

STEEPLE NEWS

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Memory Verse

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" Isaiah 30:21

Welcome the Triebwassers

Sunday, July 3 will be the first Sunday that Pastor Amy Triebwasser will preach in our pulpit. Come on out and meet Pastor Amy and her husband Eric as we welcome them to our church. The Triebwassers are godly people who have served in ministry for many years. Make plans to be there to welcome them to our community in a new and exciting chapter in FUMC Saline's rich history.

Retirement Reception

Sunday, June 12, following our 9:30 am worship service, our church will be hosting a retirement reception for Pastor Tom. We hope you will join us for this time of recognition for Pastor Tom and his selfless service to our church over the past six years. If you would like to help with the celebration, there is a sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

Worship Schedule

8:04 am — In-person, casual worship service in Christer Hall.

9:30 am — In-person and Live Stream worship service in the sanctuary.

10:45 am — Pathfinders Adult Sunday School.

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day Christ returns." Philippians 1:6

Dear Friends:

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

In his book, "The Purpose Driven Life" Rick Warren begins with the sentence: "It's not about you." It was his way of stating that the focus of our hearts should always be about God—and God's purpose for each of us. I have long admired Rev. Warren and that statement has always driven me to try to keep God "the main thing" in my ministry and especially in my own life. This month with its goodbyes will certainly challenge that thinking.

Words are often poor tools in times like these. After 36 years, I'm hard pressed to know where to focus. Julie and I have such a depth of gratitude to God for His graciousness in allowing us to be a part of His church family all these years. How awesome a God do we serve!

I wanted to thank all those people I have served alongside over the years on staff and in the church. How can we ever express adequately our gratitude to you? The church has supported us, nurtured us, taught us, and encouraged us. In short, our family would not be who we are today without the church. What a blessing!

But I'm reminded, "It's not about me." It's about God. God has graciously allowed me to step into the pulpit over 1,800 times to proclaim His good news. God has graciously allowed me to teach His Word over 1,500 times in countless different studies. And God has graciously allowed me to be a part of your lives in ministry together. At times, we have laughed together and cried as well. We've prayed and witnessed miracles. We have had a little and we have had a lot. We have learned and we have launched. But you know, through it all, there has been one constant presence—the true leader of our church—Jesus Christ!

So, with a shake of the hand or even a hug, I suppose we'll cap our time together as ministry partners on June 12. It will be an emotional day for Julie and me. But God calls and we are to be faithful. And while our status with this church may change, you will always be a part of our family, in our prayers, and a part of our hearts. And through it all, let's still strive to keep our eyes fixed on Him this month!

See you in church or on Livestream!

Pastor Tom



JOY Fellowship

JOY (Just Older Youth) is a fellowship group for anyone age 55 and up. We will meet on Thursday, June 16 at noon for a Hawaiian themed lunch! Sign up at the Opportunity Wall. Suggested donation of \$5 to defray food costs. Invite a friend, we hope to see you there!!



Congratulations Saline High School 2022 Graduates!

Nick Comfort
Cameron Corwin
Colton Cundiff
Ella Dean
Kieran Dean
Samantha Graden
Emma Grill
Evan Grill
Sarah Rosati
Andrew Steele
Evan Steele
Alayna Sutherland

Father's Day

"A dad has arms to lift high, a heart to love, shoulders to support, a smile to reassure, a hand of blessing to send you out into the world...." ~Keely Chace

"Children are fortunate if they have a father who is honest and does what is right." Proverbs 20:7

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary, please sign up on the calendar outside of the church office. The cost is \$40 for one bouquet, and you are invited to take them home after church. (Please return the silver insert.)



United
Women
in Faith

FUMC Ladies Night

In keeping with all the changes we've adjusted to in the last two years, the United Methodist Women are following suit with a new name. We are now the United Women in Faith. This is a global change that will remain focused on women, children, and youth. Our purpose has not changed, and our mission work continues both here and throughout the world.

To kick off summer, we are inviting all ladies of the church to join us at Dan's Downtown for an evening of food and fellowship on Monday, June 20 at 6:00 pm. Come reacquaint with friends and perhaps meet some new ones.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Opportunity Wall so we can get an approximate count. We hope to see you there!

2022 Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to six of our Saline High School graduates on being awarded scholarships from FUMC Saline.

Emma and Evan Grill both received the Carr Memorial Scholarship. Emma and Evan will both be attending University of Kentucky in the fall. Emma will be studying Elementary Education and Evan will be studying Aerospace/Mechanical Engineering.

