

# LIVING OUT GOD'S LOVE

*Salem United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming Congregation*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL:

### **Week of April 6**

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

*Psalm 126*

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

*John 12:1-8*

### **Palm Sunday - April 13**

#### **Liturgy of the Palms**

*Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

*Luke 19:28-40*

#### **Liturgy of the Passion**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

*Psalm 31:9-16*

*Philippians 2:5-11*

*Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49*

### **Maundy Thursday - April 17**

*Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14*

*Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19*

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

*John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

### **Good Friday - April 18**

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

*Psalm 22*

*Hebrews 10:16-25 or*

*Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

*John 18:1-19:42*

## FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear Members and Friends,

David Tracy once described a classic as something that has a certain timelessness to it, but also something that has a certain excess of meaning. There is more there than can be summarized easily. The Bible is certainly a classic by this measure. Stories, songs, images, and characters from centuries and millennia ago still resonate and inform us. We still find comfort, challenge, inspiration, and hope in these words.

I have found this to be true as we have explored the "I Am" statements of Jesus in John's Gospel. There is more in each of these than any one sermon can hold.

Our Youth will lead worship on Palm Sunday, April 13, bringing new insights into a timeless and classic story of Jesus entering into Jerusalem, cheered on by the crowds around him.

On Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7 pm, we will remember the beginning of our Holy Communion, as well as the story of Jesus being arrested on false charges, jailed, tried, and executed by the Roman empire.

Easter Sunday morning, we will gather in the early light at 8 am for our early Easter service. Like those who brought spices to anoint the buried body of Jesus, we will come to witness what God has done beyond our expectations.

Starting around 8:30 am and up until just before the second service, we will join together for our Easter Breakfast.

At 10:15, we will celebrate the Service of the Resurrection, with music and prayer, praise and worship.

Lent and Holy Week and Easter are more than can be summarized easily. So join us as we experience again these stories, learning even more of what it means for God's love to be stronger even than death.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Phil

## Holy Saturday - April 19

*Job 14:1-14 or*

*Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24*

*Psalms 31:1-4, 15-16*

*1 Peter 4:1-8*

*Matthew 27:57-66 or*

*John 19:38-42*

## Easter Vigil - April 20

### Old Testament and Psalms

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a and*

*Psalms 136:1-9, 23-26*

*Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18;*

*9:8-13 and Psalm 46*

*Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16*

*Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and*

*Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18*

*Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6*

*Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or*

*Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6*

*and Psalm 19*

*Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42, 43*

*Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143*

*Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98*

### New Testament and Psalm

*Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114*

## Gospel

*Luke 24:1-12*

## Resurrection of the Lord - April 20

*Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25*

*Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24*

*1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or*

*Acts 10:34-43*

*John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12*

## YOUTH SUNDAY - APRIL 13

Save the date for this year's Youth Sunday. Join us on April 13th (Palm Sunday) as the Salem Youth lead worship.

## SYMPATHY

We are saddened to pass along the news of the death of Deborah Herfel on March 14. Her funeral service was held at Salem on March 22.

Her obituary can be found here: <https://www.bealfuneralhomes.com/obituary/debra-herfel>

## VOLUNTEER AT BRAT FEST!



Volunteers and their supporting organizations are the most integral part of the World's Largest Brat Fest! They set up, they grill, they cashier, they wrap, they stock condiments, they make sure the event grounds are clean, they tear down – you get it – they pretty much do it all!

Each year, Brat Fest depends on nearly 5,000 volunteers of all ages (minimum age 14) with over 16,446 volunteer hours to play a special part in our continued success and our quest for the WORLD RECORD all in the spirit of community giving! Without them, Brat Fest would not be the same.

**Public link for volunteer sign up will open April 5th!**

<https://bratfest.com/giving-back/volunteer-information/>

### Brat Fest Volunteers receive:

- Brat Fest T-Shirt
- Brat Buck (Good for a Brat, Hot Dog, Corn or Soda)
- Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream free scoop
- An incredible fun time
- \$12 of every hour they volunteer, goes to their selected approved Brat Fest Charity or to support Brat Fest (also a Non-Profit)

Positions are limited and are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Confirmations will be sent within 48-72 hours of applying. All volunteers working at Brat Fest are NOT covered under the liability insurance policy; all volunteers are required to sign a waiver releasing Brat Fest and its subsidiaries from all liability for injuries or damages incurred.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Doug Smith will host a dinner and gathering at his home on Thursday, April 10 at 6PM.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Rose Wieland will be hosting a celebration to honor Gladys Hustad on her 96th birthday during fellowship on April 27th.

