

# The Lamplighter



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## Annual Church **ELECTION**

Ballots were passed out for voting on two new members of each commitment. Ballots were collected by council to be counted. The results are as follows:

A- 4 year Council Term: Marc Jensen and Barbara Nolte.

A- 3 year Elders Term: Eric Kirchhoff and Dennis Knipmeyer

A -3 year Board of Christian Education Term: Tina Gibler and Cheryl Lettau

Congratulations to each of the member's new position, and also a Thank You to all who allowed their name to be placed on the ballot to do God's work here at Salem.

Voting on the kitchen project was counted, it was reported that 67 voted to approve the project and 10 no votes were reported. Kitchen remodeling project was approved.

**Special Days in February**

African American  
History Month

- February 4  
Souper Bowl Sunday
- February 11  
Transfiguration of Our Lord
- February 14  
Ash Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. Combined Service  
at the Presbyterian Church  
(Salem UCC, Presbyterian,  
Central Christian Church)  
Valentine's Day
- February 18  
First Sunday in Lent
- February 19  
Presidents' Day  
(Church office closed)  
Souper Supper at Salem
- February 21  
Lenten Service
- February 24  
4:00 p.m. Board of Christian  
Education Movie Night
- February 25  
Second Sunday in Lent
- February 28  
Lenten Service

**THANKS**  
from the  
**HEART**

Thank you Tommy for visiting me in the hospital. Thank you Tommy and Mark Gross for bringing Christmas homebound communion to me. Thanks to everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers. A special Thank You to Scott and Susan Jensen for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Ray Don Paul

**Women's Fellowship Circle Schedules for February**

Esther Circle – Wednesday, February 7, 10:00 a.m., at Wanda Niemeier's home, Wanda Niemeier hostess, Janice Hoefer, program.

Mary Martha Circle – Thursday, February 1, 1:30 p.m. at Shirley Wahn's home, Shirley Wahn hostess.

Ruth Circle – Wednesday, February 7, 2:00 p.m., at Fay Tilly's home, Fay Tilly hostess, Annie Fiegenbaum program.

Eve Circle – Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m., in the Salem Board Room, B.J. Salyer hostess, Sharon Hoefer program.

**ATTENTION WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BOARD:**

The date for the February Women's Fellowship Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m.

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

Tommy's email: [tlfaris@ctcis.net](mailto:tlfaris@ctcis.net)  
Tommy's cell phone: 816-352-2052  
Church Telephone: 660-584-3603  
Church Email: [salemucc@ctcis.net](mailto:salemucc@ctcis.net)  
Church Website:  
[salemucchigginsville.org](http://salemucchigginsville.org)  
Fax number: 660-584-5666

**PASTORAL VISITS OR PRAYERS**

Anyone who would like a pastoral visit or are in need of prayers, please call the church office, (660) 584-3603.

**TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE**

Transportation is available to any worship service. Please call the church office to make arrangements, (660) 584-3603.

**TRANSFER OUT**

Pat Haston has transferred her membership to First Baptist Church.

**OUR FRIENDS AND CHURCH FAMILY IN CARE FACILITIES**

Listed below are our members and friends (at the time of printing of the Lamplighter) now residing or recovering at our local and surrounding community nursing homes and care facilities. A card or visit from a church family member would be a delightful surprise!

**Meyer Care Center, 1201 W. 19th St., Higginsville, MO 64037**

Wilma Dieckhoff

Mary Kirchhoff

Glenn & Shirley Nowack

Pat Pence

Anna Marie Rinne

Robert "Cobb" Souder

Earl Struchtemeyer

Bob Tankesley

**New Haven Living Center, 609****Golf Street, Odessa, MO 64076**

Myrna Fette

**Lutheran Good Shepherd Home, 202 SW St., Concordia, MO 64020**

Winnie Knehans

Jake Stoecklin

Ann Nuelle

**Country Oak Village, 101 Cross Creek Drive, Grain Valley, MO****64029**

Viola Meinershagen

**Riverbend Heights Rehab &****Health, Lexington Nursing****Home, 1221 South Highway 13,****Lexington, MO 64067**

Mark Gieselman

**Addington Place of Lee's****Summit, 2160 SE Blue Parkway,****Lee's Summit, MO 64063**

Roberta Summers (Apt. 212)

(Roberta's mailing address is Roberta Summers, C/O Carrie Tunison, 1207 SE Brookwood St., Lee's Summit, MO 64063.)

