

First United Methodist Church of Saline

Rev. Tom Zimmerman
July 22, 2021

“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly.” Ephesians 4:16

Dear Friends:

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

Have you done a jigsaw puzzle lately? It came up at home that we should do one. When our kids were younger, we used to do them all the time. But it’s been awhile. These puzzles can be fun and challenging at the same time. Often you think you know exactly where a piece goes only to find that as the pieces come together, you misunderstood that piece’s position in the total picture; then you have to rearrange.

That’ll probably preach. As we walk along our journey in faith, we are invited to stop to take stock, to evaluate, to test to see if the pieces fit so that we are becoming what we hope; who God would have us be.

I hope that you will continue to remember our church in your prayers as we strive to become what God would have us be. For we are one piece which fits uniquely in to God’s kingdom puzzle. And as you remember the church in your prayers, we remember you in ours.

See you in church, outside, or on Livestream!

Pastor Tom

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES + PRAYER LIST

Birthdays ~ Jeanne Hess, 7/25; Greg Rosati, Daniel Stenson, Devin Sparrow, 7/26; Cindy Bonczyk, Carl Weaver, 7/27; Kate Hansen, 7/28; Kimberly Sackett, William Roberts, Isla Graham, 7/29; Rob Fowler, Jacob Bander, 7/30; Susie Treber, Elizabeth Crawford, 7/31.

Anniversaries ~ Earl & Rebecca Spears, 7/25; Clive & Louise Smith, 7/26; Glenn & Clare Bowman, Justin & Christa Tepper, 7/31.

Prayer Concerns—Jim Hill, Annette Urban, Kevin, Martha Wilson, Julie Tuttle, Larry & Sally Schramm, Bonnie, 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 at the church on July 14. Ryan Farrell’s baptism last Sunday.

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: The quilt will not be on display, nor will there be a prayer sheet to sign.*

Announcements

Prayer Garden Bricks-Orders due July 28—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.

Iron Men – Thursday July 29 @ 8:00 am—Iron Men is a group open to all men of the church for a casual time of fellowship and sharing scripture. The next meeting is on Thursday, July 29 at 8:00 am in Christler Hall. “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

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.

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 1st and 3rd 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 of three people, a laptop, and a lawn chair.



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
or 734 428 8495

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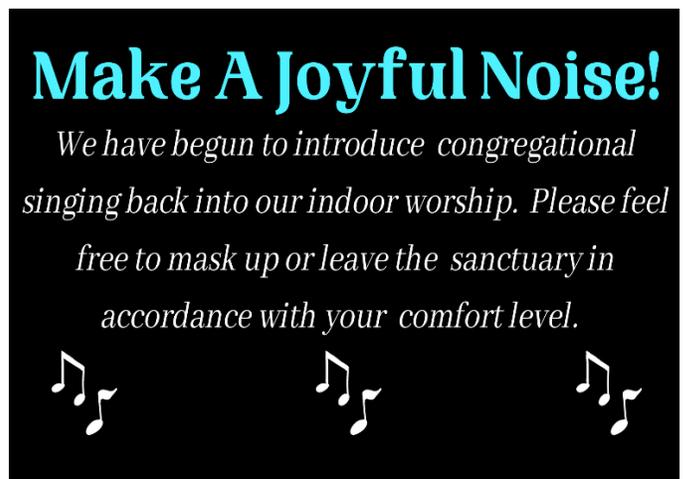


Due August 8th
at noon!

Upper Class
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

Name

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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.

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