



SALEM **First  
Christian  
Church**

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# THE CHURCH SCROLL

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Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 am • Children's Church 10:30 am



## *Lenten Season and Holy Week*

*Holy Week is a special, meaningful closure of Lent and prelude to Easter. Be sure to mark your calendar for these specific Lenten and Holy Week happenings.*

*March 18: Taizé Prayer Service, 6:30 pm, Chapel*

*March 29: Palm Sunday*

*April 2: Maundy Thursday*

*5:30 pm Potluck Dinner, 7:00 pm Service*

*April 3: Good Friday*

*April 2-3: Noon-to-Noon, 24-Hour Prayer Vigil*

*April 5: Easter Sunday!*

*8:00 am - 10:00 am Easter Breakfast*

*9:45 am Children's Egg Hunt*

*10:30 am Worship Service (only ONE service)*

*May you be blessed in attendance at these events!*

### **Easter Goodies!**

The Children's Ministry Team is coordinating an **Egg Hunt** for Easter Sunday morning. Donations are encouraged of the following:

- Individually wrapped candies (small enough to fit inside a plastic egg)
- [Items from our Amazon List](#)

These donations are encouraged especially now through March 19. Items can be brought to the gathering area near the Chapel and Parlor — or shipped via Amazon to Salem FCC (Attn: Michelle Harris-Gloyer). Thank you!

### **Lenten Taizé Service**

*Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 pm, Chapel*

You are invited to come and pray in candlelight with song, scripture, prayer and silence. Use this time to take yourself away from the noisiness and chaos of the world and find peace and quiet refreshment.

### **All-Church 24-Hour Prayer Vigil**

*Thursday, April 2 - Friday, April 3*

It has been the tradition, at Salem First Christian Church, to invite the Congregation to join together for prayer during Holy Week. This is an opportunity to thank Jesus for the sacrifice of his life for our salvation, to pray for our church, our homes, our family and friends, and peace in our world. Each session is a half-hour from 12:00 Noon on March 2, until 12:00 Noon on March 3. Prayer times may be done at home or at the church during the hours that the church is open. The Angelis Room will also be open for use. Sign up [on-line](#) now or look for a sign-up chart in the Narthex beginning March 22.



*... where love leads community*



## Holy Week

**Holy Week** is the annual remembrance of Jesus' activities in the week leading up to his resurrection, starting with **Palm Sunday** and culminating in **Good Friday**.

We look back on these moments knowing the end of the story is resurrection, but it is good and healthy for us to embrace the suffering of Holy Week as well, so that we can fully embrace the joy of resurrection. As 2 Timothy 2:11 says, "If we die with him, we will also live with him," or 1 Peter 4:13 puts it, "Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world."

*Because of Holy Week, we know that our suffering has purpose.*

See yourself in the story of Palm Sunday: Jesus entering Jerusalem in triumph and praise, fulfilling prophecies that echo Ezekiel, sparking hope in all his followers. Jesus pulls you aside and tells you that he is going to Jerusalem, not to conquer with war and violence, but to willingly give his life to the conquerors.

Let's join the Passover celebration with Christ and his disciples. We remember that God delivered us from our slavery in Egypt and brought us to a land of promise. Jesus is talking about his death; he's asking us to see the bread as his own body, broken; to see the wine not as wine of celebration, but as a picture of his blood poured out completely.

We see our Savior in the garden of Gethsemane giving full vent to the pain, the turmoil, the awful weight of what he is living. Let us pause and allow the Holy Spirit to connect us with the pain of this moment. This is our God, his hope of change in

exchange for submitting to the will of the Father.

Because of Holy Week, we can see that, just as Jesus' suffering was leading to resurrection, so may ours. When victory is not happening, when our questions are unanswered, when the pain doesn't go away and healing doesn't happen, we see Jesus walking with us through suffering. He has not left us swept away in our pain. He has given us a framework for suffering, if we have eyes to see it.

This is the glory of Holy Week: that because Jesus laid everything down and as a result gave birth to a new world, a new way, a new people, so can we, by his indwelt Spirit embrace suffering with the same heart and join in his resurrection, both on the day of his return, and in the here-and-now, as our suffering is reframed into beauty. Holy Spirit, help us to reframe our suffering in light of the presence of Christ with us.

So take heart, you who suffer loss. Do not forget that you walk the path with Jesus, which leads through suffering, into a death to self, but will — it always shall — lead you to resurrection. You echo the words of the psalmist, as he says to the Good Shepherd, "even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me."

