



Easter Lilies

If you would like to order Easter Lilies to be displayed on the altar Easter Sunday in honor of or in memory of loved ones, please fill in the form attached to this email or found in the church office and turn it into the church office on or before Monday, April 18, 2011. The lilies may be taken with you upon completion of the worship service on Easter Sunday.



the worship service on Easter Sunday.



Liturgists, Acolytes, for April

- April 3: liturgist - Marva Bever
acolytes - Cattie Arrowsmith and Lindsey Voth
- April 10: liturgist - Michael Stauffer
acolytes - Garrett Schmidt and Ty Voth
- April 17: liturgist - Helen Scott
acolytes - Carly Willis and Ashley Murrell
- April 24: liturgist - Annessa Russell
acolytes - Kara Peaney and Emily Peaney



Acolytes

Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

April 2011

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Traditional Worship

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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Open Door Clothes Closet

CLOTHING DRIVE All volunteers interested are WELCOME at Clothes Closet

in Wichita on Ellis on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. It is helpful for the volunteer coordinator to know in advance how many are planning to be there. Those currently going monthly plan to leave Salem at 8 am on a Thursday every month, taking clothing and volunteering until 11:30. Following lunch in Wichita, we usually return to Newton by 1:30 p.m. Contact Ladonna Unruh or Charlotte Jost if you more information. This month the clothes will be picked up Thursday, April 14, 2011.



Members of the congregation will be ushers for the month of April 2011.



Crusaders Sunday School class are greeters for the month of April 2011.



Received for Expenses

as of 3-27-2011

\$64,449.24

Salem United Methodist Church Vision: Salem United Methodist Church is a joy filled body of Christ which invites God's people into a connected relationship where they might find acceptance, belonging, trust and unconditional love as they seek to live their discipleship.

Salem United Methodist Church

Here's what's happening!



April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship Opportunities</p>		<p>Sunday Worship Schedule 9:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Sunday Traditional Worship</p>			1	2 7:30am - leave Church for Youth Rally at Great Bend
3 Communion 9:00am - UMW Bake Sale 1:30pm - FLC Wedding Anniversary 5:00pm - Lenten Study	4 6:30pm - Girl Scouts Upstairs 7:00pm - PPR Meeting	5 6:00am - FH General Election 9:30am - C in C 5:30pm - FLC Relay for Life 5:30pm - Book Study	6 6:00pm - FLC Youth Meal and Meeting 7:00pm - FH UMW Mtg. 7:00pm - Choir Practice	7 6:00pm - FH Reserved 6:30pm - FLC Soccer Practice 7:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting	8 	9 1:30pm - FLC Shower
10 5:00pm - Lenten Study 6:30pm - Healing Service	11 6:30pm - Girl Scouts Upstairs 6:30pm - Leadership Team	12 9:00 - Commodities Dis. 9:30am - C in C 9:30am - SUMC Staff Mtg. 11:00am - FLC Red Hat 5:30pm - Book Study 7:00pm - Red Bird	13 6:00pm - FLC Youth Meal and Meeting 7:00pm - Choir Practice	14 6:00pm - FH Reserved 6:30pm - FLC Soccer Practice	15 9:30am - FLC Kid's Day In 	16 9:15am - Entire Church Step Up To Excellence (training for church leaders)
17 5:00pm - Lenten Study	18 6:30pm - Girl Scouts Upstairs 7:00pm - FH Church Council Meeting	19 9:30am - C in C	20 1:30pm - Fogleman Circle @ Asbury Park 6:00pm - FLC Youth Meal and Meeting 7:00pm - Choir Practice	21 6:00pm - FH Reserved 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service	22 7:00pm - Joint Community Good Friday Service at Grace Community Church	23 10:00am - FLC Children's Easter Party
24 6:30am - Easter Sunrise Service at Camp Hawk 7:30am - FLC Breakfast fixed by UMM 10:00am - Traditional Easter Worship Service 12:00pm - FLC Family Dinner	25 Pastor Vacation 6:30pm - Girl Scouts Upstairs	26 Pastor Vacation 9:30am - C in C	27 Pastor Vacation 10:00am - Prayer Wrap Ministry 6:00pm - FLC Youth Meal and Meeting 7:00pm - Lay Leader and Choir at Asbury Pk.	28 Pastor Vacation 6:00pm - FH Reserved	29 Pastor Vacation 1:30pm - FH Reserved	30 Pastor Vacation 8:00am - FH UMM Meal and Meeting



Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

Salem UMC Mission:
Disciples making
disciples
for Jesus Christ

April Birthdays

- 2 Todd Arrowsmith
- 2 Dustin Burson
- 2 Ryan Courtright
- 2 Beth Schmucker
- 3 Heidi Anderson
- 4 Brandon Gruver
- 5 Sheila Kern-Schmidt
- 7 Wilbur Besore
- 7 Bonnie Schroeder
- 9 Vickie Moore
- 9 Nick Schmidt
- 11 Cindy Lou Simons
- 11 Wayne Venso
- 12 Emily Peaney
- 12 Terry Sauerwein
- 13 Janine Arnold
- 13 Rachael Duty
- 14 Richard McGlachlin
- 15 Adam Clark
- 15 Maya Werner
- 16 Lee Leiser
- 16 Brayden Marciano
- 16 Bob Unruh
- 17 Joel Golubski
- 17 Douglas Lloyd
- 17 Jane Naylor
- 18 Larry Church
- 18 Tim Jeffries
- 19 Cody Sauerwein
- 20 Howard Arrowsmith
- 20 Kristine Peaney
- 22 John Gatz
- 28 Lisa Jolliff

- 29 Kevin Jones
- 29 Ann Roberts
- 30 Marcia Dumler

If there are any Birthdays or Anniversaries missing or incorrect, please let us know in the church office.



April Anniversaries

- 2 Gene & Suanne Eshleman
- 6 Todd & Kathy Allen
- 9 Keith & Jo Ann Jolliff
- 12 Tyson & Angela Weidenbener
- 13 Rico & Juli Gomez
- 17 Tim & Marva Bever
- 20 Max & Rose Roberts
- 21 Rob & Alisa Roberson
- 24 Robert & Fran Hoch
- 24 Frank & June Little
- 25 Kevin & Diane Foreman
- 26 John & Vera Sills
- 27 Dennis & Lorna Preston
- 30 Joe & Shannon Stahly

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month



Salem United Methodist Church will have an Easter Sunrise Service at Camp Hawk at 6:30 am on Easter morning, April 24, 2011. Please join us to celebrate Holy Easter.



Donate to Japan Earthquake

If you would like to make a donation to the earthquake victims in Japan, just mark "Japan Earthquake" on the memo line of your check. Our church will then send these funds to the conference office where the money will be placed in a fund for UMCOR (a United Methodist relief fund). Through UMCOR the funds will reach Japan. None of the money collected will go to administrative costs. All that we donate will be used in Japan.



Bible Verses to Memorize

The scripture for 2011 is Acts 3:19. Peter is speaking to the people who have come to see the beggar who has just been healed. He is explaining to them about Jesus and then expects a response from them **“Repent, then, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”**

The scripture for April 2011 is the Song of Solomon 2:11-12 **See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.**

*For the Word of God
is sharper than any
two-edged sword –
is a lamp unto my feet and
a light unto my path*

the Bible 

*Thank
you!*

Thank You

Bob and I would like to thank everybody for the cards, phone calls, prayers and visits when Bob had his hip replaced. A special thanks to Pastor Nancy for her visits. Bob is home now and doing better. In Christian Love - Bob and Becky Jackson

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**



Salem United Methodist Church will have a Maundy Thursday Service with upper room communion on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at 7:00 pm. Please join us to celebrate this Holy Occasion.



Prayers for Our Military

As we progress through the next week please pray for the following military persons:

