



A monthly newsletter of The First United Methodist Church-Salem, OR

# THE SPIRE

April 2017

## United Methodist Ministries of Salem-Keizer Launches New Social Justice Team

In mid-March a group of 15 people representing four of our UMMSK congregations met to discuss how we can partner to work on social justice issues in the Salem-Keizer area. The group agreed that one of the most pressing issues right now is our support of immigrants and becoming immigrant-welcoming churches. We agreed that we all need more education on how to support immigrants and what is needed. We are scheduling two speakers to help us learn more about immigrant justice and sanctuary.

This presentation will be on Saturday, April 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Morningside United Methodist Church for people from our churches, as well as community members who wish to become better educated about the history and needs for immigrant justice in our community. In the meantime, you can find out more about immigrant justice by going to Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice's website, [imirj.org](http://imirj.org), and downloading faith-based resources.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, or if you know of another church in our area that would like to find out more about being immigrant-welcoming, please contact Pastor Karen

## Letters of Support for The Islamic Center of Salem

Folks at the Islamic Center of Salem would very much appreciate letters of support from members of our congregation, particularly in light of the rise in hate crimes around the country and the president's recent Executive Order temporarily banning travel to the United States from six predominately Muslim countries (Syria, Iran, Somalia, Libya, Sudan, and Yemen).

Many of those who regularly worship at the mosque came to America as immigrants or refugees from these same countries. Letters of support could begin with the words, "Dear Brothers and Sisters," and if you feel comfortable, you might end your letter with the words, *Assalam Alaikom* (peace be with you), followed by your name. Letters should be addressed to: Islamic Center of Salem, 3850 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97301. Thanks for considering this gesture of peace.

### Worship Schedule Sundays

#### Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m. MICAH Worship Center (Praise Service)

11:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service (Traditional Service)

#### April 2 - Communion 5th Sunday in Lent

When You Pray:  
Lead Us Not into Temptation  
Psalm 23; John 9:1-41

#### April 9 - Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms

Zorro the Donkey visits!  
When You Pray: Yours  
is the Glory!  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Matthew 21:1-11

#### April 16 Easter Sunday

Turning Toward Life:  
Christ is Risen!  
Psalm 118; John 20:1-18

#### April 23 2nd Sunday of Easter

Christ is Risen:  
Come to Believe  
Psalm 23; John 9:1-41

#### April 30 - 3rd Sunday of Easter Native American Sunday

Christ is Risen:  
From Confusion to Clarity  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
Luke 24: 13-35



## Saturday of Service April 22!

There are many ways you can help out. We will be cleaning up at the Lee Mission Cemetery; constructing a sandbox at the Interfaith Hospitality Day Center; packing food at Marion-Polk Food Share; and packing lunches for Backpack Buddies at the church. We also have volunteers preparing lunch for the work crew and cleaning up, beginning at 10:30 in the church kitchen.

Lunch will be served at noon, and we will head out to our work sites from there and will be finished by 3 p.m. You will soon find sign-up slips in the Sunday bulletin, or you may sign up online through the link to Volunteer Spot on the First UMC website ([www.salemfirstumc.org](http://www.salemfirstumc.org)).

Whether or not you can help on Saturday, we also have a need of donations of sand toys (or funds to purchase them) to supply the sandbox that will be built at the IHN Day Center. Make your check payable to FUMC with Saturdays of Service in the memo line and put it in the Sunday offering or mail it to the church office. We thank you and the community thanks you!! See you on April 22 - we really do make a difference!

Questions? Email us at [saturdaysofservice@gmail.com](mailto:saturdaysofservice@gmail.com) or call Kathy Lincoln at 503-390-7822.

## Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network Works When You Volunteer Your Service

Thanks to all of the enthusiastic volunteers who have helped with our Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network hosting this year. We appreciate your assistance in providing the guest families a safe, warm, and welcoming place to spend the night and they have appreciated the delicious dinners, breakfasts, and hospitality you have provided as well.

Our next hosting is coming up soon and we are again asking for your help. Our guests will be here from **April 30 to May 7**. We have begun taking sign-ups and have many opportunities for you to help as evening host or coordinator, dinner host or overnight/breakfast host as well as with set-up and take-down.

The primary responsibility of *evening host* and *evening coordinator* is to spend some time with our guests. You will eat dinner with the families and perhaps play games with the children, help with homework, or visit with the adults. Your role is to be a friendly, listening presence and to make sure the evening goes smoothly.

