



**Salem First United  
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### Special points of interest:

- Adult Crafts May 5th 10am—2 pm
- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than May 27th
- Pentecost May 20th
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection May 20th
- Fifth Sunday Info and Homework

## **Needlepoint Picture**

Have you noticed the needlepoint picture of the White Church and the Brick Church hanging between the kitchen doors?? We were given this treasure by Grace Sheldon's family for us to enjoy. On the back of this handiwork was the name Lois Ann Wolff.

I got in touch with Lois, and at first she did not remember the needlepoint. I took a picture of the front and back, and then it was sealed in her mind that yes she made that as a thank you for room and board and TLC the summer of 1984.

Lois said, "I have lots of good memories from that summer, and I suspect the design for that needlework came from a painting of the two churches."

Lois also shared that her father died that summer July 1<sup>st</sup>, and the whole church gave her wonderful pastoral care. Hap and Grace were like family to her she said.

I thought it would be nice to share this with the congregation.

Submitted by—Jane Keys

## **Deacons Report**

The First United Deacons have been busy in 2018. We welcomed Mary Van De Water as a new member, and we have enjoyed having her on board.

Our pie fundraiser was successful again, we sold 224 pies and made a profit of \$835. Thank you to everyone that supported this annual endeavor.

At Easter we fixed pastel vases of daffodils, pussy willows and ferns and delivered them along with Easter cards, candy bags, and oranges.

The Deacons took charge of the Lenten lunch hosted at our church March 15th which was very well attended.

At the March meeting we voted to give our church \$500 from our treasury towards the goal of \$10,000 the congregation needs to raise for the outside painting fund. The Deacons do not receive money from the church budget, and in the past have donated to local projects from our pie fundraiser.

We are now working on putting together a barbecue basket for the benefit dinner/basket raffle for Jim Chambers.

The Deacons would like to see an updated directory for our church congregation and we are making plans to proceed with that project.

Submitted by - Jane Keys, Secretary

# Scriptures

## Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear May will come from the following readings:

May 6th	Acts 10:44-18; Psalm 98:1-9 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
May 13th	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1:1-6 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
May 20th	<b>PENTECOST</b> Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
May 27th	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29:1-11 Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

## PAINT CHALLENGE UPDATE

We are making progress with our Paint Our Church \$10,000 challenge. \$9,340 has been raised so far. Spread the word to those in our community who use our building and/or value its history who might want to help to make it even more beautiful. Checks can be written to First United Presbyterian and mailed to the church. Please make sure to put "painting" in the memo line so that the donation get credited to the correct budget line item.

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please get the information for any and all of the exciting activities that will occur the month of May to Holly Keys ([holly.keys@aol.com](mailto:holly.keys@aol.com) or call 854-3975 before 8 pm or drop something in her box in the business office at the church (just let her know its there)) by Sunday, May 27th, sharp!!!!

Thank you!!!

## Mission Team

Mission Team would like to express our utmost gratitude to the community for yet another successful item drive for Operation-Adopt-A-Soldier. We ended up filling 5 large boxes and 4 more smaller boxes chock full of toiletries, games, writing and reading materials, food and candy. Thank you so much to Charlie Perry and David Simmons for hauling everything to Saratoga to unload it..

Submitted by—Amy Thetford



## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### May Birthday's

2nd David Mears  
Dawn Rea  
11th Dolores Phaneuf  
13th Marilyn Hanby  
Tom Keys  
15th Kim Skellie

### May Anniversaries

1st Dean & Robin Hanks  
5th Travis & Karen Rea  
29th Thane & Dawn Rea

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

## 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): \_\_\_\_\_

## 5th Sunday

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday presentation began with some background information, reminding everyone that work to make our building healthy began with the mold remediation a couple of years ago. The next projects will include trenching the north and south walls of the sanctuary in order to repair the foundation walls, eliminate the basement windows, install water barriers in the ground and backfill with new grading. All of this will keep water from infiltrating the foundation walls. Funds are in place for this work. In addition there is consideration of removing 3-4 feet of siding along those walls in order to install a water barrier against the framework, and then install new siding.

