



**Salem First United  
Presbyterian Church is:**

# Alive!

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## Me & God

This song (Me & God) speaks to me. I hope the lyrics of this song will have meaning for you too.

David Mears, Elder

There ain't nothing that can't be done  
By me and God  
Ain't nobody come in between me and God  
One day we'll live tighter  
Where the angels trod  
Me and God

Early in the morning talking it over  
Me and God

Late at night talking it over  
Me and God  
You could say where like two peas in a pod  
Me and God

Refrain:  
He's my Father  
He's my friend  
The beginning  
And the end  
With a staff and rod  
We're a team  
Me and God

I am weak and he is strong  
Me and God  
He forgives me when I'm wrong  
Me and God  
He's the one I lean on  
When life gets hard  
Me and God

Repeat refrain

He rules the world with a staff and rod  
We're a team  
Me and God

We're a team  
Me and God.

**Artist/Band:**  
**Josh Turner with Ralph Stanley**

## Special points of interest:

- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than the 15th of the month.
- Join us on May 31st for a Fifth Sunday Celebration

## From the CRE

Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ,

The weather is FINALLY becoming warmer. The flowers are starting to bloom and the birds are singing their praises to God. This renewal is a reminder to celebrate all of God's blessings to the church and us. There are so many things to celebrate this month. We will celebrate the beginning of the Church on Pentecost Sunday, Memorial Day weekend, as well as remember those who fought to ensure we have the freedom to worship.

This month we will try out a new worship style called "Fifth Sunday." For our first "Fifth Sunday" we will celebrate as a church and the joy of being a foundation to this community as "we have been here since the beginning." On this Fifth Sunday we will celebrate new members joining the church . We will celebrate being a faith community with the sharing of a meal. We will celebrate church member's journeys with God as they share their experience. And we will celebrate God for being a part in our lives with music and prayer.

In addition, the Session and I will bring the entire church up to speed with our renovations projects and the search for future pastoral leadership. We will look at who we are as a church, what God wants us to continue to do, and how God wants us to grow together. The session will be mailing all members and attendees a flyer regarding "Fifth Sunday."

Come and join us for worship. Hear what God is telling us. Invite your friends and neighbors. Invite someone you haven't seen in church recently. Come and be a part of Salem First United Presbyterian Church.

Grace and Peace,  
Michael Barron, CRE

# Scriptures

## Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in April will come from the following readings:

May 3rd - Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22: 25-31;  
1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8

May 10th - Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98: 1-9;  
1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17

May 17th - Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1: 1-6;  
1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19

May 24th - Pentecost Sunday  
Acts 2: 1-21; Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b;  
John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

May 31st - Trinity Sunday  
Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29: 1-11;  
Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17

## Did you Know?

We are looking to send out our Alive! Newsletter via email. In place of receiving the newsletter on paper you can receive it via email and it will be in COLOR!

Give your email address to Dolores Phaneuf to get on the email list!

## Newsletter Articles

Deadline for Alive! articles is the 20th of the month!

## Session Notes

The Session of the First United Presbyterian Church of Salem held a regular meeting Thursday evening, April 16, 2015 at the church chapel.

Michael Barron, CRE called the meeting to order at 7:00 and opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the March 26th meeting were APPROVED as presented.

The **treasurer's report** was ACCEPTED as presented.

	<b>For March</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$4,476.47	\$9,609.93
<b>Expenses for March</b>	\$4,099.04	\$12, 729.23

**Treasurer** reported a plea of ignorance was sent to Workman's Compensation Board regarding our fine. It is under review. The church approved the Treasurer to put out bids for lawn care with the stipulation, per the insurance company, of verifying workman's compensation coverage from the winning bidder. Books are being audited by a member of session. Seth will contact Willie Linendoll to ensure completion of the emergency lighting and exit signs required by our insurance carrier.

**Building & Grounds Task Force** reported an inspection was completed regarding a ventilation system for moisture from the basement will need to be looked at by a professional; building committee looked in the attic and the vent thought was present is not and the windows are in need of repair. No response from Quick Response for the mold abatement. David Mears contacted All Pro and they will be out to give complete an assessment and quote on Friday. David Mears will be meeting with them. They continue to do "mouse control."

**Clerk's report** included Communion served on Easter Sunday by Michael and David Simmons; a communication from our secretary, Holly Keys; building use request for a Cinco de Mayo dinner on Saturday, May 2 to benefit the Building Restoration Fund, with 10% also going towards Mission.