The *dinner host* provides dinner for up to sixteen guests plus the evening volunteers (we will call you and let you know exactly how many to expect and any special dietary needs).

The *evening host* and coordinator will be there to help with the set-up, serving, and clean-up of the dinner.

The *overnight host(s)* spends the night at the church. Your primary responsibility is to be a presence, being available to guests if a need arises. Most of our overnight hosts have also served as *breakfast hosts* (set out the provided breakfast foods, make the coffee, etc.) but if that does not work into your schedule, we will find someone to help you in the morning.

The *set-up and take-down crews* work on Sunday mornings before and/or after the MICA service, moving mattresses upstairs, setting up partitions for family sleeping areas, and bringing out the toys and furniture. Everything is done in reverse on the second Sunday.

If you would like to be a part of this program of advocacy for homeless families with children, please contact the church office at 503-364-6709, Judy Allen at 503-581-6547, or Pam Olson at 503-588-7594. You may also sign up in the Dining Room or MICA Lobby on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your willingness to work with and be of service to our guests.

## New Superintendent for Cascadia District

The big news in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Cascadia District is the announcement that Bishop Elaine Stanovsky intends to appoint the Rev. Tim Overton-Harris as the Cascadia District Superintendent effective July 1.

Overton-Harris, a Willamette University graduate, was ordained as an Elder in 1987 and has served churches in Oregon City, Estacada, Marquam, Salem (Morningside), and Portland (Christ). He is currently in his 13th year at Vermont Hills United Methodist Church in Portland. He also serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Columbia District Resource Team, and was part of the Local Host Committee leadership team for General Conference 2016. The Rev. Steven Sprecher is currently serving as interim Superintendent. The Rev. Peg Lofsvold served as Cascadia District Superintendent for four and a half years before requesting medical leave at the beginning of this year.



## HOLY WEEK

### Thursday, April 13 – Maundy Thursday

Turning Toward Life: Washing Others' Feet  
Psalm 116:1-2; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### Noon – UMMSK Communion Service at FUMC

Pastors: Dan Pitney and Jorge Rodriguez

### 7:00 p.m. – UMMSK Communion Service at Morningside UMC

Pastors: Karen Nelson and Wendy Woodworth

### Friday, April 14 – Good Friday

7:00 p.m. – UMMSK Service at FUMC  
Turning toward Life: Rejecting the Ways of the  
World  
Psalm 22; John 18:1-19, 42

### April 16 Easter Sunday

Turning Toward Life:  
Christ is Risen!  
Psalm 118; John 20:1-18

## FAMILY WORSHIP

Messy Church is a monthly, inclusive and interactive family worship experience. Messy Church is *fun, family, faith, and food* gathered into a two-hour block of time.

We encourage people to find the Messy Church that fits your schedule or is close to your home. All gatherings are from 4 to 6 p.m.

Messy Church is a cooperative ministry of United Methodist Ministries of Salem-Keizer (Clear Lake UMC, Englewood UMC, Jason Lee UMC, Morningside UMC, Salem First UMC). For more information, contact Pastor Karen Nelson ([pastorkaren@gknelson.net](mailto:pastorkaren@gknelson.net)) or Sheetal Luscomb ([office@kclumc.org](mailto:office@kclumc.org)).

Second Sunday of the month at  
Clear Lake United  
Methodist Church  
7920 Wheatland Rd N  
Keizer, OR 97303  
Phone: (503) 393-2402  
[www.kclumc.org](http://www.kclumc.org)

Third Sunday of the month at  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
590 Elma Ave SE  
Salem, OR 97317  
Phone: (503) 585 8851  
[www.trinityumcsalem.org](http://www.trinityumcsalem.org)

Fourth Saturday of the month at  
Morningside United Methodist  
Church  
3674 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
Salem, OR 97302  
Phone: (503) 364- 5013  
[morningsideumc.net](http://morningsideumc.net)



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	<b>Budget 2017</b>	<b>January 2017</b>	<b>February 2017</b>	<b>Total Year To Date</b>	<b>16.33% of Budget</b>
Total Revenue	\$567,134.00	\$49,405.63	\$50,068.26	\$99,473.89	17.54%
Total Expenses	\$566,766.00	\$49,146.25	\$47,695.57	\$96,841,82	17.09%

## Notes from the Finance Committee

Your finance committee is extremely happy to say we are boring so far this year in relation to the budget. In my opinion, that is the best way to be when looking at our church finances because it means there isn't anything really out of the ordinary or too unexpected to report. It is still early in the year and we are praying that the boring continues!!!