## Say Happy Birthday in February to...

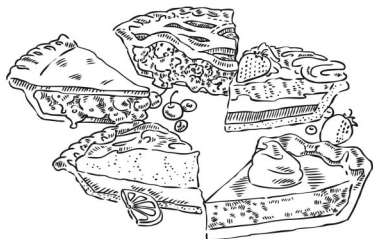
Kenneth Rinne	1	Brittnee Catron	11	Caitlin Engle	21
Bobby Joe Wilson IV	1	C. W. Hook	12	Marvin Rinne	22
Angie Berry	2	Shirley Wahn	12	Janice Hoefler	22
Justin Gash	2	Donald Gadt	13	Joyce Kays	22
Chandler Emison	2	Lily Nolte	13	Keill Borchers	22
Mattson Bergsieker	3	Kristin Jordan	14	Joyce Swanke	23
Caroline Hursman	7	Kayla Homfeld	16	Steven Homfeld	25
Annah Bagby	7	Dani Kirchhoff	16	Abby Oelrichs	25
Jordan Salyer	7	Carleen Buchanan	17	Sharon Hoefler	26
Brianna Zeller	8	Sarah Berry	17	Maxine Schloman	26
Bob Bergsieker	10	Brian Iles	18	Ron Bodenstab	27
Sandy Niemeier	10	Heather Kirchhoff	18	Jon Rechterman	27
Megan Madsen	10	Penny Salyer	19	Ben Rauch	27
Lydia Grumke	10	Karen Homfeld	19	Kirk Smith	28
Cole Oelrichs		Nick Jensen	21	Monica Lefman	29

### NEWS FROM YOUTH ON MISSION

GIVING TREE PROJECT: Youth on Mission again invites you to be a part of our giving tree project which offers our campers' talents to you for your chosen donation. We would like to offer our talents to make your life a little easier **ALL YEAR LONG**. Do you have a task that needs to be done? Our campers will complete it for you and you may make a donation to Youth on Mission with what you think is an appropriate donation. Call Delbert Goetz at 660-641-6773 and he will find a camper to do the work!

The Youth on Mission gives a big shout out to say "THANK YOU" to all of you who attended the Ham and Bean and Potato Bar that was held Sunday, January 21st immediately following the 10:30 worship service. \$400 in donations was collected to go toward the mission trip to Pennsylvania this coming summer! Also, special thanks go to Sue and Betty Rinne, and Loretta Penfield who chaired the project and helped make it go so smoothly.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our YUMMY annual Pie and Cake Auction to be held Sunday, March 11th! The auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. after a luncheon of sandwiches, etc. provided by the Youth on Mission. More details will be coming soon...



**From the Church Records**

**Financial Report:**

General Fund Balance 12/01/17	\$ 8,420
Current deposits	\$30,087
Current expenses	\$20,937
Current Fund Balance 12/31/17	\$17,570

**Building Fund:**

Current Fund Balance 12/01/17	\$14,334
Current deposits	\$ 612
Current expenses	\$ 506
Current Fund Balance 12/31/17	\$14,440

<b>O.C.W.M.</b> (Member Contributions for Dec.) \$356
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**Community News**

**JOHN KNOX VILLAGE AND MEYER CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY**

John Knox Village and Meyer Care Center have a weekly Bible Study that is led, on a rotational schedule, by the Ministerial Fellowship. Terry Cook (Methodist) will be leading during the month of February, Liz Lindsey (Presbyterian) during the month of March, Dale Felder (Ministerial Fellowship Chairperson) during the month of April. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

**HARVESTERS SCHEDULE**

First Assembly of God Church of Higginsville hosts a Harvesters Community Food Network distribution of food on the third Thursday of every month. The work day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends approximately at Noon. After the food is distributed, volunteers are asked to stay and help clean up the area. Anyone willing to help is asked to call 660-584-3372, (First Presbyterian Church), and leave your name, phone number, and mailing address. Wear comfortable clothes.