We are speaking with contractors who can paint the church building, and welcome names of more people to contact for this immense task.

As we move ahead, we will seek to provide a kitchen, bathrooms, and handicap ramp that meet health and safety codes, as well as a safe place for children's programs.

Our goals are to provide a healthy, organized, safe building from which to launch ministry that will take us beyond our Sunday worship, as we seek to serve in our community, as Jesus taught us about ministry.

Since we are in an historic district we are working with local and state guidelines for historic preservation. We will seek grant funding through a variety of possibilities—historic, energy efficiency, Presbytery, and Sacred Spaces sites.

Submitted by—Marie Bell

## 5th Sunday Homework

The Salem community as a whole is going through many transitions- newly elected political officials, new pastors, new directors of community buildings and programs. This is the ideal opportunity for our church to really make its presence known in the community. But what do we want our focus to be? How do we want to be known in the community? How can we better serve our community?

As we make improvements to our building, let's get ourselves ready too. We need to truly define our purpose. Rick Warren states in his book, "Recapture a clear vision of what God wants to do *in* and *through* your church family. Absolutely nothing will revitalize a ...church faster than rediscovering its purpose."

We are asking our congregation to take part in a study guide/questionnaire. Please read the bible passages to better understand what Christ called his church to be and do. Why does the church exist? Who and what are we? What does God want done in the world? How? Look for Christ's examples of ministry, fellowship, worship, discipleship, and evangelism.

Once we have a better vision of what God has called his church to be, we can then answer the following questionnaire to see how God has called us to serve Salem:

- (1) If money, volunteers and resources were limitless, how would you like to see us reach out and serve our community? Think BIG.
- (2) What needs do you see when you are out and about in our community that could become a possible mission field? Where are people struggling, hurting, in need?
- (3) Do we have untapped resources that we are overlooking?

Please return your responses during the month of May either to the collection plate, the comments box in the narthex, or by mail. The answers will give session and Pastor Donna a better perspective on moving our church forward. This is an exciting time in our church's history. Be a part of it!

Bible passages to study:

MATTHEW: 5: 13-16, 9: 35, 11: 28-30, 16: 15-19, 18: 19-20, 22: 36-40, 24: 14, 25: 34-40, 28: 18-20  
MARK: 10: 43-45  
LUKE: 4: 18-19, 4: 43-44  
JOHN: 4: 23, 10: 14-18, 13: 34-35, 20: 21  
ACTS: 1: 8, 2: 41-47, 4: 32-35, 5: 42, 6: 1-7  
ROMANS: 12: 1-8, 15: 1-7  
1 CORINTHIANS: 12: 12-31  
2 CORINTHIANS: 5: 17- 6:1  
GALATIANS: 5: 13-15, 6: 1-2

Submitted by—Amy Thetford

# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		8	9	10	11	12
6	7	Session 7pm	Bible Study 8:30 am	Line Dancing 9:30am		Adult Crafts 10-2
Worship 10am	Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm		Bible Study 8:30 am	Line Dancing 9:30am		
13 Mothers Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship 10am Worship & Music 11:30am	Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm		Bible Study 8:30 am	Line Dancing 9:30am		
20 Pentecost	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 10 am	Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm		Bible Study 8:30 am	Line Dancing 9:30am		
27 Trinity Sunday	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		
Worship 10am ALIVE Deadline 4 Cents a Meal Collec- tion	Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm		Bible Study 8:30 am			

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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!  
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**Service Schedule for  
May 2018**

**Elder of the Month:**

Sunday, May 6th

**EASTER**

Reader: David Simmons  
Coffee Time: Valerie Roche  
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Sunday, May 13th

Reader: Mary Vanderwater  
Coffee Time: Alberta Murn  
                  Sylvia Graham

Sunday, May 20th

Reader: Jane Keys  
Coffee Time: Ruth Ihne  
                  Marie Bell

Sunday, May 27th

Reader: Norma Skellie  
Coffee Time: Valerie Roche  
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