Here are a few observations through February:

- General giving is above projections AND use of both buildings is high. We do have the legislature in town.
- We have some staffing expense that is running slightly above budget due to longer hours needed for year-end reporting and paperwork. Also, some overtime for janitorial due to events like the youth auction. The good news about custodian overtime is that it usually will come with income producing uses.
- Our church utility expenses are running a little above budget through two months. Now that it's spring and warmer some of us may have forgotten... we did have some cold and snowy weather early in the year- which can affect usage.

Bottom line, year to date, we are looking good with income running ahead of budget and exceeding expenses by \$2,632.07 at month-end. So there you have it. Pretty boring... which can be a good thing in budget world. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Steve Horning  
*Finance Committee Chair*

## United Methodist Ministries of Salem-Keizer

**UMMSK Hispanic Ministries**  
Rev. Jorge Rodriguez

**Salem First UMC**  
Rev. Dan Pitney  
dpitney@wvi.com  
Worship: 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

**Morningside UMC**  
Rev. Wendy Woodworth  
pastorwendymumc@gmail.com  
Worship: 10 a.m.

**Trinity UMC**  
Rev. Sandra Kimbrow  
skimbrowp@aol.com  
Worship: 9:45 a.m.

**Englewood UMC**  
Rev. Jon Langenwaller  
ewoodumc@comcast.net  
Worship: 11 a.m.

**Jason Lee UMC**  
Rev. Jon Langenwaller  
jasonleeumc@comcast.net  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.

**Clear Lake UMC**  
Rev. Karen Nelson  
pastorkaren@gknelson.net  
Worship: 10 a.m.



## Growing Youth Ministry Brings Exciting Staff Changes

Our ministry has grown a lot and we are expanding! We need more adults and more paid staff to work within our growing program. We also believe that youth ministry is at its best when there is more than one leader and youth have the opportunity to be mentored by and form relationships with a few great staff whose skills and personalities vary. We are excited about the growth we have seen and we want all youth who visit for the first time or have been in church their entire lives to become involved in youth ministry activities, to have a voice, feel important, and grow in their relationships with others and with God.

To do that important work will take several great staff and volunteer leaders. Beginning in March, Jeff Lowery was hired to plan and lead our weekly youth group activities on Sunday afternoons (Tuesday evenings in the summer). Heather will continue to lead on the first Sunday of the month when there will be also a time for parents to get calendar updates and ask program questions. The other three weeks in the month will be led by Jeff with assistance from other staff and volunteers. Jeff is currently leading our confirmation classes and has many years experience in youth ministry. We are extremely fortunate to have Jeff now in a greater capacity! In addition to Sunday's Youth Group, Jeff will also organize our quarterly youth service projects (such as Saturdays of Service) and enhance our program for youth to reach out in our local communities!

In addition, Yajaira Hernandez has been hired to assist Jeff with weekly Youth Group and as the lead staff member in planning our summer mission trips and camp opportunities. Yajaira is currently the Youth and Families Coordinator at Morningside UMC and has great relationships with many of the youth and families in our program already. She was a leader on our Twinlow Mission Trip in 2016 and is passionate about mission work and social justice projects and loves our youth!

Christopher Frost will continue in his role as a paid Youth Group Assistant and middle school guys' leader and Kelly Mason, Kelsey Walker and Christy LaFluer will continue as weekly Youth Group Volunteers. Heather will continue as the Youth Director, but her main responsibilities will be working with and growing the Youth Council and supervising the youth staff. She will always be available for questions, concerns, and as a resource when needed by families.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We anticipate an exciting and life changing year! Thank you for partnering with us as we serve these awesome youth!

