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



Easter Schedule

8:30-10:00 am: Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:45 am: Children's Egg Hunt (starting in Fellowship Hall)
10:30 am: Easter Worship (ONE service) in Sanctuary

Egg Hunt

Thank you to those who contributed donations for the Easter Egg Hunt! The Children's Ministry Team is excited to have age-specific Easter treat bags for the children to hunt for beginning at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall! In efforts to re-use plastic eggs (to be more eco-friendly), we give out an extra treasure after children have emptied and returned their plastic eggs. Let all the earth rejoice!



Women's Retreat – All Because of Mercy!

What a joy to have beautiful women gathered to experience a wonderful morning slowing down, reflecting, communing, and having lunch together!

Such gratitude to our keynote speaker, Reverend April Oristano, who blessed and guided us throughout the morning. We walked away with many thoughts and blessings!

One big highlight was (song by Casting Crowns):

*I know the only reason I can stand here unashamed
Is not because I'm worthy. It's all because of mercy.
There's no way that I could earn it. Praise God, my
debt is paid.
It's not because I'm worthy. It's all because of mercy.*



... where love leads community

Pastor's Message from Co-Senior Minister, Matthew Harris-Gloyer

“The purpose of life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others.” — Albert Schweitzer



Albert Schweitzer was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952 for his philosophical work “Reverence for Life” (briefly: humans must respect and love all life) and for his establishing a hospital in Gabon.

Before becoming a doctor in 1913 at the age of 38, Schweitzer was a renowned organist, musicologist (specializing in J.S. Bach), and a prominent theologian. He would famously become known as the “jungle doctor” for his work through the hospital he founded with his wife, Helene, in the same year he graduated from medical school, which would expand to be able to treat hundreds of patients. Albert’s decision to become a doctor and found a hospital emerged directly from his theological work. What Schweitzer called “reverence for life” was intended to be a synthesis of two great systems of thought: Christian religious traditions of the “West” and Indian and Chinese religious traditions of the “East.” He thought the synthesis would emerge in the great effort that humans must be benevolent, striving through our actions in the world to improve the lot of the beings around us, whether they be humans, animals or plants. Schweitzer didn’t just want to write or preach this new ethic, he wanted to put it into practice, convinced that setting an example is not the best way to influence others, but the only way! Of all the possible ways of putting this ethic into practice, Albert Schweitzer chose, improvised, as he put it, the hospital-village of Lambaréné in Gabon, on the Atlantic coast of central Africa.

At Salem First Christian Church, we follow the loving ways of Jesus Christ; caring for and loving our neighbors because God first loved us. There seems quite a lot in common between Schweitzer’s “Reverence for Life” and the life and ministry of Jesus. It may be obvious, but it’s worth repeating that not every church is called to start a hospital in Gabon, nor repeat the ministry of Jesus. The Church

in America and SFCC in particular is in a season of discerning how and where to be in ministry in these times. SFCC is going to look different than our friends down the street at such-and-such church. In the last few years, SFCC has tried several different ministry events and informal helping ministries. Some have been very successful, while others less than what we were hoping for. I love SFCC’s willingness to try new things, make adjustments, and venture into the possibilities of new partnerships. All of it for the glory of God’s kingdom that is for all people.

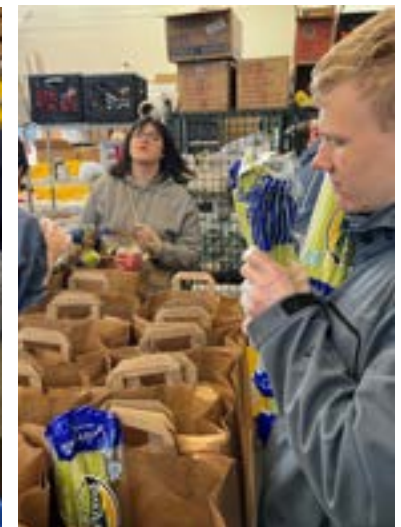
~ Pastor Matt

Salem Youth Collective Service Trip

Salem Youth Collective travelled to Seattle for the annual Spring Break Service Trip. Pastor Matt and Steve Knox (Rev. retired) drove the baggage train in the SFCC church van. Here are a few highlights:

- 11 youth & 5 adults from 5 Salem congregations
- 2,250 lbs of pasta packaged for Seattle food banks
- Over 300 grocery bags packed full of healthy food to be delivered to neighbors stuck at home
- Experienced Episcopalian-style “compline” prayer service
- Shared “highs, lows, God-sightings” and worship each night, and communion service on last night
- Visited Pike’s Place Market, Space Needle, Dick’s Hamburgers, the wishing tree, the gum wall and University Avenue

Thank you, SFCC for supporting this vital youth ministry! ~ Pastor Matt





April 1 - May 6

- Eli Hirsch..... April 1
- Thomas Rux April 3
- Rowen Krummel April 3
- Noel Phillips..... April 4
- Ilene Kemper April 5
- Bob Krebs April 6
- Penny Blackwell April 6
- Daniel Salas..... April 8
- Marilyn Fine April 9
- Lisa BarnesApril 10
- Barbara DeckerApril 13
- Tom Dalke.....April 13
- Bryan KinkaidApril 15
- Pat WolfordApril 18
- Melissa Houston.....April 21
- Heather RosenApril 23
- Barbara HollerApril 29
- Susan Crom.....May 1
- Ron Colburn.....May 4
- Stuart Tennant.....May 5

Thank you

Special appreciation to **Jeannie Cloud** for her contributions to the UGM and SFCC breakfasts in remembrance of her brother Don Wells.

Prayers for

- Carole Adams**, healing and strength after her move to Tennessee
- Leslie Carlisle**, pancreatic cancer
- Susan Crom**, pancreatic cancer
- Bruce Gilbertson**, healing from surgery of second hip replacement due to infection
- Bryan Kinkaid**, healing from open heart surgery
- Elisabeth Pierce**, healing from open heart surgery

Condolences

We are saddened to learn of the passing on March 23 of one of our Timothy's, **Dan Russell**. He has been serving at Calvary Baptist Church in Maine for the past 10 years. His service will be on April 4 at Calvary Baptist Church.

Dan Russell was the son of Anna Russell. Our prayers and sympathies are with Anna; Dan's wife, Cheryl; his sister, Michelle; and the rest of their family.

Baby Shower Gratitude

What an incredible afternoon of love! Close to 40 people came to shower Jesse Manzo and Marie Rivera as they will soon welcome their precious daughter, Lilly Beth. Words were not enough for them to express gratitude...so we will take their joyful tears!



"I would like to say thank you to my church family, from the bottom of my heart. The love from the congregation and support of my mother truly made us feel all the love! Thank you!" ~ Jesse and Marie
Thank you, Church, for showing God's abundant love to this precious couple.

Welcome New Members

Holly Lauritzen joined SFCC on February 8, by transfer of membership.

Ron and Sharon Colburn joined SFCC on February 19, by transfer of membership.

Connie McArtor joined SFCC in reaffirmation of faith on March 22.

Worship Attendance

	in-person	online
March 15		
8:30.....	23	
10:30.....	92	115
March 22		
8:30.....	26	
10:30.....	86	126
March 29		
8:30.....	23	
10:30.....	104	166

Church Building (Property) Updates

Since Fall of 2025, and behind the scenes, these maintenance jobs have been completed:

- Chalice Doors: New top latch covers, weather-stripping, hinges
- Closers on mechanical doors
- Basement Doors: New locks and weather-stripping
- Indoor Door Locks: New locks and keys for some classrooms and the resource room
- Three mini-refrigerators: Defrosted and cleaned
- Fellowship Hall and Kitchen: Floors cleaned (two separate times)
- Carpets in the Chapel, Sanctuary, and Halls: Cleaned and stains removed
- 40+ Blue Chairs: Donated to us from “Peoples Church” were delivered to our door
- Back Room of the Nursery and Accounting Office: New insulated windows
- Hallways and Classrooms: Vacuumed by volunteer church member
- Emergency Lighting Compliance: Salem Annual Fire Alarm Permit
- Cabinet Door of Extra Office: Repaired
- Hallway Restrooms: Cleaned weekly by maintenance company

Charitable Giving - Tax Law Changes

Changes to the US Federal tax law, regarding charitable giving, are in effect for 2025. Some of those changes will impact those who itemize deductions. Other aspects will go into effect for 2026. Please consult with a tax adviser to discern if and how the tax law changes may impact you.