- [Captain Anthony Dey](#) – 3rd Battalion Rangers in Afghanistan (grandson of John R. Samuelson)
- [1st Lieutenant Marissa \(Dey\) Touw](#) – 101st Airborne Division Air Assault in Afghanistan (granddaughter of John R. Samuelson)
- [Charlie Maib](#) – Army in Tokyo (nephew of Nancy and Louis Crowl)
- [SSgt John R. Wilson](#) – Army Reserve, has been in Iraq twice and now in Wichita Falls, TX (son of Bill and Donna Wilson)
- [Sergeant Michael R. Wilson](#) – Army Reserve was in Somalia now in Hutchinson, KS (son of Bill and Donna Wilson)
- [Derek Swoyer](#) (Air Force) in Alaska (grandson of Lester and LaDonna Unruh)
- [SSgt Matthew Rosine](#) (Air Force) has been in Afghanistan and Iraq (grandson of Bev Rosine)
- [Capt. Clint Carman](#) (National Guard) has been in Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia and going back to Afghanistan (grandson in law of Bev Rosine)
- [SSgt Patrick Hilberling](#) (USAF) (nephew of Lorna and Dennis Preston)
- [SRA Joshua Hilberling](#) (USAF) (great nephew of Lorna and Dennis Preston)
- [SRA Zachariah Hilberling](#) (USAF Security Force – deployed to Afghanistan) (great nephew of Lorna and Dennis Preston)
- [Sergeant First Class Andrew Bretches](#) – has served 3 tours in Iraq and is in Afghanistan (son of the late Ralph Bretches and Sue Bretches)
- [Captain Janet Payne](#) – US Army social services stationed in Germany (granddaughter of Orville and Betty Schmidt)
- [Daniel Dennett](#) (Army National Guard) – in Africa (grandson of Bob and Becky Jackson)
- [Lt. Mark Reed](#) - Doctor in US Navy deployed to Kuwait (grandson of Milford and the late Donna Ediger)



- [Second Lt. Trenton Conyers](#) – US Army at Fort Rucker, Al (son of Jerry Conyers)
- [Tyler Conyers](#) – Army National Guard headed to Germany April 9 (son of Jerry Conyers)

If you have relatives in the military that you would like SUMC folks to pray for, please let the church office or the pastor know.



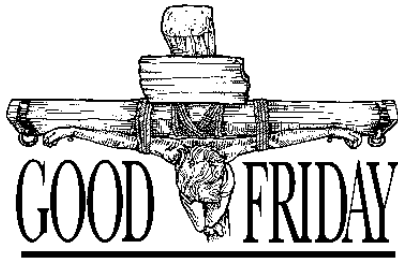
A Healing Service will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2011. The service will be held at 6:30 pm in the SUMC chapel. All are invited to this service that will consist of music, scripture, and prayer directed to provide comfort and consolation to those who are suffering with pain and/or grief as a result of difficult situations in their lives. This service will be held the second Sunday of every month.

LENTEN



STUDY GROUP

Pastor Nancy is conducting a Lenten Study (stations of the cross) which began Sunday March 13th and is continuing through Sunday, April 17th. It is every Sunday during Lent in the SUMC chapel at 5:00 pm.



Joint Community Good Friday Service

There will be a joint community Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm at Grace Community Church.

Thank You

I would like to thank every one for the prayers and cards while I have been recuperating after shoulder surgery. They were very much appreciated.

Karen Jaworsky



40th Wedding Anniversary

Kenneth and Karen Stiner (parents of Kasha Hatton) are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary in the Family Life Center on Sunday, April, 3, 2011, from 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. All are invited to come help them celebrate this wonderful event.



Church Council meeting on Monday, April, 18, 2011, at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.



Parents as Teachers

Parents, grandparents, aunts, sisters, friends of parents with children up to 3 years old.

You are invited April 6th @7:00 p.m. in Salem Fellowship Hall to the Parents as Teachers Program

Representatives will be there to tell us more about their program

Babysitting provided

An opportunity to learn more about what is offered to help infants get a strong start in life.

Sponsored by Salem UMW

Youth Rally in Great Bend

The SUMC Youth Group will be attending a Youth Rally in Great Bend, KS, on April 2, 2011. They are to bring **canned goods** to the rally. The youth are asking for help in collecting **canned items**. You may bring **canned goods** and place them in the west foyer beginning Sunday, March 20, through Friday, April 1, 2011.



Kids Day In

Kids Day In, Friday, April 15, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Come join us for an Easter egg hunt and playtime for the kids. We also enjoy a craft and snack time. Bring lunch for your family, but no peanut products please. We start in the preschool Sunday School classroom. Please contact Lisa Golubski if you have questions or need more information, rlgolubski@cox.net or 283-3735.