**Mission Team** reported they were helping with the Cinco de Mayo dinner and sign-up sheet and recipes will be available Sunday; looking into Summer Youth Camps and encouraging parents and grandparents to sign-up interested children with financial aid coming from the Mission Team; Pentecost is May 24th. Team started discussion on the need for a follow-up for people who have been absent from worship, as well as new attendees.

**Worship and Music Committee** - meeting on Sunday

**Restoration Committee** - No report

**Pastoral Care & CRE Report** - Rev. David Simmons reported making several calls and serving Communion, assisted by Elder David Mears, to Elsie Jackson and Roberta Moore. Michael submitted a report showing a very busy month of March with all the Easter activities.

Discussions during the session meeting also included more details regarding the "Fifth Sunday" worship and mailing out a flyer to all people who attend church. Rev. Jerry McKinney continued discussions regarding an updated Mission and Vision statement to assist in obtaining grants to help with restorations and repairs.

Respectfully Submitted, Dolores Phaneuf, Clerk of Session

## **Committee Reports**

### **Worship & Music**

Worship and Music met on April 15th.

- Alberta Murn needs a date confirmation as she plans the upcoming memorial service for her husband, and beloved pastor, Charlie Murn, pastor for more than 13 years.
- Will be speaking with Jane Hayden to confirm a date for worship at the Lake in either July or August.
- Linda Bischoff reported that the piano has been tuned and repairs made to the organ.
- Nancy Bardwell has agreed to see about carnations for Mother's Day, May 10th.
- Someone will check with Amy Thetford about having FFF decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost
- Pentecost service will have the Lord's Prayer read in different languages (May 24th)
- Michael will carry some of Pentecost items over to our Fifth Sunday celebration
- New members will be announced on Fifth Sunday.
- Starting to plan out a Hymn Sing event for the community. Looking at July 12 to be the first one followed by a date in August, September, and committee will re-evaluate in October.
- Graduation is coming in June. Michael will double check with Ecumenical Council of pastors; We might be hosting the Baccalaureate.

### **Faith Filled Friday's**

As some of you know, we had a lesson recently to celebrate Earth Day. We took a look at the beginning of Genesis. God gave man dominion over the earth and all that is in it. In Hebrew the word 'dominion' means to take responsibility for. We used that as the jumping off point of our discussion. What does it mean to take responsibility for the earth? The kids had some great answers and quite a wealth of knowledge on the ways in which man has taken advantage of and abused our planet.

As a craft project, the kids took old t-shirts and made them into bags, which they then decorated and personalized. They loved the project so much that they want to make more. So I asked them how could we turn this into a service project? Who could use these bags? That's when we came up with the idea to make these tote bags for the food pantry. Patrons will have something they can bring their items home in, and if necessary, use the following week. So, we have put a call out to the congregation for old t-shirts that are still in decent shape so we can make more bags. If you have any laying around that you would like to part with we'd be happy to have them! Logos on the shirts are ok, just, please, no holes or shirts that are too shabby! Thanks everybody!!

Amy Thetford

## Deacons

We met on April 13th. The Rev. David Simmons and David Mears took communion to Elsie and Bert. Visitation of all our seniors was completed by the deacons during the month.

Our pie sale was an (overwhelming) huge success. We sold 220 pies. Thank you to everyone for your help at the church and for ordering pies.

Our Next meeting will be Monday, May 11th at 12:30 PM.

## Mission Team

The Mission team met on April 13 at the home of Dolores Phaneuf.

Amy Thetford reported the Irish Dinner raised \$1,031.06 for the Salem/Shushan Heating Fund. This money was given to Rev. Debbie Earthrowl. Thank you all who helped and donated.

Charlie Perry spoke with Rev. Earthrowl regarding summer camps. Skye Farm, is at Sherman Lake in the Adirondacks and costs approximately \$500 per week—depending on the length of time and the camp activity. Mission team will seek out if any children are interested in attending and assist in paying the cost for the week.

The Golf Tournament for SAVE the van is scheduled for August 8th.

Mission team will assist with the Cinco de Mayo dinner on May 2nd. Proceeds will benefit the restoration projects and 10% going to the mission fund. The recipes and a sign-up sheet will be available on the table in the chapel.

The RADA cutlery order will be sent in on May 28. All orders must be to Dolores by Sunday, May 24 (Pentecost Sunday.)

Dolores shared a responsive reading of Psalm 23 that Rev. Earthrowl used at recent funeral.