[Here's an article that you may find helpful.](#)

Christian Book Supply in Salem!

Rainbow West Christian Book Supply has changed its name and moved. It is now:

House of Light Christian Supply
3871 Fairview Industrial Dr Suite 100
Salem, OR 97302
(503) 399-8892

You may find them on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/rainbowwestsalem/



The Caring Ministry team is seeking the names of all military veterans (war or peace time), national guard, and those currently serving in our military services who attend our church. Please contact Kim Resch at 503-507-7205 or kimmiejoresch@gmail.com no later than Sunday, April 19.

Part-Time Sound Technician Opportunity

We are 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.

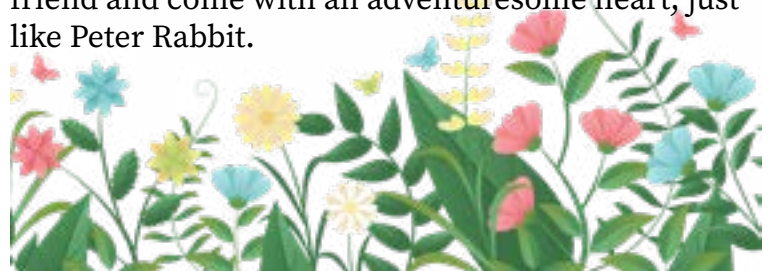
If you are interested in this opportunity — or know someone who may be a great fit — please reach out to Doug Johnson or Pastor Matt.

CFW 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 CFW Women's Spring Event is where you want to be!

Please join the CFW 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.



Green Chalice Update

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

Genesis 2:15 “Humans are commanded to care for God’s creation.”

April is **Earth Day Month!** In addition to celebrating the **Green Chalice Ministry’s Accreditation** on **April 19, during the 10:30 am service** (and continuing during Coffee Fellowship), we want to promote the **Electronic Recycling** event on **April 22**, the **Tree Planting** on **April 24**, and **Lisa’s Little Habitat Garden Tour** on **April 25**.

Electronics Recycling—April 22

All church members may bring their retired (used) electronic equipment to the church on April 22, for recycling.

Items accepted for recycling at Garten Services:

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



A Green Chalice Team member will greet you in the SFCC parking lot and place your items to recycle in a truck. The truck will be available from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon and from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

If the April 22 pick-up times are not convenient for you, we encourage you to collect your retired electronic recyclables and deliver them to Garten Services between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm, weekdays in April.

Garten Services is located at: 500 Hawthorne Ave SE, Salem, (503) 581-4472. When they check you in, they weigh the items you brought to recycle. Please ask for a receipt that includes the recycled items’ weight and give this receipt to a Green Chalice Team member.

Thank you for helping in the care of God’s creation!

Tree Planting—April 24 (beginning at 9:00 am)

It is the 50th anniversary of Arbor Day and the 50th year of Salem being a “Tree City, USA.” Location: Yoshikai-Stephens School Park, 4962 Hayesville Dr NE (with Dena Turner’s students). The City Parks and Recreation have ordered T-shirts to



add to the celebration. A neighborhood artist designed a logo for the T-shirts (shown here).

AAUW Salem Branch is supplying refreshments. This event is open to the public and many city officials will be at the ceremony.

Little Habitat Garden Tour

Saturday, April 25th

Open from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Home of Lisa Barnes

1030 Pine St. NE, Salem

Attendees are encouraged to meet at the church at 9:00 am to carpool to Lisa’s garden.

Parking

There is no parking on Pine Street, or at the home of the garden tour. Please park on side streets near the tour.

Garden Tour

This tour showcases a **Certified Little Habitat Project Garden**. The 500 square-foot garden is in the city and demonstrates how small spaces support biodiversity, native pollinators, and wildlife.

The Garden Tour Host, Lisa Barnes, will be on site to give tours and answer questions about the Little Habitat Project.

Educational materials from **Marion Soil and Water Conservation District** (Marion SWCD) will be provided for visitors who would like more information about the Little Habitat Project.





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Easter Floral Cross

Help us celebrate Easter with the beauty of fresh flowers and greenery! Bring your clippings to the church on Saturday, April 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon, or 8:00 am on Sunday, April 5.

Questions—contact Kathy Boles at (503) 910-3305, or email: mboles14@comcast.net.

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