VBS

Vacation Bible School Organization Meeting, Sunday, April 10, approximately 11:15 am following church, Come help us kick off the planning for Shake It Up Café! Let's meet in the classroom next to Pastor's office. We need to get volunteers assigned to specific positions, so if you have an area you'd prefer, please let Staci Morales or Lisa Golubski know.



Dedication Service

We have appreciated the help we have received from throughout United Methodism following our June 2008 tornado--UMC's have worked with us, sent money, and certainly offered prayers on our behalf. CHAPMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is pleased to be dedicating our debt-free parsonage and church. The Service of Dedication for our Church and Parsonage is at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon Sunday, April 10, 2011. There is also a reception following morning Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.



Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting

PPR will meet on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 7:00 pm.





FROM THE PASTOR

We've been on a journey this season of Lent—a Journey of stones. I hope you have been taking advantage of the opportunity to lay your stones down each worship service. We've experienced the stones of rejection, prejudice and hard-heartedness. In the next three weeks we'll talk about the stones of acknowledgement, crying stones, and the final stone. On Easter we'll have the chance to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ—the best day of the year! Is it truly the best day of the year for you? Will you be able to respond to the ancient greeting, "Christ is risen!" with "He is Risen Indeed!" and mean it in your heart and life? Is it possible to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and still be in the tomb of depression, grief, sorrow and pain in your own life? I believe that just as Jesus was raised from literal death, it IS possible for us to also be raised from the death of our hopes and dreams, our fears and anxieties, our doubts and worries and all else that holds us back from being victorious. Jesus said in John 14:19, "Because I live, you also will live." That means we can throw off the things that have kept us in darkness and come into the light of Jesus' new life. Easter is a time to experience new life! It will be a glorious day here at Salem and I am officially giving you permission to invite your families, friends and neighbors to come and celebrate with us! (as if you needed permission) I am hoping, no, I am expecting that many of you will bring guests to our Easter worship service this year.

Now along that line, we will be having a sunrise service this year at Camp Hawk, beginning at 6:30 A.M. That's early in the morning, I know, but we want to be there when the sun rises and be the first to say "Good morning, Lord". The short service will be followed by a breakfast at Salem, cooked by the men's group. We're praying for wonderful weather on that day. If you've never attended a sunrise service, come and be blessed with the crisp, clean air, the sounds of the birds and the hymns that celebrate our glorious, living hope-Jesus.

Another opportunity this Easter will be a children's party for children up through 5th grade, on Saturday April 23, 10:00 am -12:00 pm, here in the FLC. Feel free to bring your children and grandchildren, even if they don't attend here, and invite your friends and neighbors. We'll hear the true Easter story and decorate eggs and cookies as well as have an Easter egg hunt. We are asking for wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs we'll be giving out. Have your child bring an Easter basket for the eggs. We'll need to know the number to plan for, so please give the office a call and let us know you're bringing your children.

There's a lot going on at Salem right now and I want you to feel invited to attend any and all of our activities. We are the church and we need each other for support, encouragement and love. Come and be blessed! Looking forward to that blessed hope.

Pastor Nancy

All Church Picnic

Salem UMC will have an All Church Picnic on June 5, 2011, at Athletic Park at 4:00 pm. Mark your calendars and plan to join in the festivities and enjoy the good food.



Come as
a guest,
leave as
a friend

Children's Easter Party

Salem United Methodist Church will host a Children's Easter Party on Saturday, April 23, 2011, in the Family Life Center, from 10:00 am until Noon for children through the 5th grade. Bring your children or grandchildren and their friends, neighbor children. We will have fun activities such as Easter egg decorating, decorating cookies, and an Easter egg hunt. For this party we need donations of wrapped candy to put in the plastic eggs and persons to help on Sat. morning. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend and how many children there will be. Also, bring your donated wrapped candy to the church office and let Pastor Nancy or the church office know if you can help with the party.



S·E·R·M·O·N·S



The audio/visual system project is complete and we have the capability to record sound and camera to DVD. I would like feedback from the congregation on what direction to go with sound recording. We have been recording services to cassette each week, but cassettes are getting rare and if the recorder breaks, we likely will not be able to get it fixed. We have some inexpensive options available to us to record the sound digitally, that is, in a format that can be copied to CD, a thumb drive, or linked from our website. I would like to know of those interested in getting copies of services audio/video: 1. What format would you use: Cassette, DVD, CD or Computer file? 2. If digital, would you prefer a DVD or CD or just a link on our website to listen/view? Please give your comments to the office or Don Gruver.



