

SALEM CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
MARCH 5 & 6, 2011

WELCOME! Enter in stillness; know that the Lord is God. Listen in reverence; it is God who has made us. Sing with delight; it is God who hears us. Speak with conviction; there is no other God. Depart in peace; it is God's gift for you. Serve with joy; it is your gift to God. **If you are visiting**, please list your name, address and phone number on the attendance sheet (along with our members). You're invited to join us for Sunday School, offering opportunities for all ages.

OUR JOYS

The rose on the altar is in honor of the baptism of Susanna Elise, daughter of Adam & Lindsey Nelson. Big sister is Kendall & grandparents are Larry Kent & the late Susan Kent and Michael & Suzanne Nelson.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- † Ian Lock, chemo treatments, bone cancer, healing & strength for Ian, his parents, Curt & Kay & family
- † Burnette Braeger, health concerns, prayers
- † Elmer Cords, health concerns, tests, prayers
- † Janet Vanderlip, leukemia, chemotherapy, prayers
- † Kathy Platt's parents, continued prayers
- † Mirabel, Laura Jean Deming's mother, prayers
- † Wayne Rickli, Doris Kosloske's son, cancer, prayers
- † Natalya Rager, prayers while in Russia

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

- † Danny, friend of Nancy Hammock, prayers
 - † Becky, Jenifer Corbin's sister, lung cancer, prayers
 - † Danny, Doris Haag's grandson, continued prayers
- *ALL OTHER UNSPOKEN PRAYER CONCERNS***

PRAYERS FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Grancare: Rhoda Feight, Marion Leith
St. Francis: Geraldine Sasada
Lutheran Home: Florence Meyer, Elda Hankwitz, Sally Thome
Home: Jeanne Cruciani, Jane Buck, Virginia Westphal, Howard Bertz, Linda Commo, Wayne Belanger

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brenda Belanger, daughter of Brian Belanger, Kate & Dave Hodel
 Sherrie Elmer, niece of Steve & Kerry Sheridan
 Chris Klebs, husband of Heidi Klebs
 Eric Pease, son of Joe & Dorene Pease
 Tim Bollman, son of Jeff & Patty Bollman
 William Burgdorf, son of Rick & Lee Burgdorf
 Chad Quandt, son of Richard & Kathy Quandt
 Andrew Schmidt & David King, nephews of Catherine Mingus
 Nathaniel Haug, son of Valerie Duer & brother of Trevor Haug



SPECIAL LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES PLANNED on Saturdays at 5:30pm at Salem-FdL in the Chapel. The theme of the series will be *Dwelling in Beulahland*. We are privilege to have previous pastors of Salem join us for these special services featuring preaching, prayer, and singing led by the *Gospelairees Deluxe*. A reception will follow these services.

- March 12: Rev. David Byers-Dent
- March 19: Rev. Edward Johnson
- March 26: Red Bird Mission Celebration Weekend
- April 2: Rev. Barry Watson
- April 9: Rev. Anthony Farina
- April 16: Rev. Mary Council Austin
- April 23: Easter Eve/Rev. Jack Stubbs

THOSE DESIRING SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION WITH REV. STUBBS is invited to stop by the church on Wednesday mornings before the weekly Prayer Service at noon. If you need a confidential meeting, please call ahead for an appointment. Those desiring a visit by Rev. Stubbs at the hospital, their home, or place of work, please contact the office or call his cell phone at 920-251-0959.



UNFORTUNETLY MARDI GRAS HAS BEEN CANCELLED. Due to the lack of reservations – we have cancelled this event. We'll try again next year!

ASH WEDNESDAY - A worship service will be held on March 9 at 7:00pm at Salem-Fond du Lac. Communion will be served. All are invited to attend. Confirmation students are required to attend.

BOOKS BETWEEN BITES will meet at 12:10pm at Salem-FdL on Tuesday, March 8. Bring a lunch, coffee and soda available. *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien will be reviewed. This is not a story of equipment that a soldier carries into combat, but rather the emotions – grief, terror, love, duty, doubt and quite possibly shame. A Vietnam Army veteran and retired industrial arts teacher, Ben Roder, will review this Fond du Lac Reads! selection.

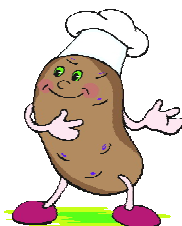


FRESHLY BAKED "LOVE FOR THE LOCK'S" CINNAMON ROLLS - SUM

Youth will be selling fresh cinnamon rolls at the worship service on Saturday, March 26 and after the services on Sunday, March 27 at both sites. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Lock family. Don't miss getting an ooey, gooey cinnamon roll!

RED BIRD MISSION CRAFT SALE AT SALEM-FDL on Saturday, March 26 from 9:00am to 2:00pm and Sunday, March 27 from 8:00am to noon, Salem is hosting Red Bird Mission Crafts to give you an opportunity to enjoy quality Appalachian crafts. Red Bird Mission, located in the southeastern Kentucky Mountains, is related to the General Board of Global Ministries of the UM Church. By providing a market for local artisans, the craft program is a vital part of economic development. This source of income is important in an area of 50% unemployment. They will have crafts including baskets, rugs, handmade dolls, candles, jewelry, wooden toys, recipe books, etc. You can purchase items to give as gifts or for yourself. No matter what you do you will be glad that you are part of this mission.