### Exciting Youth Ministry Dates on the Horizon!

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| <b>April 2</b>     | UMMSK Youth Group at FUMC                                                                                                      |
| <b>April 8</b>     | Middle School Guys' Day Out at Pietro's Pizza! Noon-2:00 p.m.                                                                  |
| <b>April 9</b>     | UMMSK Youth Group at Morningside UMC                                                                                           |
| <b>April 15</b>    | Community Outreach Project at Clearlake UMC, all youth invited<br>Deliver pre-made breakfast casseroles to FUMC for brunch     |
| <b>April 16</b>    | Easter Sunday! No UMMSK Youth Group - FUMC Youth hosting<br>Easter Brunch (youth assist from 9:00 a.m.- Noon) No Sunday School |
| <b>April 22</b>    | Saturdays of Service, 1:00-3:00 p.m.                                                                                           |
| <b>April 21-23</b> | Confirmation Retreat at Suttle Lake (for Confirmands and Mentors)                                                              |
| <b>April 23</b>    | UMMSK Youth Group at FUMC                                                                                                      |
| <b>April 30</b>    | UMMSK Youth Group at FUMC<br>San Francisco Team Building Day!<br>12:30-3:00 p.m. Meet at FUMC.                                 |

# MISSION CAFE

## It Happened At the Mission Café

By Art Tidey

What I saw on March 12<sup>th</sup> was amazing. It was one of those moments that brought Christianity into focus. The characters in this play were three street people and one of our own.

The street people were young men in their early 20s. Their clothing was predominately black; facial hair was not scruffy. After helping themselves to the freshly brewed coffee and some cookies, they gathered at a table within 15 feet of the Mission Café.

Within a few minutes they were joined by Howard Davis, the Safety Coordinator for our church. In a quiet voice he put them at ease by relating personal stories about his younger years.

The young men disclosed they had just met each other, were from different parts of the U.S., and were basically all in the same boat. This went on for 15-20 minutes.

Howard explained that the MICA service had just started and featured younger sounding music. They weren't quite sure about attending. Finally, when one of them took a break, Howard convinced the other two they would like the atmosphere, etc. The third man returned and, when told about the others going to the MICA service, he decided to join them.

What Howard Davis accomplished was a thing of beauty. We may never know the rest of the story; such as, will any of the young men ever return?

We did find out what a great guy Howard Davis is. Good job, Howard. It was an honor to watch you display your Christianity.

**Remember, all proceeds from the Café support three United Methodist missionaries in Nepal and Alaska.**

## Food Bank News

"April showers bring May flowers" and also bring miserably damp conditions to those without shelter. Consider donating items to the Food Bank that will warm cold tummies - soups, stews, baked beans, etc. Money is always welcomed to fill in the gaps not covered by donated food. Let's beat the 70,000 plus lbs. donated in 2015!

## Easter Brunch Time!

The youth are excited to host their annual Easter Brunch on Easter Sunday, April 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Dining Room! This year, the brunch will also feature a simple egg hunt in the courtyard for newborn through preschool aged children (0-4 year-olds) and a professional photographer will be available for Easter photos!

Your RVSP is appreciated so we can plan appropriately. Please fill out the form in the bulletin or contact Janell Johnston (503-508-0109 or [sgjnmj@comcast.net](mailto:sgjnmj@comcast.net)) if you would like to attend and/or donate a breakfast casserole. Recipes will be provided.

## SAVE THESE DATES!

**Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network:** FUMC's next hosting of IHN families is April 30 through May 7. See next month's *Spire* for descriptions of volunteer positions or call Pam Olson, 503-588-7594, or Judy Allen, 503-581-6547, to save your favorite night and favorite hosting position. Thank you for your service to our guests!

**Saturday of Service:** On Saturday, April 22, Noon-3 p.m. there will be opportunities for packing food at the Marion-Polk Food Share, building an outdoor sandbox in the play area of the Interfaith Hospitality Network Day Center, winter clean up at the Lee Mission Cemetery, and packing weekend lunches for Hoover Elementary to name a few! Sign-ups will be available on April 2!

# EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## **Digging Deeper in Theology and Ethics**

*April 2 and 9*

Reading the Hebrew Bible through Christian Eyes - During this series participants will continue to explore the interdependence and connections between the Hebrew (Old Testament) and Christian (New Testament) lectionary texts designated by the church as readings from Scripture for the season of Lent. Discussions facilitated by Charlie Wallace and Chuck Foster.

*April 16 - Easter - No Sunday School*

*April 23 and 30*

Tentative Theme - Artistic depictions of the apostles by church member Ron Goetz will provide the catalyst to a series of conversations about the challenges of following Jesus in the first century of the Christian movement and challenges for those following Jesus in the 21st century. Conversa

## **Sacred Parenting: How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls**

MICAH Multi-Purpose Area

Sacred Parenting uses a unique lens to look at moving beyond raising great children to becoming more holy as a person. What if one of God's primary intentions isn't about raising perfect children, but about you becoming more holy? Join facilitators Matt and Katie Steele as discussion focuses on parenting from the perspective of spiritual formation. Take a step back and receive some much-needed inspiration.

