

# STEEPLE NEWS

## Worshipping Christ... Welcoming All!



Studying God's Word  
Connecting with Christ  
Serving through Love

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### Memory Verse

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." Isaiah 26:3

### Thank You

Thank you for your contributions to the UMCOR International Disaster Response Ukraine effort. Because of your generosity, FUMC Saline sent gifts totaling \$2,818. *"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in."* Matthew 25:35

### Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning May 29: Right Start service at 8:04 am in Christler Hall. Sign up to host at the Opportunity Wall. Sanctuary service at 9:30 am.

### Worship Schedule

**9:00 am** — In-person and Live Stream Worship in the Sanctuary.

**10:00 am** — Coffee Connection in the gym, April 10, 17, & 24.

**10:30 am** — Casual Worship in Christler Hall. Adult Christian Education in classrooms.

**10:45 am** — Christian Education

- Student Confirmation
- Cross Training (Age 4–Grade 6)
- Student Christian Ed

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news..." Isaiah 52:7

Dear Friends:

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

Throughout high school and college, I worked at Martin's Shoe House. I didn't realize it at the time, but God was preparing me for ministry in that setting. I learned a lot about serving others in that setting. And I learned a lot about feet—the good, the bad, and the ugly!

Imagine my surprise then, when I discovered that the prophet Isaiah once used the word beautiful to describe feet. But of course, Isaiah wasn't describing them for their physical attraction but because he saw beauty in what they did.

You see, after seventy years of captivity resulting from their unfaithfulness to God, messengers arrived in Jerusalem with encouraging words that God's people would soon be returning home.

On that first Easter, the women used their feet to run and share the good news that He was risen. And because of Easter, today, we have the victory. In response, we become the messengers of good news, proclaiming peace, good tidings, and salvation to those around us. And we do so with beautiful feet.

See you in church or on Livestream!

*Pastor Tom*



### Retirement Reception

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

## JOY Fellowship

JOY Fellowship will be meeting the second Thursday in May due to a schedule conflict. We will meet on Thursday, May 12 at noon! There will be a luncheon for Just Older Youth ("JOY"), 55 and older. Joe is bringing out the grill and cooking some delicious burgers! Suggested donation of \$5 to defray food costs. Invite a friend, we hope to see you there!!



## First Quarter Statements

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 Contribution Statements were emailed on April 14, 2022. Please check your spam/junk folder if you haven't received it or contact the church office if you have further questions. If you received two emails, both contain the correct 1<sup>st</sup> quarter statement attachment. **If we do not have an email address on file for you, the statement was mailed first class.**

## Mother's Day

Mother's Day is for celebrating the nurturers, the givers, the huggers and helpers, the day-makers, and life-changers. Take a moment this Mother's Day to thank the women in your life! *"Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come."* Proverbs 31:25

## New Member Class

If you'd like to know more about FUMC Saline and church membership, this class is for you! The class will be held Sunday, May 15, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Those joining the church will do so during worship on May 22 at 9:00 am. Please call the church office if you have any questions.



## Spring Clean Up Day

First Impressions – Our outreach to the community begins with our appearance from the road, sidewalk, and parking lot. That's where we make our first impression with the way our building, yard, and landscape beds look. Do they look well maintained and cared for, or unkempt and dreary? We hire the lawn mowing to be done but EVERYTHING ELSE IS VOLUNTEER. On **May 7** from 9:00 am until noon we are asking for a crowd of helpful people to come and give our grounds their annual spring cleanup. The more people that come, the more we accomplish, it's that simple. Bring rakes, shovels, gloves, and anything else you think you may need, please put your name on your tools. We also have an amazing group of people that continue to maintain the landscape beds all summer. If you are interested in taking on an area please contact Pam Heffelbower, 734-320-6090. It usually requires just a few hours per month. If you have landscape design experience and are willing to share your expertise, please, please contact Pam as well. Thank you in advance for considering helping on **May 7**, many hands really do make light work for all.



## House by the Side of the Road

A big thank you for the generous response to the Lenten towel drive for the benefit of House by the Side of the Road! The dozens of towel sets were delivered on April 25<sup>th</sup> for the benefit of clients who are struggling in Washtenaw County. Towels were one of the items on this agency's list of most needed donations.

House By the Side of the Road, located on State St in Ann Arbor, is a 50-year-old non-profit agency run completely by volunteers. Clients pay no money for the items they can select 4 times a year. Donations are accepted at their back door from 9 AM until 1:30PM. They primarily offer clothing, bedding, and household essentials often to people who have experienced family break up, job loss, fire, or prolonged illness.

In addition to our towel donations, Trish Farrell and her rummage sale crew invited a "House" volunteer to select useful items at the end of the church sale. Thank you for that outreach!

Contact Jill Jedele (734-657-4438) if you want any more information on most needed items or need help donating.

## UMW Circle Meetings

**Esther** – The Esther Circle will meet at 12:00 noon on Monday, May 2 at the home of Pat Peterson. New members are always welcome. Contact Carolyn Beal if you have questions.

**Hannah** – The Hannah Circle will be meeting on Monday, May 2 at 12:30 pm in Room C. Pastor Tom will be our special guest speaker. All are welcome to join us.

**Susanna** – The Susanna Circle will be meeting on Monday, May 2 at 7:00 pm in Room E. We will be making prayer chains. Please join us whether you have attended before or not, all are welcome! Please call Carol Osterling if you have any questions.