Next meeting is May 11. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

## **Birthdays/Anniversaries**

### **May Birthday's**

May 2nd - David Mears  
Dawn Adams Rea  
May 5th - Alicia Barron  
May 11th - Dolores Phaneuf  
May 13th - Marilyn Hanby  
Tom Keys  
May 15th - Kim Skellie  
May 17th - Rachelle Grover  
May 20th - Michael Barron

### **May's Anniversaries**

May 1st - Dean & Robin Hanks  
May 5th - Travis & Karen Rea  
May 23rd - Bob & Thema Fiske  
May 29th - Thane & Dawn Rea

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471

## **Announcements**

### **“Fifth” Sunday Worship**

**Date: 5/31/2015 Time: 10:00 AM**

**Join us as we eat and worship together!**

**Bring your favorite dish to share as we worship over a meal!**

As we eat and worship we will also:

- \* have an update on church happenings;
- \* a look towards the future;
- \* welcome new members
- \* sharing of personal journeys with God; and
- \* great food and music.

**All are welcome and come as you are!**

# Prayers & Concerns

## Those in our prayers during the last month:

Nancy Bardwell	Jonathan Barron
Brie, Devon, & Emmy Thibeau	Bob Sullivan
Jane Barron	Arna Thibeau
Neal Rea	Norma Skelley
Audrey (for the loss of her husband)	Roxy (surgery)
Dustin (grandfather died and grandmother in hospital)	Our Military
Emergency Service Workers	Leaders of the world

## Long Term Prayer Consideration

Donna Holmes	Hanna Goldman
David Fleming	Elsie Jackson
Alicia Barron	Pat Barron
For those battling addictions	Homeless men, women, and children
Emergency Services Workers	All the Armed Forces

Each month we will list all of the people that we have had in our prayers for the past month. If you should have anyone you would like to add to our weekly list please place their names in the offering plate during Sunday worship or call the church office, 854-9471, by Friday at 3 PM. **Please notify when name is to be removed.**

## Hospital Admittance Update

Due to HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) the Salem First United Presbyterian Church will not be notified if you, or a loved one, are hospitalized. **Please call a deacon or leave a message on the church phone (854-9471) to let us know that you, or a loved one, have been hospitalized.**

When admitted, be sure to list Salem United Presbyterian Church as your affiliate and give permission to release the information so that Rev. Simmons, Michael, or a Deacon can visit. **Otherwise, your admittance and room number may not be available.**

## In Nursing homes

Roberta "Bert" Moore

## Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause for joy or concern: \_\_\_\_\_

You name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_



**MAY 2015**

**First United Presbyterian Church**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 2:30 pm - Faith Filled Fridays	2 5 - 7 pm Cinco de Mayo dinner
3 10 AM - Worship 11:30 - New Member Class	4 6 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Boy Scouts	5 9 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:10 - Bible Study	6 8:30 am - Bible Study	7 9:30 AM - Line Dancing	8 2:30 PM - Faith Filled Friday's	9
10 <b>Mother's Day</b> 10 AM - Worship 11:30 - New Member Class	11 6 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Boy Scouts	12 9 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:10 - Bible Study	13 8:30 am - Bible Study	14 9:30 AM - Line Dancing	15 2:30 PM - Faith Filled Friday's	16
17 10 AM - Worship 11:30 - Worship & Music Committee 11:30 - New Member Class	18 6 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Boy Scouts	19 9 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:10 - Bible Study	20 8:30 am - Bible Study 11:30 am Soup & Sandwich Luncheon 7 pm - Session Mtg	21 9:30 AM - Line Dancing	22 2:30 PM - Faith Filled Friday's	23
24/31 10 AM - Worship <b>Pentecost (24th)</b> <b>Fifth Sunday (31st)</b>	25 <b>Memorial Day</b> 6 pm - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Boy Scouts	26 9 am - Choir Rehearsal	27	28 9:30 AM - Line Dancing	29	30

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**At First United Presbyterian Church:**

We believe that God calls everyone to serve one another  
with whatever gift each of you has received so that God  
may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!

Service begins at 10 AM

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.salemnyfirstupchurch.com](http://www.salemnyfirstupchurch.com)

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**Service Schedule for MAY 2015**

**Elder of the Month: David Mears**

Sunday, May 3rd

Reader: David Simmons  
Coffee Time: Dave & Irlene Mears;  
Kim Skellie

Sunday, May 10th

Reader: Deborah Borthwick  
Coffee Time: David & Helen Simmons;  
Arna Thibeau

Sunday, May 17th

Reader: Seth Pitts  
Coffee Time: Valerie Roche &  
David & Deb Borthwick

Sunday, May 24th

Reader: David Moore  
Coffee Time: Alberta Murn & Sylvia Graham

**Sunday, May 31st - "Fifth Sunday" with a carry-in brunch  
during service**