Jesus, we choose to embrace this week with You, to let You wash our feet, to see Your grief and not rebuke You for it. We kneel with you in Gethsemane and say "Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done, on earth, in my pain, in my healing; in my loss, in my gain; in my waiting, in my victory; in the valley and on the mountaintop, let Your will be done." Help us to see our pain with new eyes, that with You, suffering always leads to resurrection.

Source: excerpts from [Global Awakening](#)



**March 5 - April 1**

- Linda Wilson ..... March 9
- Ken Dalke ..... March 10
- Brad Beverly..... March 10
- Kathy Fleck ..... March 16
- Zee Zook ..... March 16
- Nancy Stebbins..... March 17
- Carol Talley ..... March 17
- Linda Olson..... March 20
- Connie Flemming..... March 21
- Nancy Burke..... March 22
- Ethan Adams ..... March 25
- Judy Palmer ..... March 27
- Allison Pfaff ..... March 30
- Monique Ownby ..... March 31
- Eli Hirsch..... April 1

**Condolences**

**Joan Behen** passed away on February 23. Our prayers and sympathies go out to her sister, Carole Adams, and the rest of her family.

**Worship Attendance**

<b>February 22</b>	in-person	online
8:30.....	21	
10:30.....	94	153
<b>March 1</b>	in-person	online
8:30.....	20	
10:30.....	90	128



**Co-Ed Baby Shower for Jesse Manzo**

Come shower love and support for Jesse and Marie's Baby Girl!

**Sunday, March 15 at 1:00 pm**

Light sandwich lunch

Salem First Christian Church Fellowship Hall (downstairs)

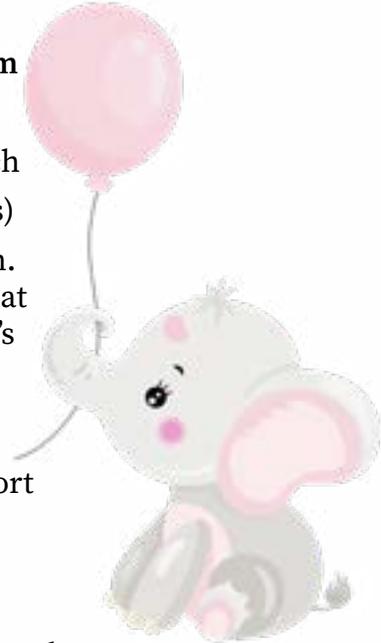
Jesse grew up in this church. His precious Mom, Beth, is at Sweet Bye & Bye Alzheimer's unit, and his Dad, Jimmy, passed away in 2024.

At Jesse's baby dedication, we agreed to love and support him always.

Gift Registries:

[My Baby List](#) and [Amazon](#)

Here's your opportunity, Church!



**Prayers For**

**Carole Adams**, recovering at Dallas Rehabilitation

**Penny Blackwell**, healing from knee replacement surgery

**Leslie Carlisle**, pancreatic cancer

**Margaret Cleveland**, healing from surgery on broken ribs

**Susan Crom**, pancreatic cancer

**Bruce Gilbertson**, healing from second hip replacement surgery due to infection

**Bryan Kinkaid**, healing from open-heart surgery

**Elisabeth Pierce**, healing from open-heart surgery

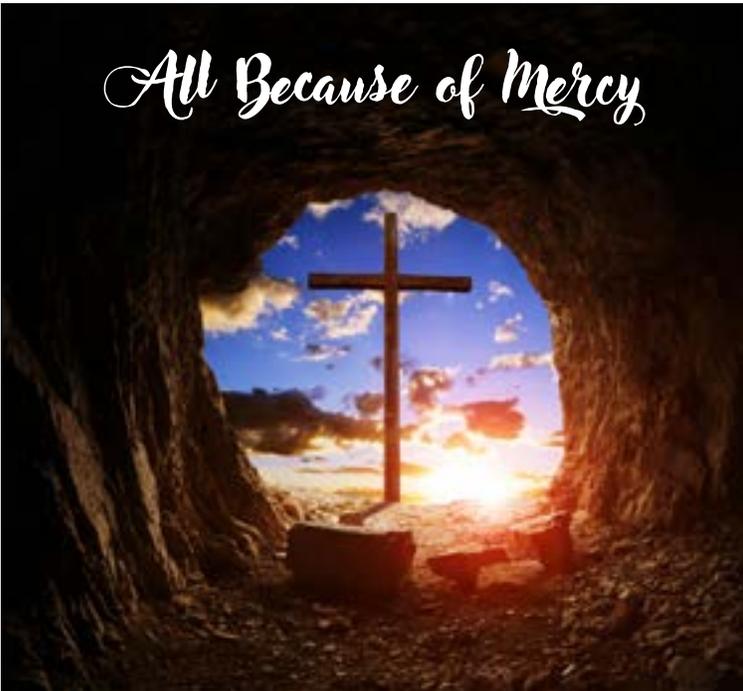
**Snack Bag Ministries**

The Snack Bag Ministry is out of heavy plastic bags. We had so many these last two years we thought we would never run out. But we have!! Winco still uses them and this is a great way to reuse them. Do you have any to share? If so, you can leave them on the Chalice Entrance bench and we will pick them up.

