



KALEIDOSCOPE
SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
April 2026



Check out Salem's Revised Website!!

<https://www.fdlisalemchurch.com/>

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**IF YOU - or someone you know - needs to see this, please tell them that . . .**

**YOUR Senior Choir at Salem United Methodist Church  
is looking for**

**A FEW INTERESTED AND INSPIRED SINGERS**

Come **SING** with us and **ENJOY**:

- Associating and making music with great people
- Emotional and physical health benefits
- Meaning in musical expression
- Worshiping in an open and accepting environment

A long-term commitment, church membership,  
or a "professional" singing voice is not required.

For additional information please contact Jon Gilliland at [jonbgilliland@gmail.com](mailto:jonbgilliland@gmail.com) . . . or just talk to him.

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Prayer Chain: Do you have a concern or a joy you you'd like to share with the prayer chain? *Call Julie Francis at 920-948-4032* with these requests. All prayer concerns are *confidential and kept within the prayer chain*. Prayer requests are sent out via email; if you're interested in being a prayer warrior, you may also contact Julie.



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**College students:** if you are graduating this spring, or you graduated in December, please contact Julie Francis to let us know us when you graduated, where you graduated and what degree you received. Salem would like to honor all graduates during a worship service in June.



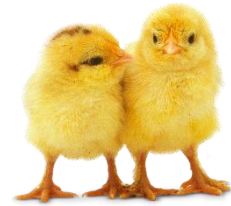
## **APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Heifer International began in 1944 and has assisted over 46.4 million Households in 19 countries across 4 continents. To date, 7.6 million people have been trained on farming techniques (64% are women).

### **LOCAL SOLUTIONS, GLOBAL IMPACT:**

Heifer International partners with smallholder farmers – especially women farmers – to improve their families’ food security and increase their incomes. Training and resources are provided that will help farmers work together to build profitable, sustainable businesses with strong market linkages.

**HATCHING HOPE:** is a groundbreaking initiative that equips farmers with tools & expertise they need to start and grow poultry businesses. It works at scale, connecting producers to markets so they can increase their incomes, while promoting the nutritional value of eggs and meat within communities, building sustainable markets for the future.



Please make your prayerful contribution to this Global mission.



### **Women’s Life Group Update**

Our **Women’s Life Group** continues to meet on the **2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30–8:00 p.m.** All women are welcome!

Each month, the group selects a topic for open, honest, and faith-centered discussion. Together, we explore real-life experiences through the lens of **Scripture**, sharing insights, questions, and encouragement to help us better understand how God is leading us. These gatherings are **uplifting, safe, and filled with genuine connection** — a place where we can be real about life, faith, and the challenges we all face.

We hope you’ll join this amazing group of women as we continue to **grow in faith, share in love, and support one another** in life’s journey.



Maundy Thursday; April 2; 6:00pm

This service will be held in the Chapel with Holy Communion. We will learn about and participate in *The Seder Meal*; the ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. This is the meal Jesus and his disciples had in the upper room.

Good Friday; April 3; 6:00pm

“The Seven Last Words of Christ”

This service will be held in the Chapel

The service reflects on the final phrases spoken by Jesus Christ during his crucifixion. These words are drawn from the Gospels and are significant for their theological and emotional depth. The service includes scripture readings, candle lighting and extinguishing, hymns, reflections, and prayers.



Easter – Celebrate the Joy of Jesus’ Resurrection!

Sunday, April 5

7:00am Sunrise service held in the Chapel

Communion will be served and the confirmation students will be participating in this service.

7:45-8:30am: Easter Breakfast

Served by the men’s group in Fellowship Hall

(Look to make reservations in upcoming bulletin inserts)

9:00am Service in the Sanctuary

The choir will sing and communion will be served

(No Sunday School on Easter)



*100% of this year's Easter Offering will go to Salem's General Budget.*

*Please label your contribution*

**"EASTER OFFERING"**

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### **Special Sunday Hymn Sing - April 12, 2026**

Salem's Worship Committee has selected the Sunday after Easter, April 12, as a special Hymn Sing Sunday. The entire service will be filled with favorite hymns selected from those "nominated" by church members.