## EASTER LILIES

Easter lily order forms can be found in the bulletin and are due on Sunday, April 6. The cost per lily is \$15.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1: Noah Nechvatal
- 2: Gary Aebly, Ellen Bass
- 3: Astrid Swain
- 4: Pat Anderson
- 7: Kain Hageman
- 8: Kelli Malueg
- 9: Steve Witcraft, Avery Durnen
- 10: Howard Gust
- 12: Arlene King
- 14: JoAnn Aebly
- 16: Sarah Pundt
- 17: Kaden Nechvatal
- 18: Sue Castle, Alexandra Flood
- 23: Machai Bahr
- 24: Brianna Runnheim
- 25: Gladys Hustad, Chris Worley
- 26: Helen Hageman
- 30: Nicolas Flood

\*Let the church office know if we missed your birthday.

## EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Immediately following the 8:00 Easter service, about 8:30 until shortly before the 10:15 service there will be a Easter breakfast. Quiche, oven french toast, coffee and juice will be served. Anyone wanting to donate fresh fruit or baked goods, please have them in the kitchen by 8:00 on April 20th. A free will offering will be collected to help cover the cost of the breakfast.

Those available to help put together the quiche and french toast casseroles will meet at the church at 10:00 am on Saturday April 19th.

Questions? Contact Cindy Remus.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Salem is pleased to make available scholarships for current church members for expenses during the first year of college, trade school, or technical college.

To receive one of these scholarships, interested persons must complete an application form by May 1, 2025. Contact the church office ([office@salemchurchverona.org](mailto:office@salemchurchverona.org)) to receive an application form should you wish one.

Please note this is not limited to high school seniors. Older adults who are planning to attend college, trade school, or technical college are likewise encouraged to apply.

## BIRTHDAY BAGS FOR BPNN

BPNN goes through 72 birthday bags a month. They are low in bags and could use our help.

Each Birthday Party Kit should include the following:

- 1 cake mix of any flavor.
- 1 prepared can frosting of any flavor.
- 1 9x13 cake pan with 2" depth (may be the disposable foil type).
- 1 package of birthday candles or 10 candles in a bag.
- 10 disposable party plates and napkins.
- Birthday Party Kits should be bagged in gift bags or plain paper bags no larger than 12" high, 10" wide and 5" deep, as it makes it easier for storing the bags at BPNN. The Dollar Tree Store carries bags that size.
- Please do not provide any additional items (such as toys or cards) since we are unable to predetermine which items go to a specific child.

# APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>2</b> 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	<b>31</b> 1PM - Mission Committee	<b>4</b> 10AM-2PM - Serve at Meals for Madison	<b>5</b> 12-2PM - Feed My Sheep
<b>6</b> <b>Easter Lily Orders Due</b> 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship	<b>7</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>8</b> Eve - Scouts 6PM - Finance 7PM - Council	<b>9</b> 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	<b>10</b> 6PM - Men's Fellowship at Doug Smith's	<b>11</b> 5PM - Piano Recital	<b>12</b> 9-11AM - Youth Sunday Run-through
<b>13</b> <b>Youth Sunday - Palm Sunday</b> 9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship	<b>14</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>15</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>16</b> 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel	<b>17</b> 7PM - Maundy Thursday Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 11:30AM - Community Meal at BPNN
<b>20</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 8AM - Easter Sunrise Service 8:30AM - Easter Breakfast 10:15AM - Worship	<b>21</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>22</b> Eve - Scouts 7PM - BOCE	<b>23</b> 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel  <b>MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8AM -4:30PM - National Guild Auditions - Piano	<b>26</b> 9AM -5:30PM - National Guild Auditions - Piano
<b>27</b> 9AM - Adult Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship 11:30AM - Gladys Hustad's Birthday during fellowship 1PM - Piano Recital	<b>28</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>29</b> Eve - Scouts	<b>30</b> 6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel			

# APRIL NEWSLETTER 2025

## YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13 at 10:15am



## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 10th at 7pm

This service will include Holy Communion and Office of Tenebrae, chronicling Jesus's final week.

## EASTER SUNDAY

8AM - Sunrise Service

8:30AM - Easter Breakfast

10:15AM - Service of Resurrection

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