*Thank you always,*

*Marilyn & Steve Fine, Snack Bag Ministry*

# All Because of Mercy



## Salem FCC Women's Spring Retreat

Saturday, March 7 • 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Salem FCC Fellowship Hall

Soup & Bread Luncheon

Guest Speaker is Pastor April Oristano

Registration begins February 15

\$10 (pay at the door)

## Decorating our Easter Floral Cross

Help us celebrate Easter with the beauty of fresh flowers! Flowers and greenery are graciously welcomed for our Easter Floral Cross. Please bring your clippings to the church on Saturday, April 4, or no later than 8:00 am on Sunday, April 5.

Thank you for sharing your gifts to help create a meaningful and vibrant symbol of new life on Easter morning. We look forward to celebrating together!



If you have any questions, contact Kathy Boles at (503) 910-3305, or email: mboles14@comcast.net.

## Serving Volunteer Opportunity

### Providing and Serving Union Gospel Mission Easter Breakfast

Once again we have the opportunity to provide Easter Breakfast for our community at Union Gospel Mission on Sunday April 5.

We need about 16 volunteers from our church. There are three different jobs/shifts:

4:00 - 6:00 am: Food prep and cooks (4 people)

5:45 - 7:30 am: Servers (6 people)

5:45 - 7:30 am: Dining room servers (6 people)

If you want to volunteer, look for the sign-up sheets in the Narthex on Sundays, or email Dena Turner at denaturner5@hotmail.com, and let her know which job/shift you would like.

This is an ambitious project and the past years have gone beautifully!

If you wish to make a donation, it can be turned into the church office, mailed to the church, sent through "e-giving" or placed in the offering tray. (Please mark checks—UGM Easter.)

Let's be the hands and feet of Christ here in Salem!



## CWF Spring Event - The Garland of Grace

Saturday, May 2, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

If you like a garden, stories about rabbits, learning about grace, tea time and fellowship—the CWF Women's Spring Event is where you want to be!

Please join the CWF ladies in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 2, at 2:00 pm. **The Garland of Grace** theme will bless you with the antics of Peter Rabbit and what we can learn from his example. This is a no-cost event but please sign up at the Welcome Center April 12 (the Sunday after Easter), April 19, or April 26. Wear your favorite garden hat, invite a friend and come with an adventuresome heart, just like Peter Rabbit.





**Part-Time Sound Technician Opportunity**

Due to the departure of one of our valued Sound Technicians, we are currently seeking a dependable and detail-oriented individual to join our team in a part-time capacity. This role is ideal for someone with an interest in live sound, worship services, or audio technology who enjoys working behind the scenes to support meaningful events.

If you are interested in this opportunity — or know someone who may be a great fit — please reach out to Doug Johnson, Chair of Personnel, or Pastor Matthew Harris-Gloyer for more information.



**Save the Date!**  
**2026 Regional Assembly**  
 May 15 and 16  
 Red Rock Christian Church  
 Boise, Idaho

Theme: United in Covenant

Speaker: Dr Stephen V. Sprinkle

Dr. Stephen V. Sprinkle is Emeritus Professor of Practical Theology, Brite Divinity School, and Theologian-in-Residence of the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Dallas, Texas.

**Green Chalice: Calling All Church Members!**

*“Living our Faith by Caring for God’s Creation”*

Recycle your retired electronic items in April—Earth Month!

The Salem Environmental Faith Network (SEFN) is encouraging all residents to recycle their retired electronic devices, and they have chosen the month of April to assist in this endeavor.

**Garten Services** was selected for the repository of our donations

of retired electronic devices. We will send out the specific day and timeframe to bring your devices to Salem FCC. From there, they will be picked up by SEFN and delivered to Garten Services.

Garten Services provides an end-to-end program to manage the complete disposition of retired electronic and IT assets, ensuring 100% data destruction, maximizing asset value recovery, and meeting or surpassing all corporate risk management requirements. Garten accepts the following examples of devices:

- Servers, routers, switches, printers, postage meters, phone systems, fax machines, copiers, keyboards, mice, speakers, USBs, computers, tablets, laptops, phones, TVs, monitors

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)





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**Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8**  
**Remember to turn your clocks forward 1-hour on Saturday.**

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- Communications Director: Joyce Richter
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