**TA TRUCK STOP-CONCORDIA**

**COUNTRY PRIDE:**

Travel Centers of America-Concordia, MO-Country Pride Restaurant is now starting a Church Program! We are offering 10% of your ticket price to be donated back to your local church. All you have to do is come in to dine with us, eat, and inform your server that you would like to participate in the program, give your church's name, your name, and we will take care of the rest! Come see and enjoy our new buffets and get one of our Buffet Punch Cards –buy 5, get 1 free!

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION:**

The Lafayette UCC Cluster is sponsoring this celebration for Black History Month, 3:00 p.m., Sunday, February 11, at Zion UCC, Mayview. Dr. Vernon Percy Howard, Jr., Pastor of St. Mark Union Church in Kansas City, will be preaching. Dinner will follow worship and all are invited to stay. Side dishes and desserts would be much appreciated. A combined choir will sing and all are invited to join, they will sing the anthem "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and will rehearse at 1:00 p.m. on that day.

8:30 a.m.	December Attendance	10:30 a.m.
34	12-3-17	104
21	12-10-17	165
35	12-17-17	125
28	12-24-17	78
15	12-31-17	67
27	Average Total Average 135	108
	Christmas Eve 280	

**FEBRUARY SOUPER SUPPER SCHEDULE**

- February 18th (Sunday) First Presbyterian
- February 19th (Monday) Salem UCC/Immanuel Lutheran Church partnering
- February 20th (Tuesday) First Baptist Church
- February 21st (Wednesday) St. Mary's Catholic Church/ New Beginnings partnering
- February 22nd (Thursday) Grace United Methodist Church

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**December 14, 2017 – 7:30 pm**

The regular meeting of the Salem Church Council was held Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Board Room. The members present were Keri Borchers, Pastor Tommy, Felicia Leonard, Janice Hoefer, Delbert Goetz, David Starke, Kevin Berry, Ronnie Bogsicker, and Peggy Pragman.

President Keri Borchers called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with devotion from Luke, chapter 1 and prayer. Minutes were read, corrected, and approved. Keri gave the treasurer's report with balances of \$8,420 in General Fund and \$14,334 in Building and Grounds Fund. The Pastor's mileage of 500 miles for \$267.50 was presented for payment. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion to pay mileage also made, seconded, and approved. We had received invoice from bank for payment of \$352.75 for property tax on copy machine we are leasing. Keri will check into this. Also our checking account level was changed from silver to platinum to off-set deposit fees.

The Pastor mentioned in his report a big Thank you to Sarah Berry, Angie Green, and June Howell for their hard work in constructing Salem's float for the Christmas Parade.

Thanks also to the children and youth who rode on the float and Mark Berry for pulling it. This was the first time in many years that we have had a float and YES we won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The fall congregational meeting to vote on the 2018 budget had to be rescheduled due to lack of a quorum. Pastor reported a good deal of consternation over this matter, but we should not give it more emphasis than it is due. Many have mentioned

this had never happen before, but Pastor had been told by an older member, that he remembered the Council making phone calls to get enough people to an evening meeting to vote on the budget. Counting both services on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, we had more than enough members present to meet the quorum. Many had to leave for family obligations, that being the week-end before Thanksgiving. Several members had to leave or chose to do so after the 10:30 service. It is something that happened and we will have to do some thinking about alternative ways to conduct the meeting but this is not a huge crisis. We will have the meeting December 17, after the 10:30 service and we will move on. Memorial Sunday, Nov. 26, with a moving and meaning experience at both services, and were blessed to have only six people to remember, which was a small number than the past several years. Out-of-town members had their visits for homebound communion on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> and in-town members will be visited on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School Christmas presentation which was last Sunday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> was a success. Thank You June, for all the hard work and to the many children, youth, and adults that made it possible. We will have our Christmas Eve service coming up communion at 7, p.m., and as far as Tommy knows the regular services on Christmas Eve morning. Crystal and Tommy will be taking vacation at the end of Jan. He will be away on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of Jan., and he will find someone to preach on that Sunday.

