

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SALINE
Worshipping Christ ... Welcoming All

THE CONNECTION POINT
Contemporary Worship Celebration

March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SONG CELEBRATION & WELCOME**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Zimmerman

Children wishing to attend W.O.W. (1st–6th grade) in Room G may do so at this time.

There are Worship Bags available in the back of the sanctuary for children staying in the service.

MEMORY VERSE

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our wickedness; The punishment for our well-being fell on Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”

Isaiah 53:5

OFFERING TIME

Please sign and pass the red attendance books that can be found on the seat at the end of the pew, then pass them back.

PRAYER TIME

Jeanette Brenner

SCRIPTURE

John 10:1–10

MESSAGE

“Voice Lessons”

Rev. Tom Zimmerman

***CLOSING SONG**

CLOSING WORDS

Saline First United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 11, 2018

**Worshipping Christ...
Welcoming All!**



Studying God's Word
Connecting with Christ
Serving through Love

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 11, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:00 am

Please set your cell phone to mute or vibrate.

Prelude
Ringing of the Church Bell
Announcements

Bringing in the Light Grace and Claire Oberski

*Processional Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384

*Welcome Jay Leadley

Children's Message Rev. Tom Zimmerman
Sung Congregational Response
Children wishing to attend Godly Play (4 yrs.-Kindergarten) in Room N
and W.O.W.(1st-6th grade) in Room G may do so at this time.

Memory Verse Isaiah 53:5
"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our wickedness; The
punishment for our well-being fell on Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

Offertory Lift Up Your Voice Pethel

*Doxology #95

*Offertory Prayer
We are standing at the gate, O loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But You
have called our names, and in Your voice we hear such love. You call us to share that
love with others. May our tithes and offerings give voice to Your love for all people. Amen.

*Hymn Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling #348

Prayer Time Jeanette Brenner
Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Lent and Easter Events—Pick up a postcard with our Lent Schedule at the Welcome Center and
invite a neighbor or friend!
Interchurch concert—Tonight at FUMC Saline, 7:00 pm
Palm Sunday Worship Services—March 25, 9:00 & 11:15 am
Maundy Thursday Worship Service—March 29, 7:00 pm
Good Friday Worship Service—March 30, noon
Good Friday Community Cross Walk—2:30 pm
Easter Sunday Worship Services—April 1, 7:00, 9:00 & 1:15 am; breakfast 7:45–8:30 am

Scholarships Available—Applications for the Carr Memorial, and the Congregational
Scholarships are at the Opportunity Wall. The Carr Memorial Scholarship is open to all members of
Saline First United Methodist Church who are current seniors at Saline High School and are planning to
enroll in a post high school educational institute in the FALL of 2018. The Congregational Scholarship is
open to all members of Saline First United Methodist Church who are current seniors in any high school
and are planning to enroll in a post high school educational institute in the FALL of 2018. Completed
applications for both scholarships must be submitted no later than Sunday, April 22, 2018.

Upper Peninsula Mission Trip Meeting—We will have a UP Mission meeting on March 18, 2018,
between services in Room A. This meeting is for any adult interested in going on the UP Mission trip
this summer. Date for this trip is August 4-10. We sleep and make our own meals at the Grace UMC in
Houghton, but it is possible to get hotel rooms. Price of the trip is \$250/person. This is a wonderful trip
in a beautiful setting at the top of the UP. Come and find out more about the trip at this meeting. Any
questions see B Melendez.

Neighborhood Groups—This month the "Neighborhood Group Lists" will be on display in the Lobby.
Please take time to find your group and make a note of the date when your Group Coffee Hour will be.
The Coffee Hour dates will be after Easter, April 8–May 20 at 10:00 am in Christler Hall. I am sure
there will be people that I miss along the way and I ask for your forgiveness in advance. Rest assured
you will be part of a group! There will be a map along with the lists that can help you find your group.

