


SALEM  CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
MARCH 19 & 20, 2011

WELCOME! We are glad that you chose Salem to mark the season of Lent. During this season, we are all together in need of divine forgiveness, in need of power to lead a faithful Christian life. Acceptance and support await you in our church. Just make yourself known to us and you will see. **If you are visiting**, please list your name, address and phone on the attendance pad (along with our members). Join us for Sunday school, offering opportunities for all ages. (9:30 at Lamartine and 10:30 at FdL).

OUR JOYS

* Thank you to Rev. Edward Johnson for joining us for our Saturday evening service and for preaching. We appreciate it very much!

* The rose on the altar is in honor of the baptism of Elias Lee, son of Mike & Lacey Shafer. Grandparents: Lois & William Sherwin & Ronald & Mary Jo Shafer.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- † Sympathy to Clayton & Gayle (Sheridan) Fraley & family, Clayton's father, Elmer, passed away
- † Ian Lock, bone cancer, healing & strength for Ian, his parents, Curt & Kay & his family
- † Bette Thompson, recovering, pneumonia, prayers
- † Paul, Kerry Sheridan's brother, knee surgery
- † Burnette Braeger, health concerns, prayers
- † Janet Vanderlip, leukemia, chemotherapy, prayers
- † Kathy Platt's parents, continued 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 **Manorcare:** Charles Westphal
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 Hoddell
 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



JOIN US FOR SPECIAL LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES 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*.

- 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

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 Richard & Betty Rozek
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Super Spud Baked Potato Bar Today!

Sunday, March 20

Join us for a Baked Potato Bar **today** from 12:00-1:30pm at Salem-FdL. We'll have all the fixings to create a masterpiece: cheese, taco meat, onion, sour cream, chives, green pepper, bacon, broccoli, salsa, butter, etc! Each large potato includes all toppings plus dessert and a beverage for only \$6.00! All proceeds will go toward Salem's general fund.

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 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, etc. You can purchase items to give as gifts or for yourself. You will be glad that you were 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.

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.



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!

CALLING ALL PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE VBS VOLUNTEERS! A VBS Planning meeting will be held on Monday, March 28 at 6:30pm at Salem FdL. VBS is scheduled for Friday, August 12, 5:30-7:30pm and Saturday, August 13, 9:00am-2:00pm at Salem-FdL. We're planning to use the curriculum *"Fire Dept. of Jesus Christ"*. Join us to find out what we're planning! Can't attend the meeting? Contact Julie or Kathy Platt if you'd be willing to help.



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.



YF EASTER CELEBRATION - Join us on April 16 from 1:00pm-3:30pm at Salem-FdL for a day of fun including an Easter egg hunt, crafts, games and more. Cost is \$2 a person or \$5 per family. Bring your friends and family and come and enjoy an event hosted by SUM Youth. Permission slips are needed if parents are planning on leaving or if friends are attending. Any questions email Becky at rebecca.towne@att.net or call the church office.

REMINDER: APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Monday, March 21. Please have articles to the church office by 12:00pm. Thank you!

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.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS & PARENTS! Please help us out by notifying the church office (921-8605) if your child is graduating this Spring.



LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER: DANCING WITH GOD - Wednesday, April 6 from 7:00am to 5:30pm at Salem-FdL in the Chapel. Take some time to prepare your mind and spirit during Lent and for the coming of Holy Week and Easter. The Chapel will be set up for your personal time of mediation and prayer. Come when you are able and stay as long as you would like. There is no sign-up for this day. You may come at any time or you may choose to pray at home.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH 27TH

- Ushers:** Sue Gerritson, Pat Jarvis
Mary Scharinger, Logan Sclavi
- Greeters:** Tammy, Cassie, & Mackenzie Immel
- Liturgist:** Kathryn Curran
- Sound:** Erin Cunningham, Mike Cunningham
- Acolytes:** Will Hammock, Dan Degner
- Nursery:** Shane Boelk, Sophie Cunningham

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).

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.

HELP THE AMERICAN RED CROSS! Your blood is needed more than you think... one out of every ten people admitted to the hospital needs blood. The hour it takes you to donate can help save lives. A blood drive will be held at the American Legion on Tuesday, March 29 from 11:30am to 5:30pm and Wednesday, March 30 from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

A CHICKEN BISCUIT DINNER will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 4:00-8:00pm at Oakfield UMC. Meal includes peas, squash, jell-o, rolls, beverage and dessert. Adults \$8, children 5-12 \$5, & under 5-free.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING! We want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Visit www.salemchurch.com at any time to set up your own giving plan or if you'd rather the office set it up for you, please contact Shelly.

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP	
Giving Needed for March (4 weeks):	\$26,804.00
Received through March 6 (1 week):	\$6,566.85
Giving Needed for February (4 weeks):	\$26,804.00
Received through Feb. 27 (4 weeks):	\$23,297.25
MISSION OF THE MONTH (As of March 6)	
February – One Great Hour of Sharing	\$846.00
March – Red Bird Mission Crafts	\$147.00
MILE OF PENNIES	4,078 feet

WE ARE URGING UNITED METHODISTS to pray for the victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that occurred last week, and encouraging support of relief efforts through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Following are excerpts from Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster's letter to fellow members of the Council of Bishops:

As you know, a series of tragic events has unfolded in Japan. The massive earthquake and the tsunami resulted in the death of at least 2,800 people and possibly more than 10,000. Damage to the country's nuclear power plants jeopardizes the safety of hundreds of thousands more.

In times of immense loss and grief, we are reminded once again that God's grace is sufficient. While it does not offer us immunity from tragedy, it sustains us with healing and hope.

At such times, the church is called to be a healing presence among those facing heartbreaking circumstances. I am confident that the people of The United Methodist Church will respond to the call with prayers and generous support for the victims.

I ask that you join with me in prayer for the deceased and their families; the injured; the search and rescue workers; the survivors who are without water, food or heat; those who have been evacuated from their homes as the nuclear threat worsens; and all who have been affected.

When disaster strikes, we are especially grateful for the ministry that UMCOR provides with the help and support of United Methodists and others. Please consider making a special offering! Make checks payable to Salem UMC and please designate your gift Japan Earthquake/Tsunami. Thank you.

Mission Celebration Reservation

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of People attending: _____

I will bring the following dish to pass:

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