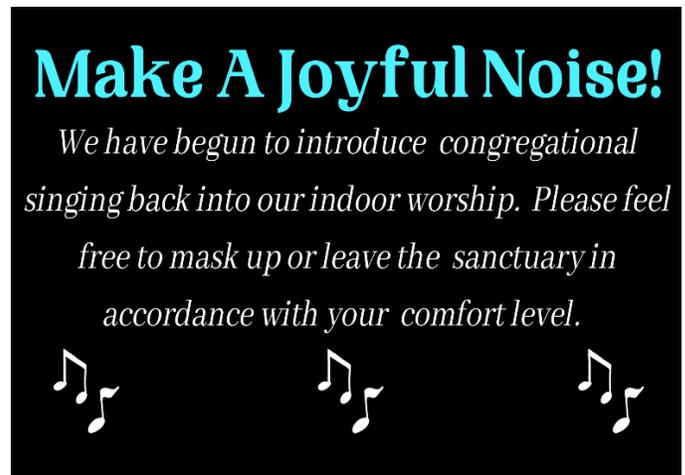


Due August 8th  
at noon!

Upper Class  
SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION

Name

The graphic shows a close-up of a scholarship application form on a desk. A black sticky note with red handwritten text is placed over the top left corner of the form. A pen and a stack of money are also visible in the background.



**Make A Joyful Noise!**

We have begun to introduce congregational singing back into our indoor worship. Please feel free to mask up or leave the sanctuary in accordance with your comfort level.

The graphic has a black background with white text and three white musical notes at the bottom.