## *Children & Student Ministry*

Trish Farrell, Director of Children & Student Ministries, 413-822-6840 or [trish@fumc-saline.org](mailto:trish@fumc-saline.org)

### May Highlights

May 8 Cross Training Mother's Day Craft  
May 15 MOVE Prep Meeting 4:30 pm  
May 22 Underground End of Year Celebration with food truck

Thank you for all the support, volunteer hands, and donations for our Spring Rummage Sale. We raised over \$2700 for Student Ministry summer trips! This was way beyond our goal. What a blessing!

Our 2022 VBS is the Bayshore Day Camp. Registration is open online but filling up quickly!

June 5<sup>th</sup> is Graduation Sunday for our high school students at the 9:30 am worship service. Info was emailed to all 2022 grads. We ask our church family to come celebrate, honor, and pray for our grads.

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

[Children's Ministry Newsletter](#)

[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

**REGISTER ONLINE**

[WWW.BAYSHORECAMP.ORG/EVENTS/DAYCAMP-FUMC-SALINE/](http://WWW.BAYSHORECAMP.ORG/EVENTS/DAYCAMP-FUMC-SALINE/)

For more info: 734.429.4730  
Scholarships available

GRADES K-5  
\$169

FIRST 30 KIDS TO REGISTER ONLY \$100!



## *Volunteer Opportunities at FUMC Saline*

There are many ways that you can help and get involved here at FUMC Saline, we have a place for you to jump in and serve. Listed are just a few. If you see something that interests you, please feel free to call to church office and we will direct you to the person to contact.

Building Maintenance:	handyman
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Landscape:	take lead on a landscape bed, water, weed, etc.
Library:	IT
Congregational Care:	JOY lunch – programming
Congregational Care:	JOY lunch – table décor
Congregational Care:	JOY lunch – kitchen help
Congregational Care:	phone & email prayer chains
Congregational Care:	visit home bound, call, cards
Worship:	choir
Worship:	musicians
Worship:	worship reader
Worship:	communion steward
Worship:	ushers
Hospitality:	Right Start shopper
Hospitality:	greeters
Hospitality:	welcome center
Hospitality:	coffee connection – one Sunday a month
Hospitality:	funeral luncheons – set up, food prep, clean up
Adult Ministries:	lead
Adult Ministries:	adult classes facilitators
Serve/Mission:	Operation Christmas Child – coordinator
Children's Ministry:	Cross Training teachers & assistants
Children's Ministry:	Cross Training check in booth
Children's Ministry:	DEN 56 chaperones
Children's Ministry:	event chaperones
Student Ministry:	musicians
Student Ministry:	assistance with attendance
Student Ministry:	open gym supervision
Student Ministry:	provide dinners
Student Ministry:	small group leaders
Student Ministry:	game leaders/MC
Student Ministry:	male to attend MIX summer trip
Student Ministry:	event chaperones
Student Ministry:	sound tech
Student Ministry:	Ascension Day coordinator





## *Redeeming Reads*

Looking for an engaging read? Carol Osterling recommends Harry Bernstein's memoir, *The Invisible Wall: A Love Story That Broke Barriers*. This is a story of a community divided by prejudice and misunderstanding between Christians and Jews in the early 20th century. Carol shares that she read this story a few years back, but she learned a lot about that time and social divide. As the book title indicates, though, love can overcome barriers.

Check out the Redeeming Reads blog on our church website for more details. If you have a book you would like to recommend, email a brief description to Sue Snow at [smsnow@comcast.net](mailto:smsnow@comcast.net).



## *Graduation Congratulations*

Elizabeth Crawford will be graduating in June from Kettering University with a double major in Chemical Engineering and Engineering Physics with a minor in pre-law. She will be working for Nestle as a Project Engineer.

Alex Lampman will be graduating from Indiana Wesleyan University with a degree in Exercise Science. He begins studies for a doctorate in Physical Therapy at University of Toledo next month.

Max Housner will be graduating from University of Michigan with a Master of Science in Engineering, Aerospace Engineering.

Congratulations to all of you! If you have a family member who has completed a post high school degree or certification, please let us know so we can recognize them! Call the church office, 429-4730.

## *Music Clinics*

Are you interested in improving your musicianship? Have you wanted to look at music and hear the notes in your mind? I will be hosting clinics this summer to develop the inner ear to enhance these capabilities. The program will begin with rhythm exercises and move into sight singing to develop a better sense of pitch and overall musicianship. I invite those who are interested to send me a note. We currently have choir practice on Monday evenings through May hosted by Dr. Eun Young Lee and me. I'll be giving a preview of the clinic and preparing some anthems leading up to Memorial Day. I look forward to hearing from you!

~Jack Chefan

## *Prayers*

**Prayer Concerns** - Wilma & Jim Heggaton, Eric, Teresa Purdy, the family of Marina Tyson, Debbie, safe travel, the people of Ukraine, refugees, for peace.

**Sympathies** - Rachel Woods on the passing of her niece, Celeste. Mary Domeier on the passing of her brother, Ronald Carter. The Brenner family on the passing of Jon & Chris's father, Fred. Toni Dorn on the passing of her aunt.

**Continue to pray for** - Emery Harmer, Bill Hallock, Jim Ducca, 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 Jedeke, Vera Bennett, Doris Schmerberg, Virginia Sherman, Pat Peterson, Doris Sekerka, Doug Beard.

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*Please Note our Revised Hours and Contact Information*

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***Building doors will be locked, just ring the bell and the office will buzz you in.***

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