

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

THE CONNECTION POINT
Contemporary Worship Celebration

September 29, 2019

11:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser

***SONG CELEBRATION AND WELCOME**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children wishing to attend Godly Play (4 yrs.–Kindergarten) in Room N
or W.O.W. (1st–4th grade) in Room G may do so at this time.*

MEMORY VERSE

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
Matthew 6:33

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 15:1–8

MESSAGE

“Stay on the Vine”
(4th in the series: Seek Ye First)
Rev. Tom Zimmerman

***CLOSING SONG**

CLOSING WORDS

Please stand in body or in spirit

CCLI#978430

Saline First United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 29, 2019

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



Studying God's Word
Connecting with Christ
Serving through Love

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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

September 29, 2019 9:00 am
Please set your cell phone to mute or vibrate.

Prelude		
Ringing of the Church Bell		
Announcements		
Ministry Moment	Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser	
Bringing in the Light	Angela Graham and Mary Kate Murphy	
*Processional Hymn	Rejoice, the Lord Is King	#715
Welcome		
Children’s Message	Rev. Tom Zimmerman	
	Sung Congregational Response Children wishing to attend Godly Play (4 yrs.–Kindergarten) in Room N or W.O.W.(1 st –4 th grade) in Room G may do so at this time.	
Memory Verse	“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”	Matthew 6:33
Offertory Anthem	Seeker of Your Heart	arr. Rouse
*Doxology	#95	
*Offertory Prayer Gracious God, You are the vine grower, and we belong to you. Thank you for carefully tending us, especially in difficult times. You provide what we need in order to grow as disciples of Jesus. Help us to abide in him, the true vine. May these offerings and our lives bear much fruit and bring glory to you. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.		
*Hymn	Abide with Me (vs. 1, 3, 5)	#700

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations Jeanette Brenner

Prayers of the People

CROP Hunger Walk—This year's Saline Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 6. This is the 19th year of the Saline Area CROP Hunger Walk, which supports Church World Service's programs to aid those in need, in the U.S. and world-wide, after a disaster and promoting means for sustaining a means for living. 25% of monies raised will go to Saline Area Social Services. Walker packets are available at the Opportunity Wall. Registration is at here at FUMC Saline at 12:30 pm, and the walk begins at 1:00 pm. There are one mile and three mile walks, and a bike, scooter and skateboard route to the Rec Center and back, and new this year is an option to rock in a rocking chair - there’s something for everyone!

You may either contribute to a participant or leave a donation in the church office. Checks should be made out to FUMC Saline, please write “CROP Walk” in the memo line. Alternatively, online giving can be done through our church website www.fumc-saline.org, by clicking on the “Online Giving” button on the home page, or at CROPHUNGERWALK.org, Donate, Donate to a Team, FUMC of Saline. Also, help in the kitchen and offering a Crock Pot of food for the walkers are appreciated on the day of the walk, please sign up at the Opportunity Wall. For further information, contact Gordy Peters at 734-431-7267, Rita Gall at 734-429-7707 or LuAnn Chriscinske at 313-683-3790.

Chili and Costumes—Sunday, October 27, 12:30–2:30 pm. The annual Chili and Costumes is back for year 4! This has become a great church wide event. Join the fun by participating in the chili cook off and the costume contest. Sign up at the Opportunity Wall and bring a friend or two. Contact Jeanette Brenner with questions.

UMW Holiday Pinterest Party–Save the Date—November 23, 12:00–3:00 pm. Just in time for Christmas! We will share a potluck lunch and then create three lovely items you can use as gifts or keep for yourself. Open to the community, but attendance is limited to 50. There is a fee to cover the expense of the craft materials. More details to follow. Questions? See Melissa Zimmerman or Kathy Kise.

Downtown Neighborhood Group Progressive Dinner—The Downtown Neighborhood Group and any other interested FUMC friends are getting together for a progressive dinner on Saturday, October 12. We will start at Ron & Jill Jedeles home, 7385 Steeplechase Ct., for appetizers and beverages, 5:00–6:30 pm. We will have an entrée, salad and bread at Joyce Girdis’s home, 297 Tamarack Dr., 6:30–8:00 pm. Our final stop is at Carol and Larry Osterling’s home, 268 Tamarack Dr., for dessert and coffee, 8:00–?. You are welcome to join us at any one or more of the homes if you can’t participate in all three stops, just let us know your plan. Please RSVP to Carol Osterling at 734-429-9653 or cbosterling@gmail.com, by October 5, and let us know if you’ll bring an appetizer, salad, bread or dessert.