On each Sunday morning during the month of March, special cards will be available in the Narthex and from the ushers. You may choose one or as many of your favorite hymns - from either the Red UMC Hymnal or the black TFWS Hymnal - write them on the card(s) and return them in the offering plates. Any/All hymns are "fair game;" it is not necessary to limit your favorite(s) to seasonal tunes. A selection of as many favorite hymns as is practical from all of the received nominations will be made to be included in the singing service on April 12th.

In the past Salem has held similar Hymn Sing Sundays and the congregation has enjoyed the singing of a variety of old and new favorite hymns. Sunday, April 12, ought to be a joyous service of favorite music.

Accountable Leadership Board (ALB)  
Agenda/Minutes  
March 16, 2026

Meeting convened at 6:02 pm via Zoom

**Attendees:** Mark Runke, Phil Corbin, Bob Mikkelsen, Pastor Martinez, Rick Roth, Doug Hammack, Penny Kottke, Mickie Anderson, Amy Ahlstrom

**Excused:** Jon Gilliland

**Opening Prayer** provided by Amy Ahlstrom

**Fiduciary Work:**

- Approval of January minutes: Motion made by Rick Roth to approve as written. Seconded by Penny Kottke. Motion voted on by those present and passed unanimously.
- February Finance Report - Rick Roth
  - Income \$44,967, up; \$26,275 from budget
  - Expenses \$24,133; over by \$1,398 for budget
  - Computer expenses higher than budgeted
  - Buildings and grounds costs were a little higher causing the shortfall.
  - Received \$10,000 in Jan from Wisconsin foundation and \$24,000 from Blackbaud foundation. (Donation from congregational member through their work)
  - Last payment on old insurance in Feb.; Next payment in April on new policy with cost decrease of \$1000 annually

**Generative Work:**

- **Trustees-Phil Corbin**
  - Passed Annual Fire Marshall inspection
  - Security concerns in choir loft when Libby is practicing and only person in building
    - Fire Marshall open to solutions for East and West entrances
    - Will contact Building Inspector for approval
    - East entry will have new secure lever installed to be locked when Libby is present
    - West entry with gate to be locked when Libby is present. Work in progress
    - Phil communicating with Libby as to progress
    - Estimated cost \$2,000.00- \$3,000.00
  - Failed Kitchen hood suppression system inspection
    - Tank that holds the dry chemical needs to be recertified with a hydrostatic test due to age. Quote received - \$1,035.00
  - Passed Boiler inspection
  - Passed Annual Lift Inspection
  - Phil and Norm will be changing the batteries in all of the smoke detectors in next 4-6 weeks. Need to coordinate with JF Ahern as they monitor our system
  - Church insurance cost will decrease ~ \$1,000 annually starting in April
    - Includes section on sexual assault which we didn't have in past. Will need to review and update our Safe Sanctuary Policy in the next 6 – 12 months.
    - Follow up next meeting: Task Force to review and update policy
- **Liaison to congregation** - Doug Hammack
  - Request from Shari Grinnell of current member list to create a written directory for congregation. Not to include pictures, only name, address and current phone
    - Pastor will check with Amy tomorrow for current list from Shephard's Staff.

**Update from Communications - Amy Ahlstrom**

- Increase in hits to website-most popular pages are Home page, Calendar, Upcoming events, Newsletters/Bulletins
- Professional AI analysis report from Colin Gilliland (Donated his time & talents)
  - Website overall good, welcoming site
  - Provided recommendations of needed changes to elevate our site for visibility
  - Amy will be following up with changes per the recommendations

**Pastor Martinez Discussion Time**

- Pacto de Gracia will be using the kitchen on April 30 for making Tamales for sale on May 1

**Open Discussion**

- Request from a few congregational members to have contact information of ALB members including role, phone, and email. Will include in April Kaleidoscope and is already posted on bulletin board outside of the office and back entrance
- Penny Kottke gave synopsis of Outreach and Fundraising meeting from 3/5/2026. Great discussion and involvement from those present.
  - Planning meeting this Thursday, 3/19 at noon for event tentatively scheduled for July 26 to welcome new pastor and outreach to neighborhood, old members, etc.
- Penny Kottke has been asked by members of how they can support Judi and Bob Balson with their missionary work in the Bahamas. Penny will announce to congregation for interest of contributions.