Cameron Corwin, Colton Cundiff, Samantha Graden and Alayna Sutherland received the Ed and Ina May Doub Scholarship. Cameron will be attending University of Northwestern Ohio in the fall and studying Medium & Heavy Diesel Repair. Colton will be attending Ferris State University in the fall and plans to study Construction Management. Samantha will be attending University of Kentucky in the fall and studying Nursing. Alayna will be attending Western Michigan University in the fall and plans to study Occupational Therapy.

New Members

We were excited to welcome new members into our church body on Sunday, May 22 at our 9:00 am worship service. Look for these new faces and say hello:

Greg and Selena Beers
Janean DeVaul
Leighann Farrell
Paul and Ashley Harmer
Cheryl and Jim Hoeft
Penelope Mankey

See the new members board in the church office hallway. So thankful to have you as part of our church family!

Children & Student Ministry

Trish Farrell, Director of Children & Student Ministries, 413-822-6840 or trish@fumc-saline.org

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Children & Student Ministries

June Highlights

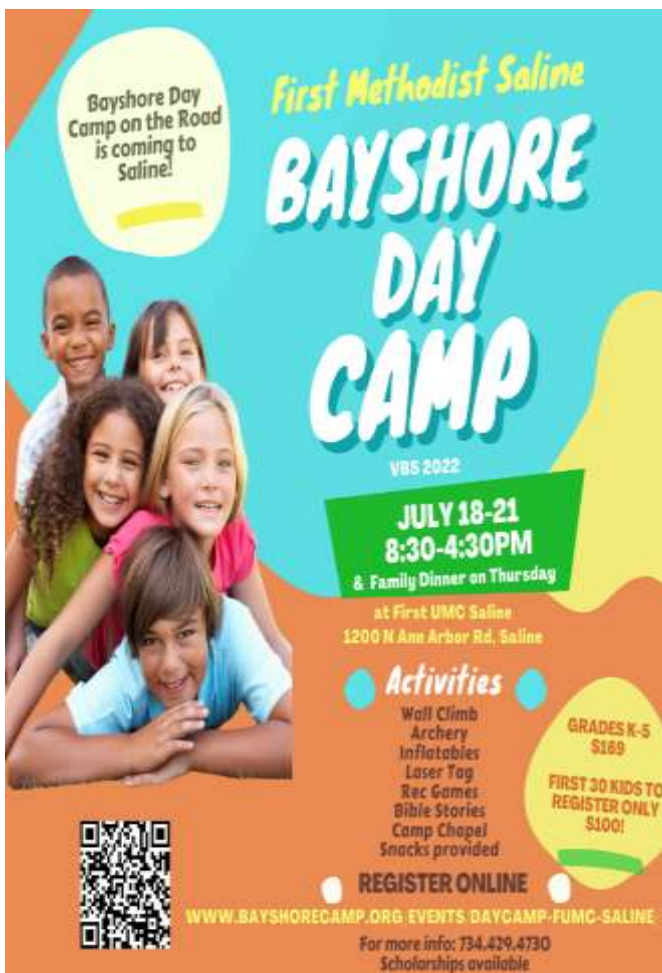
June 5	Graduation Sunday 9:30 am worship
June 15	Underground Day Trip
June 27-July 2	MOVE high school summer trip

Our 2022 VBS is the Bayshore Day Camp. Registration is open online but filling up quickly! We already have 35 students signed up! Help is needed to make this week a success. Assist with campers, set up or tear down, or donate a meal for a potluck. Sign up is on the Children & Student Ministry table in foyer or contact Trish.

Complete schedule, details, and newsletters can be found on our website:

[Bayshore Day Camp Information](#)

[Student Ministry Newsletter](#)



Bayshore Day Camp on the Road is coming to Saline!

First Methodist Saline

BAYSHORE DAY CAMP

VBS 2022

JULY 18-21
8:30-4:30PM
& Family Dinner on Thursday

at First UMC Saline
1200 N Ann Arbor Rd, Saline

Activities

- Wall Climb
- Archery
- Inflatables
- Laser Tag
- Rec Games
- Bible Stories
- Camp Chapel
- Snacks provided

GRADES K-5
\$169

FIRST 30 KIDS TO REGISTER ONLY \$100!

REGISTER ONLINE

WWW.BAYSHORECAMP.ORG EVENTS DAYCAMP-FUMC-SALINE

For more info: 734.429.4730
Scholarships available



Underground Student Ministry

Hello Summer

JUNE
Dave & Buster's

JULY
Red Oaks Waterpark

AUGUST
Great Lakes Crossing



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 August 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 through the church office.