JOIN THE MISSION CELEBRATION POTLUCK on Sunday, March 27, 12:30pm at Salem-FdL. Please join us as we celebrate our involvement in MISSION (especially Red Bird) here and all around the world. If you'd like to join us for the potluck meal (chicken and beverage provided) please complete the reservation form on the backside of this page.



**Super Spud
 Baked Potato Bar
 Sunday, March 20**

Join us for a Baked Potato Bar at Salem-FdL on Sunday, March 20 from 12:00-1:30pm. We'll have all the fixings so you can create a masterpiece: cheese, taco meat, onion, sour cream, chives, green pepper, bacon, broccoli, salsa, butter, etc!

Each large baked potato includes all the toppings plus dessert and a beverage all for only \$6.00! All proceeds will go toward Salem's general fund.

Don't miss out on a *Lord-ed Super Spud!*

BIBLE STUDY & BAKING - SUM Youth will gather on Saturday, March 26 at Salem-FdL for a Bible Study and to make cinnamon rolls. Join us from 3:00 to 7:00pm, supper will be provided. To RSVP or for further info contact Becky at Rebecca.towne@att.net or Nancy Hammock or call the church office.



GRILL 'N CHILL! Family Ministry has planned an evening of fun on Wednesday, March 30 from 5:00-6:45pm at Salem-FdL. Come and build your favorite flavored grilled cheese sandwich, along with salad, dessert and beverages. Bring your favorite game and after supper we'll chill out playing games with our Salem family. To help us prepare for the meal, please RSVP by Sunday, March 27 to Joyce Squire or Julie Francis in the church office.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH 13TH

- Ushers:** Rollie & Pat Jarvis
Gene & Joan Scheer
- Greeters:** Fred & Char King
- Liturgist:** Nancy Hammock
- Sound:** Luke Rankin, Mike Rankin
- Acolytes:** Abby Bellmer, Matthew Riley
- Nursery:** Lois Farina, Duncan Corbin

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED GENERAL MEETING at Salem-FdL, Thursday, March 17, 9:15am. All women are invited to join with their Christian sisters. Speaker will be Nancy Lanyi of the Adult Literacy Services of FdL. Join us for a time of food, fellowship and learning.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING! Salem Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency. To start online giving, visit www.salemchurch.com at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your plan, or make a one-time donation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from Shelly in the church office.

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Giving Needed for February (4 weeks):	\$26,804.00
Received through Feb. 20 (3 weeks):	\$17,494.00
Giving Needed for January (5 weeks):	\$33,505.00
Received through Jan. 30 (5 weeks):	\$24,665.03

MISSION OF THE MONTH (As of Feb. 20)

February – One Great Hour of Sharing	\$766.00
MILE OF PENNIES	4,072 feet

FILLING THE WINTER LULL - Crafts are needed for the Apple Harvest Festival and with the quieter time of the year upon us, we thought we'd give you some ideas: table runners, embroidered dish towels/cloths, homemade soaps and homemade candles, use your imagination for other ideas! This year we will also have three themed Christmas trees to fill with our homemade ornaments to sell at Apple Harvest. The themes will be: Apples (any type of ornament apple based), Angels (any type of ornament angel based) and Northern Lodge (any type of ornament based on the woods, nature, up north, cabins, etc).

THE MARCH/APRIL UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL is available on the table in the office area. Pick up your copy today. (Large print-\$1.25; regular print-\$1.00).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE SENIOR CHOIR FOR THE EASTER CANTATA? Anyone who would like to sing with the choir for the cantata should attend rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7:30pm at Salem-FdL. The Easter Cantata will be presented during the worship service on April 17 at both sites.

HERE TO SERVE - Salem Servants are here to help support fellow church members in their time of need as well as others in the community. They are ready for requests for assistance. You may contact the church office or Larry Kent (920-450-7167). All requests are kept confidential. Interested in being a Salem Servant? Contact any of the above for more information on this great outreach program.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



WHY FAMILY COMMUNION?

by Rev. Jack Stubbs
I love "Family Communion." I cannot think of anything in our church that so celebrates our families: adults, youth, and children. And by taking the sacrament of communion together we live our faith that all of us are children of God and fellow heirs of Jesus Christ.

Of course, other churches do not agree with us. Some congregations bar those who are not adult members of the church from taking the sacrament, which includes children not yet confirmed. Their understanding is that only those with a mature faith can understand the nature of the sacrament. Some churches even withhold the sacrament from those with mental deficiencies, regardless of their age. I humbly disagree with these churches.

Christ calls all of us to become children of God. No one, regardless of their great maturity, stellar knowledge, or profound wisdom can perfectly understand the mysteries of God. And yet I've heard the objection of children taking the sacrament without any understanding of what they are doing. But compared to God's infinite being, we are all children, even babies when it comes to the matters of the soul. By serving the sacrament to everyone we demonstrate our faith by declaring who we are: children of God. Not some of us, but all of us.

And if we declare we are all children in the God, then we also say we are all growing in the Spirit as well. Our faith journey is one that takes us our entire lives until we see God face to face and are brought into the heavenly and eternal Kingdom of Love. This is why we celebrate Family Communion.

Mission Celebration Reservation

Please complete form and drop it in the offering plate or bring to the office by Sunday, March 20.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of People attending: _____

I will bring the following dish to pass:

- Salad or Fruit Salad
- Vegetable dish
- Dessert
- Rolls