Correspondence: Thank You read from the Higginsville Ministerial Fellowship of \$558.50 (Thank offering of 2017). Also a Thank You from Steppingstone Auxiliary of \$275. Steppingstone request for donation, and request for funds from Senior Center, tabled until Jan. Refund from Work Comp Ins. after audit, \$732.

Christian Ed: Delbert no meeting. Building and Grounds: David: Reported house numbers on parsonage taken care by Delbert. Padlocks are working. David has contacted several companies and contractors and is hoping to have estimates back to prepare an estimate for the Kitchen remodeling project. He plans to present it to the congregation for voting at the January's Congregational meeting. Cemetery: Kevin no meeting. Memorial: Peggy reported no meeting. Stewardship: Ronnie reported distributing blankets to those receiving home bound communion, and circles gave gifts. Evangelism: Felicia reported no meeting, but Super Suppers to begin in Jan. Worship: Janice reported no meeting. Ushers: Kevin reported Jan. and Feb. complete, working on March and April.

Anniversary Committee: Peggy reported things moving along with Anniversary Committee. The Calendar year of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will begin Sept. 2019 through Aug. 2020. Activities have been planned for every month prior to Anniversary Month. After receiving a suggestion from feedback from the church, which we were glad to receive, our theme will be "Remembering our Past, Serving our Present, and Celebrating our Future". The Scripture to go with our theme is going to be: Psalms 100.5- For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Unfinished Business: No U.S. Bank Credit cards have been issued at present time. Annual reports are due in the church office by Jan. 5, 2018.

(December 2017 Council Minutes continued from page 5)

New Business: Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center W.I.C. payment of \$900, Council voted to go to General Fund. Continued discussion on the possibility of creating On-line giving, pastor will check into more info. Discussion was held on the change in voting practices. No decision was made at the present. Council voted on Christmas Eve offering be divided half and half between Heat & Hunger and UCC Christmas Fund. Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Jan. 28, 2018, after 10:30 service and lunch, and Nominating Committee meeting deadline is Jan. 5, 2018.

Announcements:

Christmas Eve Candlelight/  
Communion Service 7:00p.m.

Next Council meeting Date:  
January 18, 2018 7:30p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by saying the "Lord's Prayer".

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Pragman,

Council Secretary

Council Held Closed Session

### Ash Wednesday prayer

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

—*Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

## NEWS FROM BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Vacation Bible School

VBS will be much earlier this year! We are so excited to try this earlier date!

We are working on the theme for this year. The two pictures below are what we are trying to decide on.

**VBS will be held June 3rd-6th 6:00pm to 8:00pm.**

**Mark your calendars! Please come and join us!**

We are in need of volunteers!! If anyone is interested in helping, please let us know! Each volunteer will get a free VBS t-shirt and have the opportunity to spend time with some great youth from our church and community!

You can call the church office (660) 584-3603

or contact June by call or

text (660) 441-8568



**Movie Night!**  
**February 24th @ 4pm**



Board of Christian Education will be hosting another movie night. This time it will be in the Fellowship Hall. Activities will start at 4pm followed by a Kid friendly/family fun movie! Please bring your lawn chairs or something comfortable to sit on. Please come and Join us!

We can't wait to see you all!

### Children's Sunday

We are planning another Children's Sunday for **March 18th during the 10:30am service.** We asked the kids what kind of service they wanted to have. The answer was very funny and I like the idea! They want to have a Pajama Service. So March 18th is a come as you are service. You can wear pajama's, or casual clothes, or work clothes. Whatever you feel like doing!

The kids will absolutely love to see you all in Pajama's or whatever you choose to wear!



# Souper Bowl Sunday



Sunday, February 4, is the Super Bowl. The High School Sunday School class is also making it "Souper Bowl" Sunday. They will collect monetary donations following both of the services that Sunday to go toward the Food Pantry.

## WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Virginia Marth. Virginia passed away Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Her visitation was held Monday, January 1, 5-7:00 p.m. at Kaiser-Wiegers Funeral Home and her funeral was held Tuesday, January 2, 10:30 am., at Kaiser-Wiegers Funeral Home.

Also

The family of Mary Louise Fisher. Mary Louise passed away Friday, December 29, 2017. Her visitation and funeral were held Wednesday, January 3, here at Salem.