Rummage Sale April 7—Our Youth Mission Spring Rummage Sale will be April 7, 7:30 am–
1:00 pm. Drop off GENTLY used, CLEAN items: April 3–5 in the CLC, 9:00 am–8:00 pm; and Friday,
April 6, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. Your donations of gently used household and clothing items would be very
much appreciated. We cannot accept mattresses, box springs, construction materials, major
appliances, or computers. It is VERY helpful if you are able to help sort your items when you bring them
to the church. Come and shop on April 7! Please talk to Jay Leadley if you have any questions.

Fireproof File Cabinet Needed—If you have or know of a 4 drawer fireproof file cabinet we can
use for our historical files please contact the church office at 429-4730.

Lenten Study—It is not too late to join a Lenten Study class. The class focuses on the "I AM"
statements of Jesus. Please let your class facilitator know if you need a study booklet.
• Sunday morning, 10:10 am, Choir Room
• Sunday evenings, 6:00 pm–7:00 pm, Room C
• Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm, Room C
• Wednesday mornings, 9:30 am–10:30 am, Room F

Amateur Hour—Don’t miss the fun! Pick up an entry form for the all-church Amateur Hour and start honing your talents. Set your sights on Saturday, April 14. The entry box and a sign-up for intermission desserts are at the Opportunity Wall. Too shy to show your talents? Come enjoy the show, 6:00–8:30 pm for some good entertainment. Rehearsal will be Friday, April 13 from 6:00–8:00 pm, the tech volunteers use this time to organize which mic’s and props are needed. Questions: contact Margo Perry, (734) 223-4216. Sponsored by the Community Care Team.

Youth Ministry News—The Underground

Jay Leadley, Director of Youth Ministry, jay@fumc-saline.org, 734-429-4730
Visit the Youth Ministry pages on the church website or pick up a calendar at the Opportunity Wall.

- Parents’ Night**—March 18, 5:30–8:00 pm.
- Sunday School**—Join us at 10:10 am in the lower level of the CLC.
- Worship Team**—Sundays at 4:30 pm.
- Worship Workshop**—Monday nights 7:30–9:00 pm.
- The Underground**—For 7th–12th Graders, Sunday Nights, 5:30–8:00 pm, dinner included!
- Before School Bible Study**—Fridays, 6:30 am, at Jay’s, breakfast and rides.
- CIY Move**—A 5 night, 6 day event for all 8th–12th graders held at Hope College Monday June 25–Saturday June 30. Registration is available online.
- CIY Mix**—a 4 night, 5 day event for all current 5th, 6th, and 7th graders held at Hope College Sunday July 29–Thursday August 2. Registration is available online.

Children’s Ministry News

Linda Klepaczyk, Director of Children’s Ministry, lindak@fumc-saline.org, 429-4730
CROSS TRAINING—Our Sunday School program for children K through grade 6. Our time together starts with a multi-age opening at 10:20 am in Rooms O/P. Grade levels then go to a different workshop each week as we dig together into God’s word. We have a special class for ages 3 and 4. This month we are focusing on the “I AM” statements of Christ.

Help Wanted at the Welcome Center—I am looking for people to train to work the Welcome Center on Sundays at both services. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall and we will contact you. Thanks, Jeanette Brenner

Grieving Together—Grieving the loss of a loved one is such a hard and lonely journey. Why choose to go it alone when you can sit on the grieving bench with others who understand, support and pray with you. Stephen Ministry facilitates this grief support group, on the first Monday of the month 1:00–2:30 pm and the third Monday of the month 7:00–9:00 pm. All are welcome.

Joy Fellowship—If you are 55 and up join us for lunch and fellowship. We meet on the Third Thursday of every month. We meet this month on March 15 at noon. This month we are hosting a “St. Patrick’s Day”. We will have great food and fellowship. Everyone bring a friend and enjoy some fun – wear green! Cost is a \$5 donation. Sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

What is the Blue House?—The blue house in the north end of the narthex is a donation box for Saline Area Social Services (SASS). Non-monetary donations can be placed inside the house, and there is a small black box for depositing monetary donations on the outside of the house. On top of the house is a wish list of some non-perishable food items and personal care items SASS would like.