**Next meeting date:** April 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Closing comments, close meeting with prayer by Pastor Martinez

Meeting concluded at 6:37 pm

Respectfully submitted

Amy Ahlstrom, Communication Specialist

**Accountable Leadership Board  
Directory**

|                          |                 |              |                              |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Board Chair              | Mark Runke      | 920-366-9849 |                              |
| SPRC Specialist          | Penny Kottke    | 920-960-5289 | pennykottke@yahoo.com        |
| SPRC Specialist          | Mickie Anderson | 920-904-0701 | micphilanderson@gmail.com    |
| Finance Specialist       | Rick Roth       | 920-579-3400 | rroths@charter.net           |
| Trustee Specialist       | Phil Corbin     | 920-960-7559 | pcorbin@jfahern.com          |
| Trustee Specialist       | Bob Mikkelsen   |              | mikkelsen.robert26@gmail.com |
| Communication Specialist | Amy Ahlstrom    | 920-948-6813 | ahlstrom@charter.net         |
| Lay Leader               | Jon Gilliland   | 920-921-1040 | jonbgilliland@gmail.com      |
| Congregational Liaison   | Doug Hammack    | 920-266-2566 | doughammack@charter.net      |

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 3  | Megan Kottke      | 12 | MarJean Buck      |
|    | Brady Nelson      | 16 | Sue Gerritson     |
|    | Chris Schwalbach  | 21 | Marissa Kottke    |
| 5  | Mary Jo Lilyquist | 23 | Roger Jewson      |
|    | Ellen Lock        |    | Melinda Smith     |
| 10 | Phil Corbin       | 27 | Rick Roth         |
|    | Helen Degner      | 28 | Kimberly Caldwell |
| 11 | Ian Otkin         |    | Mary Cords        |

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4  | Farren & Justin Hardin |
| 17 | Sherry & Brent Sabel   |
| 18 | Bobbi & John Hicken    |
| 27 | Bette & Dick Bertz     |



# April



| Sunday                                                                                                                             | Monday                                                                           | Tuesday | Wednesday                                        | Thursday                                                                               | Friday                              | Saturday |
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|                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                  |         | 1<br>7:00 PM Choir                               | 2<br>6:00 PM Maundy<br>Thursday Service                                                | 3<br>6:00 PM Good<br>Friday Service | 4        |
| 5<br>7:00 AM Sunrise Service<br>7:45 AM Easter Breakfast<br>9:00 AM Easter Worship                                                 | 6<br>6 PM Mickie's<br>Dance Class                                                | 7       | 8<br>6:00 PM Worship<br>Meeting<br>7:00 PM Choir | 9<br>6:30 PM Women's<br>Life Group                                                     | 10                                  | 11       |
| 12 **SCRIP Due**<br>9:00 AM Worship<br>10:00 AM Fellowship<br>10:15 AM Sunday School<br>5 PM Confirmation Class                    | 13                                                                               | 14      | 15<br>7:00 PM Choir                              | 16<br>9:30 AM Outdoor<br>Worship and Picnic<br>Planning meeting                        | 17                                  | 18       |
| 19<br>9:00 AM Worship<br>10:00 AM Fellowship<br>10:15 AM Sunday School                                                             | 20<br>**Kaleidoscope<br>Deadline**<br>6:00 PM<br>Accountable<br>Leadership Board | 21      | 22<br>7:00 PM Choir                              | 23<br>5:45 PM Green Thumb<br>Garden Club<br>6:30 PM Outreach &<br>Fund Raising Meeting | 24                                  | 25       |
| 26 **SCRIP DUE**<br>9:00 AM Worship<br>10:00 AM Fellowship<br>10:15 AM Sunday School<br>5:00 PM Confirmation<br>Practice & Potluck | 27                                                                               | 28      | 29<br>7:00 PM Choir                              | 30                                                                                     |                                     |          |

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AND MAILING COSTS!***

***SCHEDULE OF SERVICES***

9:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship Service

Pastor Eliud Martinez

Email: [pastorfdlsalemumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfdlsalemumc@gmail.com)

***CHURCH OFFICE HOURS***

MONDAY-THURSDAY

1-3 PM

*OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS*

920-921-8605

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