

Clothing Drive



Open Door Klothes Kloset

All volunteers interested are WELCOME at Klothes Kloset in Wichita 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 want more information. This month the clothes will be picked up Thursday, February 23, 2012.



Collection of Devotionals

Pastor Nancy would like to compile and print a Booklet of Lenten Daily Devotionals written by individuals from SUMC.

Pastor would provide the scripture for the day and a person from Salem would then write a devotional centered around that particular scripture. When all done, there will be a total of 42 daily devotionals (one for each day of Lent) in the booklet that persons of SUMC can read to strengthen their spiritual journey through the Lenten season. This booklet will need to be compiled and printed during the week of Feb. 10, so all submissions must be into the church office by that time. If you would like to take part in writing this booklet, please contact Pastor Nancy or the church office.

Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

February 2012

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Church Contacts

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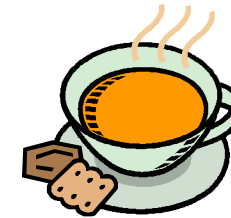
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Our Lenten study this year will be from the book "Between a Rock and a Grace Place" by Carol Kent. Have you ever run into a huge boulder the likes of which you have never encountered in your walk with God? Do you need to see that rock as an opportunity rather than an obstacle? Would you like to see how God can transform your hard places into grace places filled with faith, mercy, contentment, praise, blessing, freedom, laughter and adventure? Your rocks don't have to cause you to lose hope. Press into the rock and discover surprises far better than birthday or Christmas could ever be. Each study will be 1 hour long and will include a DVD and book discussion. The sessions will be held on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 beginning February 26 and will last through Palm Sunday, April 1st. All are welcome to attend. The participant's guide will cost \$8.25. Please let us know by Feb 9 if you wish to be in the Lenten study so the books can be ordered and get here on time.



Chili and Chicken Noodle Dinner

The Salem Servants will have their Chili and Chicken Noodle Dinner following worship in the FLC on Feb. 12. Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy some FINE food!!

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!



February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 			1 1:00pm - FLC Class Rooms UMW Unit Meeting- 6:15pm - FLC You Meeting 6:20pm - Children's Choir 7:00pm - Choir Practice Pray for Pastor Nancy	2 6:00pm - FH Reserved 7:00pm - FLC B-ball	3 Pray for Mary Lou Abrahams	4
5 8:15am - FLC Pancake Breakfast COMMUNION Good Samaritan Fund 2:00pm - FLC B-day Party	6 7:30pm - Girl Scouts Upstairs	7 9:30am - C in C 7:00pm - Finance Comm. Pray for Carol Kirchner	8 6:15pm - FLC You Meeting 6:20pm - Children's Choir 7:00pm - Choir Practice	9 6:00pm - FH Reserved 7:00pm - FLC B-ball 7:00pm - Vital Congregation Comm. Pray for Allen Family	10	11 9:00am - McPherson Leadership Workshop 12:00pm - FH Baby Shower 12:00pm - FLC AAUW Tea
12 8:30am - Healing Service 9:45am - Check BP Scout Sunday 11:30am - FLC Chili and Chicken Noodle Din. 5:00pm - First UMC Celebration of Love Pot Luck and Service	13 5:30pm - FLC Girl Scouts Valentine Party Pray for Sam Faris	14 9:00am - Com. Dist. 9:30am - C in C 9:30am - SUMC Staff Mtg. 11:00am - FLC Red Hat 7:00pm - Red Bird	15 6:15pm - FLC You Meeting 6:20pm - Children's Choir 7:00pm - Choir Practice Pray for Don Kirchner	16 6:00pm - FH Reserved	17 7:00pm - FLC Youth Lock In Pray for Erwin Olson	18 12:00pm - FLC Youth Lock In until this time
19	20 7:30pm - Girl Scouts Upstairs Pray for Morales Family	21 9:30am - C in C 6:30pm - Education Trn. 7:00pm - Worship Comm. 7:00pm - FH Safehouse Training Pray for Joel and Trev Golubski (acolytes)	22 10:00am - Prayer Wrap 6:15pm - FLC You Mtg. 7:00pm - Ash Wednesday Service	23 8:00am - Clothing to Open Door 6:00pm - FH Reserved	24 6:00pm - FH Safehouse Training Pray for church secretary Cindy Harms	25  8:00am - Breadbasket 8:00am - Safehouse Training (Classroom) 6:00pm - FH Pot Luck 7:00pm - FLC Concert
26 1st Sunday of Lent 4:00pm - Lenten Study	27 7:00pm - Health and Wellness Team Meeting 7:30pm - Girl Scouts Upstairs	28 9:30am - C in C 9:30am - SUMC Staff Mtg. 12:00 - Crusader's room— Pastor Prayer Mtg. Pray for Kelly Harms	29 6:15pm - FLC You Mtg. 6:20pm - Children's Choir 7:00pm - Choir Practice Pray for janitor Henry Nickel	<div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 10px; background-color: #000080; color: yellow;"> <h3>Sunday Worship Schedule</h3> <p>9:00 AM - Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM - Worship Service</p> </div>		