Note: New Church Office Hours effective March 1: 8:00 am–4:00 pm

Scripture	John 10:1–10	N.T. Page 103
Sermon	“Voice Lessons” (4 th in the Lenten Series: I Am)	Rev. Tom Zimmerman

*Closing Hymn	<i>I Am Thine, O Lord</i>	#419
Benediction		
Postlude		

<i>*Please stand in body or in spirit</i>	CCLI#978430
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Welcome!

If you have recently begun to worship with us please pick up a welcome gift at the welcome center in the lobby. Please join us for coffee in Christler Hall between services, or visit a Sunday School Class.
Adult Sunday School Classes:
Room C—NEW—Study of Galatians
Room H—Parenting class: *14 Gospel Principals That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul Tripp.
Room E—Ray Vanderlaan Video Series—Video tour of the Holy Land.
Choir Room—Lenten Study: I AM...

God put the wiggles in children and we welcome those wiggles in our worship services. For children attending worship with their family, there are **Worship Bags and Activity Clipboards** in the back of the sanctuary with age appropriate quiet activities. Please return the bags and clipboards after the service.

Childcare is available for children birth to 3 years from 8:45 am–12:30 pm (Room J/Nursery in the Education Wing)

Godly Play (Room N in the Education Wing)—Play based worship for children 4 years through Kindergarten in the **9:00 Service Only**

Worship Our Way (Room G)—Worship Service for children 1st through 6th Grade—**Both Services**
Children are dismissed to these programs after the Children’s Message each week. If you are new with us today, please fill out a purple registration card in your pew, and take it with your child to the back of the sanctuary. Children can be picked up in the above rooms following the service.

The first Sunday of every month is our **Family Worship Sunday**. Children & Youth assist in leading worship and children stay with their families throughout worship.

Sensory Bags are available for use during worship services for those who might find them helpful. They contain noise cancelling headphones, weighted lap pads and appropriate manipulatives. Please see an usher for assistance and direction.

Large Print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.
Assisted Listening Devices are available from an usher. These devices can be used alone like a portable radio or with T-coil compatible hearing aids.
Live Streaming of the worship services is available. Go to the church website and select Join Us Online, www.fumc-saline.org. If you do not want to be on camera, please see the diagram at the back of the sanctuary.

Birthdays This Week ~ Paul Keller, Cheryl Schlaff, Cindy Lewis, 3/11; Robert Gill, Emma Grill, Evan Grill, Steve Kelley, 3/12; Elizabeth Bowman, Tim Miller, 3/14; Jim Aurand, Justin Lucas, Abigail Stewart, James Wagner, 3/15; Carolyn Comfort, 3/16; Tanner Bean, Max Brenner, Peggy Klapper, Carlos Melendez, Ryan Whitfield, 3/17.

Anniversaries This Week ~ Jeff & Michelle Grill, 3/13.

Due Dates ~ The closing date for submission of articles for the March newsletter is noon Tuesday, March 20. Please submit articles for the bulletin or narthex screens by noon on Wednesdays.

Blood Pressure Checks TODAY Between Services in Christler Hall

UMCOR Sunday Today—For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special UMCOR Sunday offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR’s ministry of relief and hope. Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover their costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs. UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds, so without your offerings, UMCOR would not exist.

Girl Scout Sunday—Today we celebrate Girl Scout Sunday by recognizing those who are currently or ever have been a member or leader of a Girl Scout Troop. We are blessed to host Girl Scout meetings at this church. Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others. We especially welcome all scouts who are worshipping with us today.

Pictorial Directory—The Pictorial Directory is available today in Christler Hall for pick up and thereafter in the church office. This is an important church tool and we want every family in the church to have a directory. There is a \$5 donation to be used to offset printing costs. One per family, please.

March Madness Registrations Due Today—Registrations and Silent Auction items are due today. Please drop them off at the booth in the narthex. Thank you!