FROM THE PASTOR

What is your passion in life? Where does your passion fit into your life? Have you ever considered doing important work for Jesus as a passion of yours? If so, have we got some opportunities for you! The United Methodist Church mission statement and our whole purpose for existence is defined as "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Salem's mission statement is "Disciples making disciples for Jesus." What are we doing to make disciples? Here are some opportunities.

The Evangelism Team. (Seek) This team of people loves to reach out to others in the name of Jesus. This is not feeding the hungry or clothing the naked, this is sharing the good news of hope in Jesus with a world that is lost and hurting. This involves going out and "compelling them to come in" as Jesus said in Luke 14:23. What would this team do? When we have first time visitors, this team would make a short visit thanking them for coming and inviting them back. This team would be involved in serving Holy Communion to our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins. This team would, along with the membership committee, seek after members who have not been active, inviting them to return, and would send cards to those who've not been attending regularly, making sure that all feel welcome. This would also involve planning regular activities for outreach that might include renewal/revival services and regular fellowship times. Another opportunity would be working toward making Salem a "Welcoming Congregation". Can you see yourself working for Jesus on this team?

- The Prayer Team. I believe that prayer should be the under-girding of all that we do here as a church. Without an activity being "bathed in prayer" it will most assuredly fail or at least not live up to its full potential.

I am asking those who believe that God hears and answers prayer to become a part of a unique prayer ministry. This team will pray together before each worship service. This team will pray over up-dated prayer concerns and will meet together to pray for specific services or issues the church faces. This team will be involved in prayer walks around the sanctuary and perimeter of the church and neighborhood and will meet weekly for regular prayer meetings. Those on this team will be able to hold things in confidence but will be unafraid to "approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16. Can you see yourself working for Jesus on this team?

- Health and Wellness Ministry. In this age of enlightenment, it's hard to believe that we would still be so uninformed about our own health and wellness but I believe we need to be reminded that it is God who made and gave us our bodies, and we are responsible for their upkeep. This team would provide opportunities for healthy living such as exercise - Walk the Walk, Zumba classes and walking to Jerusalem. We would have regular blood pressure checks available, offer health seminars and options for healthy eating at all our potlucks and church dinners. Part of the monthly newsletter would include ideas and tips for a healthy body and this team would attend the yearly Health Ministry retreat at Rock Springs which would enable Salem to become an official Healthy Congregation. Can you see yourself working for Jesus on this team?

- If you are interested in being on these teams, please contact me. **Pastor Nancy**



Concert Band

We are excited to announce the formation of an Annual Conference Concert Band. The Band will be under the direction of Doug Hisken of Belle Plaine UMC. It will perform Thursday, May 26th, 7:30 PM, Clergy Retirement Worship Service. Strings, horns, wind instruments, percussion, guitars – all are welcome to participate. So if you play an instrument join the fun! You may contact Doug at (620) 326-0543 or dehisken@sucocoopwb.com if you are interested in participating. Doug will send you the music for practice at home. A rehearsal will be planned sometime on Thursday at the Conference.



Step Up To Excellence

Salem UMC will host a special event on April 16, and everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend. **Step Up To Excellence** will feature keynote speaker Bishop Scott Jones, who will also lead a workshop session on "The Basics of the Methodist Way." Other workshops include "Keeping Positive in Negative Times," led by District Superintendent Rick Saylor, "Four Leadership Competencies" led by Sue Dondlinger, Program Director of the Kansas Leadership Center, and two workshops dealing with *technology in worship*, led by Lisa Elliott Diehl, Director of KS West Marketing and Communication Department.

Registration forms for this event are available in the church office. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch prepared by Salem UMW. Child care is available. The schedule is 9:15 am - 1:50 pm. An offering will be taken for ministries in the Mutare District of Zimbabwe. Locations for workshops will be throughout the church.

This will be the only teaching event of its kind in the Hutchinson District this year. It is a rare opportunity to hear the Bishop and District Superintendent speak in our home church. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Pastors and church members from throughout the district will be our guests, and we want to show them our Salem hospitality. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Nancy, Don Gruver, or Rose Roberts for more information.