

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

THE CONNECTION POINT
Contemporary Worship Celebration

March 10, 2019

First Sunday in Lent

11:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SONG CELEBRATION & WELCOME**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Zimmerman

There will be no Godly Play or W.O.W. today. Worship bags and clipboards with activities for children are available in the back of the sanctuary.

MEMORY VERSE

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

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

Genesis 22:2-18

MESSAGE

"Where God guides, He also provides!"
(1st in the Lenten series: His Story)

Rev. Tom Zimmerman

CLOSING SONG

CLOSING WORDS

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

CCLI#978430

Saline First United Methodist Church

Sunday March 10, 2019



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We are a Safe Sanctuary Church Protecting and caring for all God's children.

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 10, 2019 **9:00 am**
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Please set your cell phone to mute or vibrate.

Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bell

Announcements

Bringing in the Light

Grace and Clare Oberski

Call to Worship

Genesis 22

***Processional Hymn**

Standing on the Promises
 (with Rainbow Bells)

#374

Welcome

Linda Klepaczyk

Children's Message

The Beginning: a perfect home
 Sung Congregational Response

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Offertory Anthem

God Chose Us

Martin

***Doxology**

#95

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, we worship you with grateful hearts. We are awed that you gave your beloved Son Jesus for our salvation. He is the lamb you provided, the perfect offering to take away the sins of the world. By your Spirit, may our church's ministries bring hope and new life to our neighbors. We dedicate these tithes and offerings in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn**

Seek Ye First

#405

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations
Prayers of the People

Jeanette Brenner

Euchre Anyone? Join us for a game of Euchre on the second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm in Room C. This month we meet on March 12. All are welcome. Contact Val Porter with questions.

Comfort Cases—Please help to support Foster Children in our area by giving them a sense of dignity, as they transition to a very scary time in their lives. We are asking for donations of **NEW** PJ's with tags still on them (**especially boys sizes Youth M up to Adult XL**), coloring books/crayons, journals, travel size shampoos and duffel bags. Donation bins are at the Opportunity Wall. Any questions please contact Karin Haynes 818-862-1146.

Contribute to FUMC Saline Using TEXT! Make a contribution to the FUMC Saline General Fund via text! Send a text message to 734-869-8052 with the amount you'd like to contribute (example: 25).

The Blue House in the Narthex—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.

Good Samaritan Fund—We have many seasonal opportunities to help those in need. But did you know that we have a Good Samaritan Fund? We get many requests for emergency assistance from local families, and our clergy and staff use this fund to help when we can. If you would like to donate you can add it to your regular offering with "Good Samaritan" noted on the memo line. We have been able to help several people from this fund because of your generosity.

Grieving Together—Grieving a 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 is facilitating a Grief Support Group on the first Monday of the month at 12:30–2:00 pm and third Monday of the month, 7:00–9:00 pm.

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. Our columbarium includes 144 granite-faced, single-front niches and is located to the north of the church building in the Prayer Garden. If you are interested in more information please contact the church office or pick up a brochure on the above the credenza in the narthex.



Altar Flowers—If you would like to provide flowers for the Chancel area please sign up on the calendar outside of the church office. The cost is \$25 for one bouquet and you are invited to take them home after church. (Please return the silver insert.)

Adult Ministry Rotation Station—Please note the updated schedule:

First Sundays: **Bible 101**—facilitated by Kristi Cundiff, Room F.

Fourth Sundays: **Grandparenting: Loving our Children's Children**—facilitated by Jim Tuttle & Tom Zimmerman, Room F.

We are no longer offering classes on second and third Sundays.

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns—Melissa Henes, Bob Redies, Doris Schmerberg, Rebecca Hinsman, Bonnie, Les Rowe, Saralyn Klepaczyk, Mary Domeier, Michael Domeier, Mike Walker, strength and courage for our government, for Venezuela.

Continue to Pray for—Mark Thorpe, Caleb Nadig, Mary Jo Cox, Julie O'Keefe, Gayle Rogers, Bill Doren, Jeanne Cogger, Charolette Becker, Mary Dinnan, Paulette Suchy, Wanda Beard, Todd Nash, Steven Baker.

Sympathies—Karen and Gordy Peters and family on the loss of Karen's Aunt Clara.

Praises—Bruce Pummell's retirement from GM.

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

Special Living—Florence Belt (Texas); Norma Jean West, Jim Bowker, Lysle Smith (Linden Square); Elaine Carter (EVH); Pat Boisvert (Brecon Memory); Betty Sellers (Brecon); Nancy Adsit (StoryPoint).

Prayer Notes: _____



Shawl Ministry—Do you want to give a hug to someone for comfort or in celebration? Someone nearby or far away? Prayer shawls and lap robes are in the ladies' lounge. They are there for you to take, made with love by the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Stephen Ministry—Have you received a shoulder tap from God about searching for a new opportunity to serve Him? Stephen Ministry, a one on one ministry, might be something for you... Are you interested in volunteering as a Stephen Minister in the program here at FUMC? A new class is forming for this year. There is an application process and the forms are available in the church office. Initially the training requires you attend a 2 ½ hour class weekly until the basics are covered. There is no cost for the training. You volunteer your time, the church provides the manuals and other required reading. If you have questions, please contact Jeanette Brenner or Bobbe Hinsman.

Lenten Study—There is a daily reading plan available for both *The Jesus Storybook Bible* and *The Story of God's Love for You*. Each day has a bible story and then scriptures listed for digging deeper. Each Sunday throughout Lent, Pastor Tom will be doing a sermon series based on the readings. Study guide and bibles are available to pick up on table in the narthex. Please pick up a post card at Opportunity Wall or Welcome Center to see classes available.

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.