Columbarium Niches Available

Niches are available in our church columbarium. A columbarium is an answer for the proper disposition and identification of the earthly remains of those who have shared the fellowship of our church family. This is to be the place especially for those who love First United Methodist Church of Saline and have a sense of closeness to it. Our columbarium includes 144 granite-faced, single-front niches and is located to the north of the church building in the Prayer Garden.

Theologically, cremation is not a modern concept and in no way discounts the Christian understanding of resurrection of the body and life everlasting. It simply speeds the natural process by which the body decomposes in burial. Cremation does not change God's plan for our earthly bodies. As far as the Christian Faith is concerned, what is important is that the remains are treated with respect and dignity. The fee paid upon execution of the Columbarium Agreement covers the rights of inurnment of cremated remains, opening and closing of the niche during inurnment, and perpetual care of the columbarium and prayer garden. Cremation costs, funeral home charges, cost for the urn(s), and engraving fees are not included. The fee of \$2,000 covers the cost of a niche for one or two persons. The purchaser may select his/her niche location, based on availability. Once finalized, niche assignment cannot be changed. If you are interested in more information, please contact the church office and a member of the Columbarium Team will contact you. Call 734-429-4730 or email office@fumc-saline.org; put "Columbarium Information" on the subject line.

Attention Kroger Shoppers

FUMC Saline can earn quarterly rewards from Kroger! If you have a Kroger digital account and Shopper's Card, you can designate our organization to receive rewards based on your purchases. Money we collect from this program is deposited to our Good Samaritan Fund which is used to provide emergency assistance to families in our church and community.

Visit www.kroger.com/communityrewards to create a digital account, link your Shopper's Card and choose our organization! Please contact the church office if you have any questions or would like assistance. **Please Note: FUMC Saline must be reselected each year for us to continue receiving rewards.**

Kroger Community Rewards

- 1. Create a digital account.** A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.
- 2. Link your Card to an organization.** Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.
 1. Sign into your digital account.
 2. Search for your organization [here](#). *Search for **First United Methodist Church of Saline**.
 3. Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support. **The NPO for First United Methodist Church of Saline is XJ007.**
 4. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save". Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.
- 3. Your organization earns.** Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations. If you have any questions, please contact our [Customer Service Center](#).

Thank You

Words can not express our gratitude to Pam Heffelbower for her many, many hours of labor refinishing our main entrance doors. She literally was here from morning until night for two weeks stripping, sanding, staining, and sealing the entry doors. It was truly a labor of love! Steve helped when he was available too. Thank you both for being such a blessing to our church!



Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays - Steve Heffelbower, Carolyn Minnette, 5/29; Pat Merrill, MikeWells, 5/30; Savannah Simpson, 5/31; Melissa Henes, 6/1; Ben Nichols, RobStruk, 6/3; Jill Mieras, Nancy Xedos, Leanne Rimnac, Sylvia Korte, Joyce Bailey, Gracie Chriscinske, 6/4.

Anniversaries - George & Karen Lancaster, 6/1; Matt & Nancy Fillinger, 6/2; Paul & Angela Schmidt, 6/3.



Prayers



Prayer Concerns – Arloa Jennings, Carol Richardson, Jeanne Hess, Peggy Gunnesch, Dave VerWoert, Charlene Kawchak-Belitsky, Alanna Farrell, Mary Ann Sweet, Rachel Woods, Linda Tuttle, for God's grace and mercy, safe travel, a safe pregnancy, the people of Ukraine, that our leaders in government will work together and find ways to reduce gun violence, town of Gaylord, MI.

Sympathies - Cheryl Schlaff & family on the passing of her brother, Duncan Furbush.

Praises - Thanking God for taking care of us. The birth of Dick and Carolyn Cunkle's great-grandson, Clark Martin Gordon, on May 18.

Continue to pray for- Emery Harmer, Julie O'Keefe, Gayle Rogers, Bill Doren, Steven Baker, Mike Walker, LeeAnn Redies, Rob Fowler, Abby Cudney, Macy Family, Laurie Stewart, Julie Tuttle, Robert Barnes, Muffy Largin. Military: Erik Maddock, Ben Herrick.

Homebound/Special Living- Naomi Woods, Betty Sellers, Nancy Jedele, Vera Bennett, Virginia Sherman, Pat Peterson, Doris Sekerka, Doug Beard.

Prayer Quilts - Say a prayer and tie a virtual knot for Peggy Gunnesch, Charlene Kawchak-Belitsky and Emery Harmer.

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