Lay Servant Ministries Spring Classes— Lay Servant Spring Classes will be held on April 7 and April 21 at First UMC in Brighton. A Basic Class, *What is a Lay Servant*, A Refresher class for those who wish to renew their certification and Advanced Classes, *Growing Spiritually*, *Lay Pastoral Care Giving*, and *Life Together in the United Methodist Connection* are offered. Registration is due by March 22. Pick up a brochure at the Opportunity Wall for more information.

Community Cross Walk—The annual community Cross Walk will take place on Good Friday, March 30, at 2:30 pm. We will meet at Robison–Bahnmiller Funeral Home at 2:30 pm and end at City Hall. We will pray for the grieving, people who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads, the firefighters and police, the schools, the city, state, and world. This year we will sing, if you play guitar please bring it along. EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED! SHARE THIS EVENT WITH EVERYONE YOU KNOW!

Cancer Support Group—We meet the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00–9:00 pm. If you want to join, please give Jeanette Brenner a call, 734-474-1357.

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns—Jacob Jager, Judy Marks, Mary Dinnan, Don Miller, Evan McCune, Pettrey family, Connie House, Charolette Becker, Rhonda Sizemore’s grandnephew, Louise Smith, Jewel Francis, Don Maddock, Josie Rayle, Don, Theresa Benedict-Miller, Jim Badeen, Ronald Carter, Bob Cooley, Aaron, Brian Setzer, Leanne Rimnac & her father, those with mental illness, for our lawmakers to make wise decisions to protect our youth, strength while waiting for test results.

Continue to Pray for—Mark Thorpe, Caleb Nadig, Mary Jo Cox, Julie O’Keefe, Gayle Rogers, Nancy Bryan, Don Gall, Wanda Beard, Bill Doren, Chase Yarns, Ina May Doub, Jeanne Cogger.

Praises—Rita Gall is home from Redies. Jay and Mal Leadley on the birth of their daughter, Thea Grace. Mary Domeier’s lung infection is gone. Judy Marks and Charolette Becker are out of the hospital.

Sympathies—Matt and Jane Brehmer and family on the passing of Matt’s mother. Carlos and B Melendez and family on the passing of Carlos’ brother, Freddie.

Military—Erik Maddock, J.T. St. Dennis, Abby Jenks.

Special Living—Florence Belt (Texas); Helen Seitz (Oakmont Rochester); Norma Jean West, Jim Bowker, Mildred Mehrling (Linden Square); Roselyn Ford, Elaine Carter (EVH); Ihla Donaldson (Towsley Village CRC).

Prayer Quilts: Please tie a knot and say a prayer for our dear friends Don Maddock, Tim Miller and Teresa Benedict-Miller.

Prayer Notes: _____

Comfort Cases—The push is on as we head into the last month of donations. We will continue to collect until the big Packing Party on April 8, 12:30–2:00 pm. We are also looking for volunteers to help pack the cases. All ages welcome. A signup sheet will be at the Opportunity Wall. Pastor Tom will be blessing the bags before we begin. This will make the bags extra special for the children in need, as we bring them a much needed sense of dignity. **REMINDER:** We are still in need of PJ’s (**especially boys size 8**), stuffed animals and backpacks/duffle bags.

Spring Yard Cleanup—On May 5 from 9:00 am–12:00 pm we will be doing some of the spring maintenance tasks around the exterior of the building, in the planting beds, and yard. Come for part or all of the time. Bring power washers, yard tools, brooms, gardening tools, gloves and tractors with wagons. MANY HANDS REALLY DO MAKE LIGHT WORK! We are looking for people to care for the Prayer Garden. If you would like to be a part of this important team caring for this landscape area please contact Pam Heffelbower at 429-4536.

Potluck Easter Breakfast—For the Easter Sunrise breakfast that follows the Youth 7:00 am Sunrise service on April 1, we will have a potluck! If you are willing to bring a dish to pass please sign up at the Opportunity Wall or contact Pilar at 429-4730 or pilar@fumc-saline.org. If you are also willing to help set up or cleanup you can indicate that also. Suggestions for dishes include: muffins, hard boiled eggs, fruit, egg casserole, coffee cake, French toast casserole, cold cereal, sausage or bacon, and oatmeal. If you have something else in mind, that’s okay also!