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The **Mia Adjali Circle** will meet on Monday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Carrier Room. We are always open to all women of the church and would love to have you drop by and see what we are all about. There will be fun, fellowship, and of course, refreshments. Come and check us out. For more information about the Mia Adjali Circle, please contact Connie Bork at 503-302-8706.

The **Ruth Erbele Circle** will hold its meeting on Monday, April 10, at noon in the Carrier Room. Joan Zelmer will serve as hostess and Ina Sims will bring the program. Come and join us because you are certainly welcome! We will save a seat for you. For more information, please contact Emily Broussard at 503-304-4410.

All women of the church are cordially invited to the **UMW Unit meeting** on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to Noon in our Dining Room. In between Easter and Mother's Day, join in a "Spring Fling" of your own. The program, "Utterly 'Mazing Women" is light-hearted and participatory (no boring lecture). Light refreshments and good fellowship for all!

## **Lenten Art Exhibit in MICAH**

Check out the special Lenten art exhibit in MICAH featuring FUMC painters (Barbara Barrick, Kristen Bonn, Lynne Estep Gonder, Joshua Stringer), a photographer (Gary Olsen-Hasek), and wood carvers (Charlie King, Shirley Knepp, Don Knepp) whose works illuminate the theme "Journey to Resurrection." The exhibit will continue through Easter Sunday.

# Social Concerns Ministry Group Report on Grants Paid in 2016

The Social Concerns Ministry Group of First United Methodist Church would like to inform the congregation of grants we have paid out to various organizations we feel are doing needed work in the community and the world. This program is one way our church is "Feeding the Hungers." The money comes from special donations to this cause above regular giving to the church budget. Thank you to those generous members of our congregation who contribute to this program.

The total amount granted in 2016 was \$6,900. The following organizations were the recipients of these funds.

## *FUMC connected organizations:*

- Peace with Justice Sunday, \$200
- UMC Global Aids Fund, \$200
- Or-Id Chapter of MFSA, \$200
- FUMC Bread for the World, \$400
- Congregations Helping People, \$1200
- FUMC hosting Interfaith Hospitality Network, \$200
- FUMC Bridges program, \$300
- FUMC home build to Habitat for Humanity, \$150
- FUMC Alternative Christmas Market expenses, \$308.24
- Back Pack Buddies, \$200

## *Grants to Community Social Service Organizations:*

- Jason Lee Food Bank, \$600
- HOME Youth Center, \$400
- Dorothy Patch/Nellie Thompson Scholarship Fund, \$400
- Salem Peace Lecture, \$300
- Mercy Corps, \$150
- Colonia Libertad after school program, \$300
- Family Building Blocks, \$200
- St. Francis Shelter, \$200
- Blind Skills, \$300
- Shelly's House, \$300
- SMART, \$150
- First Congregational Sack lunch program for homeless, \$300
- Interfaith Hospitality Network Day Center, \$100

Thank you again for your support. If you would like to make a gift to this program please mark your check, "Social Concerns" and place it in the Sunday offering or mail it to: FUMC, 600 State St., Salem, OR, 97301. To learn more about the Social Concerns Ministry Group please contact Bill Sullivan at 503-931-8533 or wildbill62@MSN.com.

## Big Questions Over Lunch

Tuesday, April 4, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Alumni Lounge, Putnam University Center (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

"Women in Iran: An Historical Approach" is a brief introduction about women in Iranian society. The talk follows two parallel phenomena in the country: movements which support women's rights, or the so called feminism, and the non-movement, or what women do in their daily life which helps push the borders. The presentation considers both public and private spaces and their discourses. It also compares the goals of the Islamic Republic - from the early days of the 1979 Revolution until now - with where the society is actually going.

Presenter Saghar Sadeghian received her undergraduate education at an underground Baha'i university in Iran (as Baha'is are not allowed to enter universities in her country). She received her masters degree in the U.K. at Lancaster University, and her PhD from the University of New Sorbonne, Paris 3. Saghar joined the faculty at Willamette this year as a visiting assistant professor of history of the Middle East. Her primary research focuses on minority groups and modern citizenship in the Middle East with an emphasis on Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan. She is also the associate director of Yale Iranian History Internet Archives (YIHA).