Acolytes and Liturgists for February 2012

Acolytes

February 5: Jacob Sattler and Matthew Sattler
 February 12: Emily Peaney and Kara Peaney
 February 19: Joel Golubski and Trev Golubski
 February 26: Garrett Schmidt and Ty Voth



Liturgists

February 5: Margie McGlachlin
 February 12: Teri Unruh
 February 19: Bruce Jolliff
 February 26: Michael Stauffer



Salem UMC Mission:
 Disciples making disciples
 for Jesus Christ

Thanks

 for your
 Faithfulness

Received for Expenses
 as of 1-29-12
\$17,840.51

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Shalom Class are greeters for the month of February

USHERS THIS MONTH

Salem Servants are ushers for the month of
 February



UMW

United Methodist Women will meet on February 1 at 12 noon for a soup luncheon and program, "Call to Prayer and Self Denial." All interested women of the church are invited to attend. We will meet in the Family Life Center classrooms. Shirley Hinde will provide the meal, and the program will be led by Jan Swickard, local Unit president.

Red Bird

Red Bird Circle will meet at 7 pm on February 14 in the Family Life Center classrooms. Sheila Kern will serve refreshments and Rose Roberts will provide the program. Guests are welcome to attend.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012, at 7:00 pm.



Pancake Breakfast

2012 Kickoff
 Pancake Breakfast
 Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012
 8:15 - 9:30am
 Family Life Center
 (Donations accepted)
 FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



Thank You

Dear Salem: Thank you so much for all you did to organize and prepare our Little Moments Big Magic Breakfast. You and your committee are very special people not only for preparing and donating the food but for accommodating us at 6:00 am. Se sincerely appreciate your generosity. Jackie Rice, Big Brothers Big Sisters

Volunteers Needed for Inventory

The Trustees are planning to do an inventory of the church property in February. To speed up the process, they are asking for volunteers to help. The inventory will take place during a morning and will last no longer than two hours. If you are willing to help, please call the church office at 283-3620.





Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries



February Birthdays

February Anniversaries

- 1 Otis Musser
- 3 Joe Spreier
- 6 Virginia Bullard
- 6 Becky Hoch
- 6 Larry Wells
- 7 Maximillian Willingham
- 10 Danielle Campa
- 10 Bob Scheffler
- 11 Karen Lehman
- 11 Irene Sattler
- 13 Bryce Jones
- 14 Mike Larson
- 15 Dennis Siemens
- 15 Shari Snelling
- 16 Lisa Golubski
- 18 Sandra Fike
- 19 Mark Buller
- 20 Michael Lewis
- 21 Norma Ruff
- 21 Frank Spangler
- 22 Gunner Hosford
- 22 Nic Voth
- 22 Juliene Wald
- 23 Herb Cies
- 23 Reid Lehman
- 25 Kyle Beer
- 26 Nicholas Payne
- 27 Keith Jolliff
- 27 Meagan Waltner
- 28 Bill Humphrey
- 28 Sherry Teppen

- 1 Trent & Marcie Arrowsmith
- 12 Forest & Glenda Triplitt
- 16 Marcia & - Dumler
- 16 Wilbur & Irene Sattler
- 17 Ron & Lorene Grapengater
- 28 Ned & Arlene Ross

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

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month



Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd. The service will be held at 7:00 pm. Come to celebrate the beginning of Lent.



Celebration of Love Service

"Celebration of Love" Service will be held at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 12, 2012.

There will be a Pot Luck Dinner at 5:00 pm (persons from Salem are to bring desserts) followed by the Celebration of Love Service at 6:00 pm. This service is a celebration of the four UMC churches in Newton (Trinity Heights, Salem, First, and Eastside). All are encouraged to attend.



Songs for Children's Bell Choir

If you would be interested in purchasing a song for the children's bell choir, see the attachment. An order form is attached to this email with the songs highlighted have already been purchased. If you would like to purchase a song, the cost is \$25 per song. Mark the song you wish to purchase, put your name on the song list, and make the check out to Salem United Methodist Church. You may put your choice in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. Thank you.