South Group Dinner and Bonfire—The South Neighborhood group is invited to Marion and Ed Groom’s home on Friday, October 11 for dinner at 6:00 pm and a bonfire at 7:30 pm, 11795 W. Michigan Ave. Let us know you are coming out for the fun! Contact Marion at 734-216-6755.

Upper Class Scholarship Recipients—Congratulations to Lauren Denlinger and Alex Lampman who are the 2019 recipients of the Upper Class Scholarship. We had many qualified applicants which made for a challenging decision. We want to wish all of our college students a successful upcoming year. Thank you to the congregation for supporting the scholarship fund.

New Here? 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

Birthdays This Week ~ Gavin Crawford, 9/29; Tim Pickens, 9/30; Amy Acree, Jeanne Cogger, Lauren Denlinger, Elija Fontanilla, Isaac Fontanilla, Aliza Treber, Hannah Treber, Holly Treber, Madeline Treber, 10/1; Angela Graham, Ken Heywood, 10/2; Jake Hoppert, Rhonda Sizemore, Gary Sweet, James Telfer, 10/3; Joann Ballbach, 10/4; Karin Haynes, Jaquie Macy, Dakota Smith, Jared Walls, 10/5.

Anniversaries This Week ~ Bill & Sharon Abel, 9/30; Jim & Annella Aurand, James & Dorian Wagner, 10/3; Ben & Marsha Schafer, 10/4.

Flowers ~ The flowers on the altar today are from Jim & Annella Aurand in celebration of their anniversary.

Fifth Sunday Loose Plate—On the months with a fifth Sunday like today, we take the loose plate (any undesignated contributions) and split it between the Upper Class Scholarship and the Congregational Scholarship. Thank you!

Last call for Acolyte Sign Up—All who wish to be an Acolyte this school year, please sign up at the Opportunity Wall. You must be in 2nd grade or older, able to arrive at the first service by 8:45 am and sit in the back pew the entire service. We welcome and train all newbies! Questions: Patsy Held 734-905-7851.

Ushers Needed for 11:15 Service—Do you regularly attend the 11:15 am worship service? Would you be willing to usher once a month for this service? Please contact the church office if you have questions or if you can help, 734-429-4730.

Church Membership—If you are interested in becoming a member of FUMC Saline there will be a class that meets for two Sundays, October 6 and 13, at 10:00 am. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall.

Dinner For a Purpose—United Methodist Women are hosting an all-church lasagna dinner to benefit their many missions on October 19 at 5:30 pm in Christler Hall. A vegetarian option is available. There will also be homemade pie and a silent auction. Suggested donations are: adult \$10, children 5 and up \$5, and children under 5 are free. Please sign up at the Opportunity Wall. Contact Carol Osterling with questions.

Mt. T.O.P. Opportunity—Whether you have ever been to Mountain T.O.P. or have never been and wonder what all the fuss is about, Fall AIM is your chance to experience it! AIM stands for Adults in Ministry and is open to any person 18 or older. This program allows Mountain T.O.P. to complete vital structural repairs and renovations of local homes that would not be possible otherwise. There is a small group attending a Fall AIM weekend October 10-13. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lin Nichols at 734-678-7149. For more information go to www.mountain-top.org/fall

Stephen Ministry Class—A class for those interested in being a Stephen Minister will begin in October. The class will run for two months, take a break for the holidays, and begin again in February 2020. If you are interested, please pick up an application from the church office. If you have already turned one in, you will be contacted. Questions? Please call Bobbe Hinsman, 734-429-0716.

SPAM—And we don't mean that fake meat that Pastor Tom likes! Our staff and church emails have been ending up in people's spam folders. PLEASE do us a favor and remember to mark emails from staff and church as NOT spam. Thank you!

Youth Ministry News—The Underground

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

Visit the Youth Ministry pages on the church website, see the Underground Facebook page or pick up a calendar at the Children and Youth ministry table in the narthex. Any questions about events listed here, please contact Jay Leadley, contact information above.

ciy MOVE Registration Deadline, TODAY—Since this is a high demand event we must have a finalized roster TODAY. MOVE is also requiring a non-refundable \$100 deposit this year to discourage people from dropping out. There are almost 6000 spots available, but they are sold out within ten minutes of registration opening. Make sure you get signed up under the Registration tab on our Youth and Family Ministries page on the church website before the end of the day today.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

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

Worship Team—Sundays, 4:30 pm

The Underground—Sunday nights, 5:30 pm

Worship Workshop—Wednesdays, 7:30–9:00 pm in the Underground

Children's Ministry News

Linda Klepaczyk, Director of Children & Family Ministry, lindak@fumc-saline.org, 734-429-4730

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.