Bring your lunch or allow an extra 15-20 minutes to purchase lunch at the Cat Cavern. Parking information may be found at <http://willamette.edu/offices/safety/parking/index.html>. For more information, contact the Office of the Chaplains at 503-370-6213.



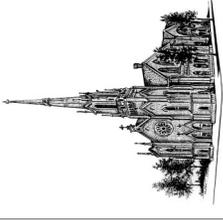
# Salem First United Methodist Church

# APRIL 2017

UMMSK YOUTH GROUP-SUNDAYS AT 12:30-2 P.M.

(\*indicates off-site)

For more details or updates,  
please check our Facebook pages:  
Salem First United Methodist Church  
Salem First UMC Youth  
And our web calendar at:  
www.salemfirstumc.org



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sign up in early April for the April 22 Saturday of Service!</b>	<b>April 9 is Palm Sunday!</b> <b>April 16 is Easter!</b> 			<b>*7:30 a.m. Weekly Men's Group at The Kitchen (downtown restaurant)</b>		<b>1</b> <b>CARMA SUE MILETTA MEMORIAL, 2 P.M.</b>
<b>2</b> Communion 10 a.m. Get Acquainted Coffee 10 a.m. Methodism 101	<b>3</b> 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Worship Team Meeting (moved to the 10th)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5 p.m. Bridges	<b>6</b> *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Palm Sunday Zorro the Donkey celebrates with us! 10 a.m. Methodism 101	<b>10</b> 12 p.m. Erbele Circle Team 5:30 p.m. Comm. Team 7 p.m. Mia Adjali 7 p.m. Uke Group	<b>11</b> 7 p.m. Finance	<b>12</b> 5 p.m. Bridges Youth Confirmation Class	<b>13</b> *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	<b>14</b> SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> EASTER 9:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Serve Brunch for Missions!	<b>17</b> 5:30 p.m. MICAH Worship Team Meeting	<b>18</b> 5:30 p.m. Trustees 5:30 p.m. Youth Council Meeting	<b>19</b> 5:30 p.m. Bridges	<b>20</b> *7:30 a.m. Men's Group 7 p.m. Ad Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> SATURDAY OF SERVICE NOON-3:30 P.M.
<b>23</b> CELEBRATION FOR JASON LEE UMC 3:00 P.M.	<b>24</b> 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry Team 7 p.m. Uke Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30 p.m. Bridges	<b>27</b> *7:30 a.m. Men's Group	<b>28</b> 10 a.m. Infant & Toddler Playgroup 11:30 a.m. Globe Trekkers Lunch Group	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> IHN THRU MAY 7						

## Recurring Weekly Events

## Sunday Worship

- 8:45 a.m. MICAH Service
- 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service

## Sunday Classes

- Classes for all ages, Toddlers to Adults!
- Bridges, a time for adults with developmental delays, meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday and at 5 p.m. every Wednesday evening for activities such as art & crafts & movies.

## MUSIC

### Rehearsals:

- Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Bells  
7 p.m. Choir
- Thursday 6 p.m. Praise Band



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**Dan Pitney:** dpitney@wvi.com

**Web page**..... [www.salemfirstumc.org](http://www.salemfirstumc.org)  
**Office hours**..... Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. to Noon

**FUMC STAFF**

<b>Lay Leaders</b> .....	<b>Fran Eriksen</b> <b>Wendy Herrett</b>
<b>Pastor</b> .....	<b>Rev. Dan Pitney</b>
<b>Director of Youth Ministries</b> .....	<b>Heather Hawkins</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries</b> .....	<b>Dr. Kerry Burtis</b>
<b>Mission Bells Director</b> .....	<b>Glenda Serex</b>
<b>Praise Band/Lifesong Director</b> .....	<b>Jennie Pitney</b>
<b>Organist</b> .....	<b>Zachary Duell</b>
<b>Rejoice! Kids' Choir Directors</b> .....	<b>Amanda Rich</b> <b>Brenda Bateman</b>
<b>Director of Volunteer Ministries</b> .....	<b>Leta Brewster</b>
<b>Childcare Providers</b> .....	<b>Kendall Corey</b> <b>Rachel Scheuermann</b> <b>Jen Linkley</b> <b>Mora Carpenter</b>
<b>Facilities Manager</b> .....	<b>Kathy Pressler</b>
<b>Business Administrators</b> .....	<b>Judy Allen</b> <b>Kathy Pressler</b>
<b>Office Manager</b> .....	<b>Katie Carpenter</b>
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