Easter Plants

The chancel of the Sanctuary will be adorned with spring flowering plants for our Easter Morning Worship Celebrations. The 6" potted plants are available at a cost of \$8.50 each for a single Easter Lily or \$7.00 each for tulips, daffodils, or hyacinths from Hill Top Greenhouse and Farms in Ann Arbor. They may be designated in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone or simply "To the glory of God."

Plants can be picked up after worship services on April 1. You may mail the order form and payment to the church office, put it in the envelope on the Opportunity Wall, or put it in the offering plate. Orders must be received no later than Sunday, March 25. Payment should be received with the order form. Please direct questions to Pilar Graden at 429-4730 or pilar@fumc-saline.org.

Please print your order information clearly.

Make checks payable to FUMC, with Easter Flower Fund on the memo line. Payment can also be made online at fumc-saline.org, put Easter Flower Fund in the Other description box.

This plant is given in memory of:

This plant is given in honor of:

This plant is given to the glory of God:_____

Tulip(\$7.00)_____Hyacinth (\$7.00)_____Daffodil (\$7.00)_____Lily(\$8.50)_____

Total Paid:_____

Plant given by: _____
(How you would like it to read in the bulletin on Easter Sunday)

Contact name and phone number:_____



An Interchurch Concert CELEBRATION OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

TONIGHT 7:00 PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF SALINE

Family Friendly Free Admission

Musicians include choirs, bell choir, instrumentalists,
praise team, and instrumental solos from

First United Methodist Church of Saline

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

St. Paul's United Church of Christ



COME JOIN US! BRING A FRIEND!

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday—March 11

9:00 am.....Traditional Worship
10:00 am.....Blood Pressure Checks – Christler Hall
10:10 am.....Sunday School All Ages
11:15 am.....The Connection Point Worship Service
5:30 pm.....Youth Night – CLC, YC, A, E, F
5:30 pm.....Stephen Ministry Class – Conf Rm
6:00 pm.....Lenten Study – Rm C
6:00 pm.....Second Year Confirmation – Rms O, P
7:00 pm.....Interchurch Concert

Monday—March 12

1:00 pm.....Shawl Ministry – Rm E
6:00 pm.....Stephen Ministry Mtg – Rm E
6:30 pm.....Open Prayer Mtg – Cry Rm
7:00 pm.....Community Care – Rm F
7:30 pm.....Trustees – Rm A
7:30 pm.....Youth Worship Band Practice – YC

Tuesday—March 13

9:30 am.....WISE AM – Rm F
6:00 pm.....Upward Basketball – CLC
6:30 pm.....Friendship Ministry – Rms G, O, P
7:00 pm.....Lenten Study – Rm C
7:00 pm.....Planned Rec/Giv – Rm A
7:00 pm.....Troop 446 – Christler Hall

Wednesday—March 14

9:30 am.....Lenten Study – Rm F
12:30 pm.....Prayer Quilts – Rm F
1:00 pm.....Library Committee – Rm C
6:30 pm.....Praise Team Rehearsal – Choir Rm
6:45 pm.....Small Group One – Offsite
7:00 pm.....WISE PM – Rm E
7:00 pm.....Cancer Small Group – Rm C
7:00 pm.....Christian Believer
7:00 pm.....Private Basketball Practice – CLC
7:30 pm.....Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm

Thursday—March 15

9:30 am.....Open Prayer Mtg – Cry Rm
12:00 pm.....JOY Fellowship – Christler Hall
1:00 pm.....Daniel Plan Forward – Rm E
2:30 pm.....Twirlettes – CLC
5:30 pm.....Pack 461 Crossover Ceremony – CH, CLC
6:15 pm.....Orchestra Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 pm.....Security Meeting – Rm E
7:30 pm.....Handbell Rehearsal – Rm A

Friday—March 16

9:00 am.....March Madness Setup – CH, CLC
6:30 pm.....Den 56 – Den

Saturday—March 17

9:00 am.....March Madness – CH, CLC

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