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—Registration is open for Brick and Truthquest, for K-4th Graders and 5th and 6th Graders, respectively. Visit our web page to register.

Mark Your Calendar—If you have a 3rd grader, please mark these dates on your October calendar:

Bible Buddy Meet 'N Greet – Saturday morning, October 12

3rd Grade Bible Presentation – Sunday morning, October 13

Den 56—Fellowship for 5th and 6th Graders in our awesome Den space! We will meet on October 4 and October 25, 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Mrs. K. if you plan to attend.

For more information on the items above, visit the Children & Family Ministries 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.

Receive Your Contribution Statements by Email—If you are still receiving mailed statements, please consider saving the office time and money by allowing us to email your quarterly statement. You can email Michelle or the church office to request emailed statements.

Update Picture Directory—Are you new to the church or do you have a new addition to the family? If you are not in the current directory we want you included. Submit a photo by October 27 to Jeanette Brenner. Any questions, please contact Jeanette, 734-429-4730, jeanette@fumc-saline.org.

UMCOR Disaster Response—Please consider supporting the relief efforts in the Bahamas in the aftermath of hurricane Dorian with a donation to UMCOR. Please write your check to FUMC Saline and UMCOR Advance #982450 on the memo line, or use an envelope from the Opportunity Wall. You may also give to UMCOR via their web page: <https://www.umcmmission.org/umcor/serve/international-disaster-response>

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns—Gary Chiscinske, Marilyn Knight, Sarah Palmer, Jan and Mark, Bernie Dunn’s children, Jacob Allgood, Louise and Alyssa Smith, Hazel Momson’s grandson, Gary Polenz and family, Michele Hall, Robert Halfacre, Jim Badeen, Karl Domeier, Dave and Cheryl Drenning, Brian, Jeff Foulke and family, those facing cancer treatments, and those struggling with anxiety and depression.

Sympathies—Dave Drenning and family on his brother Jim’s passing.

Praises—The birth of Nancy Schroeder, new granddaughter of Lisa and Bill Morrow. For the people of this church and for the parenting class.

Continue to Pray for—Mark Thorpe, Caleb Nadig, Mary Jo Cox, Julie O’Keefe, Jim & Gayle Rogers, Bill Doren, Jeanne Cogger, Charolette Becker, Mary Dinnan, Wanda Beard, Steven Baker, Cheryl Schlaff, Mike Walker, and Clarke Macy.

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

Special Living—Florence Belt (Texas); Norma Jean West, Lysle Smith (Linden Square); Elaine Carter (EVH); Nancy Adsit (Brookdale).

Prayer Notes:_____

Lay Servant Ministry—The Fall 2019 Lay Servant Classes brochures are available at the Opportunity Wall. Classes will be held various dates and times in October and November, at three different locations, Ypsilanti First UMC, Dixboro UMC, and Jackson First UMC. Lay Servants serve the local church in any way in which their witness/leadership/service inspires others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. If a person wanting to be a Lay Servant has never taken a class, the Basic Class should be taken first. In the Basic Class participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts, and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. Persons not wanting to be a Lay Servant may also take classes for personal enrichment. Registration for most classes is due October 15. If you have questions, please contact the church office, 734-429-4730.

Grieving Together—Join with others who are grieving a loss instead of going it alone. Our Grief Support Group meets on the first Monday of the month 12:30–2:00 pm and third Monday of the month 7:00–9:00 pm. Facilitated by our caring Stephen Ministry. All are welcome.

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.

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 John 15:1–8 N.T. Page 109

Sermon “Stay on the Vine” Rev. Tom Zimmerman
(4th in the series: Seek Ye First)

*Closing Hymn O Jesus, I Have Promised #396

*Benediction
Postlude

*Please stand in body or in spirit CCLI#978430

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: Today The Holy Spirit class is meeting with bible study in Room C
Room C—Bible study and discussion on the book of I Corinthians
Room E—Ray Vanderlaan Video Series—An in-depth study of the early Christian Church in historical Biblical context
Room G— Bible 101—Adult study of foundational bible knowledge
Room H—Parenting class: *Parental Guidance Required* video series and discussion
Room F —The Holy Spirit—Study and discussion of Dr. Charles Stanley’s book *Relying on the Holy Spirit*

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 that 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.

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