Thank You

SUMC thanks Margie McGlachlin for using her artistic talents to restore the broken hand of Mary in our nativity scene. THANK YOU!!



Bible Verses to Memorize

The scripture for 2012 is from Isaiah 43:18-19, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." The scripture for February is Isaiah 26:8 ⁸ Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws,^[a] we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

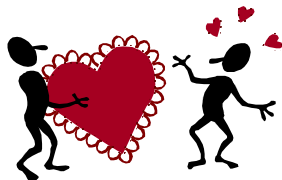


Good Samaritan Fund

On the first Sunday of the month (Communion Sunday) baskets will be placed at the front of the Sanctuary if you would like to donate to the Good Samaritan Fund during Holy Communion. These funds will be used for people in desperate need of immediate help.



Healing Service will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2012, in the SUMC Chapel at 8:30 am. All are invited to attend this service that consists of music, scripture, and prayer directed to provide comfort and consolation to those who are suffering from pain and/or grief as a result of difficult situations in their lives. This service is held the second Sunday of every month.



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)
- **Captain Marissa (Dey) Touw** – 101st Airborne Division Air Assault, back from Afghanistan (granddaughter of John R. Samuelson)
- **SSG John R. Wilson** – Army Reserve stationed in Qatar until end of October 2012 (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 Japan (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) in Afghanistan (grandson in law of Bev Rosine)
- **SSgt Patrick Hilberling** (USAF) (nephew of Lorna and Dennis Preston)
- **SRA Zachariah Hilberling** back from Afghanistan - Air National Guard (great nephew of Lorna and Dennis Preston)
- **Sergeant First Class Andrew Bretches** – back from 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)
- **1st Lt. Trenton Conyers** – US Army at Fort Riley, KS (son of Jerry Conyers)
- **Tyler Conyers** – Army National Guard (son of Jerry Conyers)
- **Michael D. Friday (AA)** – Navy, stationed at Pensacola, FL (grandson of Bill and TJ Friday)

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.



Forgiven Quartet Concert

What can you expect from a Forgiven Quartet Concert?

- You will be blessed
- You will be encouraged
- You will be challenged (not by the messengers, but by The Message)
- You will be entertained (although this is not our reason for singing)
- You will probably laugh a little
- You may cry a little
- You'll fellowship with four guys from Oklahoma who love Jesus and love God's people; who are honored to be gifted and used by God; who are called by God to share the good news of Jesus Christ with anyone willing to listen, and who are committed to preserving the rich heritage of southern gospel music. Our sincerest desire is that you will have a clearer picture of the Lord in your mind and a stronger love for Him in your heart after experiencing a Forgiven Quartet Concert.

To learn more go to www.Forgiven-Quartet.com

Salem United Methodist Church

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Family Life Center, 7:00 pm

Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 pm in

Fellowship Hall

Come and bring the family to share in good food and an evening of wonderful music.





Habits for a Healthy Soul -- A Women's Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, February 18, 2012

8:30 am-12:30 pm

First UMC Hutchinson, KS

www.fumhutch.org

Retreat leader Nicole Conard, Pastor of Pathways in Ministry at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS. Open to all women wanting to draw closer to God and develop habits for a healthy soul. -- registration forms available in the Salem church office. \$7 registration fee. (due by Feb. 13) --- Contact Rose Roberts if you need a ride.

Vitalization Workshop for Clergy and Laity

Saturday, February 11, 2012, from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm there will be a Leadership Workshop at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E Kansas, McPherson, KS, 67460. This is a workshop focusing on leadership essentials, the art of leadership, new ideas and best practices of leadership, and ending with developing SMART GOALS. This workshop is free and all are welcome to attend. Registration on line www.triumc.org/retreat or phone 785-227-3326.



Please join us at home or at work in praying for our church. The Nurture and Caring Team will select dates and assign the name of a member of the congregation or a group within the church to be prayed for on that particular date. It is the intent that everyone in the congregation be prayed for by the end of the year. Through the next two weeks, please pray for the following sometime during that day:

- Feb. 1. Pastor Nancy
- Feb. 3. Mary Lou Abrahams
- Feb. 7 Organist Carol Kirchmer
- Feb. 9 Todd Allen, Kathy Allen, & Kimberly
- Feb. 13 Youth Director Samantha Faris
- Feb. 15 Don Kirchmer
- Feb. 17 Erwin Olson
- Feb. 20 Mike, Staci, Kayden, Jace Morales
- Feb. 21 Acolytes Joel and Trev Golubski
- Feb. 24 Church Secretary Cindy Harms
- Feb. 28 Kelly Harms
- Feb. 29 Janitor Henry Nickel



Blood Pressure Checks

The Health and Wellness Team will check Blood Pressures of SUMC persons on the second Sunday of each month between Sunday School and Worship in the church library. They will begin checking BP's on Feb. 12.