Scripture

Genesis 22:1–18
(Read from *The Story of God's Love for You*)

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Sermon

"Where God guides, He also provides!"
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*Closing Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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*Benediction

Postlude

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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—Bible study and discussion on the book of Jeremiah

Room H—Parenting class: *The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family: Over 100 Practical and Tested Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Kids*

Room E—Ray Vanderlaan Video Series—An in-depth study of the early Christian Church in historical Biblical context.

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 in Room J/Nursery in the Education Wing.

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.

Our Oasis Room is an extension of our worship space where parents with babies and young children, individuals with disabilities, and other unique circumstances can remain a part of our worship services in a separate space.

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.

Birthdays This Week ~ Ian Fletcher, Russ Miller, 3/10; Cindy Lewis, Paul Keller, Cheryl Schlaff, 3/11; Emma Grill, Evan Grill, Steve Kelley, 3/12; Elizabeth Bowman, Timothy Miller, 3/14; Jim Aurand, Justin Lucas, Abigail Stewart, James Wagner, 3/15; Carolyn Comfort, Amanda Fox, 3/16.

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

Due Dates ~ The closing date for submission of articles for the April newsletter is noon Tuesday, March 19. Please submit articles for the bulletin or narthex screens by noon on Wednesdays.

Blood pressure checks are offered between services today in the Conference Room (across the hall from the kitchen)

Lent and Easter Events—Pick up a postcard with our Lent and Easter schedule at the Welcome Center or Opportunity Wall, and invite a neighbor or friend!

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.

Lenten Kick off Dinner—Please join us tonight at 5:30 pm for a Mexican Fiesta Taco Bar. The church will provide the taco bar complete with two meat options, all the fixin's, and dessert. No need to prepare a thing! Come and enjoy a church wide dinner and fellowship. A free will offering will be taken. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

Diaper Drive—Through Lent, UMW is collecting diapers and wipes for the United Methodist Children's Home. They have started a new mission for babies in Detroit to help reduce the infant mortality rate there caused by shaken baby syndrome. Since SNAP low income assistance does not cover diapers, babies are not being changed as often as needed. Please place your offerings in the crib in the narthex. Any questions, please contact Karin Haynes or Jill Jedele.

March J.O.Y. Lunch—J.O.Y. lunch is a fellowship group for retired people. If you are available join us for lunch and fellowship we meet on the **Third Thursday** of every month. This month we meet on March 21, at noon. We will have great food and fellowship. This month's theme will be St. Patrick's Day! Everyone bring a friend and enjoy some fun, see you there! *Cost is a \$5 donation.* Sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

Bake Sale Next Sunday—Calling all bakers! There will be a bake sale next Sunday, March 17, to benefit FUMC Saline's youth programs. We would appreciate your donations of baked goods! Please drop off your items by 9:00 am next Sunday morning. Thank you!

Next Steps—If you are an active friend or a guest and want to find out more about the church and how to become more involved in the church, email me at jeanette@fumc-saline.org or call the church office at 734-429-4730. ~Jeanette Brenner, Director of Congregational Care

Youth Ministry News—The Underground

Jay Leadley, Director of Youth & Family Ministries, jay@fumc-saline.org, 734-429-4730

Visit the Youth Ministry pages on the church website or pick up a calendar at the **Children, Youth & Family table** in the narthex.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

Sunday School—Sundays at 10:10 am in the Underground

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 to school

Children and Family Ministry News

Sunday Mornings from 10:10–11:10 am

TOTS IN TRAINING—Bible training on Sundays for 2 and 3 year olds

CROSS TRAINING—Hands on Bible Workshops for Age 4 through 4th Grade. We are presently studying the New Testament story of Jesus calling his disciples.

SUBMERGE – Our 5th & 6th graders get *SUBMERGED into God's word in THE DEN*

Sunday Morning Worship Offerings

GODLY PLAY—for 4 years through Kindergarten after children's message

WOW - WORSHIP OUR WAY—for 1st through 4th Grades after children's message.

Midweek Offerings – Wednesdays

BRICK BY BRICK—LEGO based bible lessons for K–4th from 4:00–5:30 pm.

TRUTHQUEST—5th & 6th Graders on a quest to dig deeper into God's Word from 3:00–5:30 pm.

Monthly Offerings

DEN 56—All 5th and 6th graders are invited to join us at our next DEN 56 on Friday, March 15.

For more information on the items above, visit the Growing Up In Christ pages on our church website, visit our Children, Youth & Family table in the narthex, or contact Linda Klepaczyk, Director of Children & Family Ministries at lindak@fumc-saline.org or 734-646-7987.

Our Family Lenten Study starts today, 4:00-5:30 pm. Come join us!

Oasis Room Update—This past summer we renovated the cry room and adopted a new name, The Oasis Room, for this space adjacent to the sanctuary. By design, this room is available on an as needed basis for nursing moms, individuals with mobility issues after injury or surgery, individuals with special needs, individuals recovering from illness or grief, and children having difficulty in the worship* service. In an effort to truly make this an extension of our worship space, we will be posting the following guidelines for use of The Oasis Room during worship services.

- *Casual conversations and use of electronic devices by adults should be limited.*
- *Refrain from eating in this space, just as you would the sanctuary (a small snack for a young child is fine). Christler Hall is a space that is typically available for eating should the need arise.*
- *Due to space constraints, we ask that you limit the number of family members in the room so that it is available to as many individuals/families as possible.*

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE BY LIVE STREAM IN OUR NURSERY. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THEIR CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER IN THE NURSERY IF NEEDED.

Thank you for helping us make this a quiet, peaceful and welcoming extension for our church family and visitors.

**Our congregation recognizes young children are learning to sit in worship and welcome children of all ages in our services.*