Nurture and Caring Team Notes

As Christians, one of our most powerful tools is prayer. It is

also one of our most intimate ways of caring for one another. Please contact the church office if you would like others to pray for you or someone else who has a special need. The church secretary will then share your concern with those on the prayer chain lists. If you would like to receive prayer requests, please leave your e-mail address or phone number in the church office so that your name can be added to the list.

In addition, if you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Rose Roberts or Pastor Nancy with the name. The shawl is a tangible reminder of God's love and our personal connection with one another. Shawls may be picked up at the church or delivered by a member of the shawl ministry team.

Other ways you may help:

If you are interested in joining an intercessory prayer group, please contact pastor Nancy or Diona Loyd.

If you are interested in grief support, please contact Pastor Nancy or JoAnn Swearingen.

If you are interested in serving Communion to the homebound, please contact Pastor Nancy or Rose Roberts.

If you need a ride to Sunday School and/or Worship, please contact the church office by 4:30 on the preceding Friday.

If you can give someone a ride on Sunday morning, please leave your name in the church office. A list will be made so that dates can be assigned.



FROM THE PASTOR

I heard someone say yesterday that on the Sunday Today show inappropriate words were used. They were actually printed on the TV screen for all to see and read. I don't know about you, but I abhor bad language-by this I mean vulgar or blasphemous words. I absolutely hate it. I hate to hear it or see it or read it. If it is in a book I am reading, I put the book down. If someone is saying it around me, I leave. But when bad language happens on TV, how are we to deal with it? One way is to write, email or call the television network and tell them you don't appreciate it. You can find the address or number on the internet. Another is to note the sponsors of that particular program and let them know you will not buy their products. If enough people protested this type of behavior things would change because companies want to sell their products to stay in business. Without sponsors there would be no programs. Another aspect of this is something I have been guilty of-expecting people of the world (pre-believers) to act like Christians. Until our hearts and minds were transformed by the Holy Spirit, we all acted the way the world acts. The best witness we can be is to have our behavior so different, so filled with love and forgiveness and good-will toward others, that everyone around us wants that same kind of life. Our lives should be so compelling that others see Jesus in our actions and reactions. How are you doing with that?



FROM THE PASTOR

Hard as it is to believe, Lent begins this month with Ash Wednesday on February 22. We will be having an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00, our regular service of receiving ashes as a sign of our confession and penitence. All are invited to attend this service and a nursery will be provided. Traditionally, Christians have been asked to "give up" or fast from something during the season of Lent. This is done to cause us to focus on God instead of our fleshly desires. People often fasted and as they felt hunger pain, they would be reminded to pray. In the weeks we have until this service, I am inviting you to consider what you would like to give up or fast from during the 40 days of Lent. Fasting does not have to be from food. In reference to the television program above, you might want to give up watching TV or a particular television program. A way to do that would be to fast from TV every morning or every Monday, for example. Another area of fasting could be from a particular habit you have-smoking or gambling or pornography or alcohol, or anything you do to excess. Try giving the habit up for 40 days. Finally, fasting from food might be what you need. You could fast for a particular meal or a particular food. The purpose is not so you can say, "wow, look how good I am", it is to say, "how close can I grow to God". We are having a Lenten study every Sunday evening during Lent at 4:00. You could participate in the study as a part of your Lenten devotion. As you begin your Lenten journey, may you feel the presence of God every step you take. May you fall more in love with Him every day. May you be empowered to be His witnesses in all you say and do.

Serving Jesus together,
Pastor Nancy



Asbury Park

Asbury Park's 7th Annual Valentine's Fundraiser will be Friday, February 10, 2012, at the Mosley Street Melodrama in Wichita.

5:45 pm Doors open and bidding starts for Silent Auction Gift Baskets
6:15 pm Buffet Dinner
7:30 pm It's show time!

Proceeds from the 2012 Valentine's Fundraiser will benefit Asbury Park's Good Samaritan Fund, to help underwrite the costs for assisted living and nursing care residents who have depleted their personal financial resources. Tickets are \$75. Contact Carrie Herman, 283-4770, ext. 136.



Web Site

The Salem UMC web site is www.salemumc-newton.org

Some features you will find on this web site:

The Upper Room Daily Devotional
Upper Room Daily Reflections
Daily Guideposts
SUMC Calendar
Notes from the Pastor
Weekly SUMC bulletin
Special Events (ex. upcoming concert)
SUMC Newsletter