Also

Tish and Jim Stoner and family. Tish's father, James William "Jim" McClain, passed away Sunday, January 7, 2018. He resided in Breckenridge, Missouri. His funeral service was held at Highview Baptist Church in Chillicothe, Missouri, on Thursday, January 11.

### 10 biblical ways to love

1. Listen without interrupting. "To answer before listening — that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13).
2. Speak without accusing. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).
3. Give without selfishness. "The righteous give without sparing" (Proverbs 21:26).
4. Pray without ceasing. "We have not stopped praying for you" (Colossians 1:9).
5. Answer without arguing. "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife" (Proverbs 17:1).
6. Share without pretending. "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of ... Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).
7. Enjoy without complaining. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing" (Philippians 2:14).
8. Trust without wavering. "[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:7).
9. Forgive without punishing. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).
10. Promise without forgetting. "A longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).

—From various websites; all Scriptures NIV

← **BE STRONG** ⇨  
*and*  
 ⇨ **COURAGEOUS.** →

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,  
*for the Lord your God*  
**will be with you wherever**  
*you go*

*Joshua 1:9*



**Salem's Veteran Honor Role**

3 years ago we didn't have any information about members of Salem who served in our Nation's Armed Forces. Today we have accumulated data on nearly 100 veterans who we individually recognized in a slide presentation during church services on Veteran's Sunday. That said... our mission has not ended.

Below is a listing of another **76** members known to be veterans. We have their names, but don't have their branch of service; years of service; rank/rate; duty stations/wars; where buried (if deceased); or a photo in uniform.

If you know anyone who can help us capture information about these veterans, please have them contact Stanton Thompson (816-225-9515; [jsthomps@ctcis.net](mailto:jsthomps@ctcis.net)) or Dennis Knipmeyer (660-641-0346; [djknip@ctcis.net](mailto:djknip@ctcis.net)).

Albers, Red	Knehans, Marvin	Schaefer, Paul
Alberswerth, Carl H.	Knehans, Maurice	Schierioh, John
Bergsieker, Lois	Koenig, William E.	Schindler, Oliver
Boedeker, Delmar	Lefman, Ray	Schlomann, Harold A.
Boedeker, Ernest	Lefman, Rudy	Schneider, Herman H.
Boedeker, Oscar O.	Lineback, Edward	Schoppenhorst, Clarence
Brackman, Joseph	Meinershagen, Clarence	Schroeer, Martin
Buist, Burk	Meinershagen, Lawrence *	Smith, Walter
Ehlebracht, Frank	Meinershagen, Leroy	Starke Henry
Engelbrecht, Marvin	Mensenkamp, Raymond	Stockman, Elmer
Fasse, William H.	Morstain, Wilbur H.	Stockman, Rov
Fisher, Gene	Niemeier, Herman	Stoecklin, Melvin
Fox, Eldred	Niemeyer, Edward	Struchtemeyer, Keith
Freese, Siegmund	Oberhelman, Otto	Stuerke, Marvin
Freund, Richard	Opfer, Albert	Tagtmeyer, Gilbert
Frevert, William H.	Opfer, Delmar *	Tempel, Roy A.
Fuffner, Calvin	Opfer, Ferdinand	Vahrenberg, Edwin
Gladish, Gilbert	Pevestorff, Charles	Vahrenberg, Louis
Halford, Orville	Rabshal, John	Voss, Leonard A.
Hauck, Theophil C. *	Redeker, Burnett	Wegner, Charles E.
Held, Henry R.	Rehsmeyer, Herman	Wehmhoener, Emil
Heldt, Harold	Ridder, William A.	Werning, Elmer
Hilgedick, Norman	Ruffner, Calvin	Woltemath, Garret
Hillebrenner, Emil	Schaefer, Emmett	
Huscher Edward	Schaefer, Gilbert	

\* Information incomplete



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**Early Worship**

8:30 a.m.

**Sunday School**

9:15 a.m.

**Worship**

10:30 a.m.

**Rev. Dr. Tommy Faris**

Pastor

**Sarah J. Berry**

Secretary

**Doris Jane Stoner**

Organist

**Jamie Smith**

Music Director

**Anne Iles**

Youth Music Director

**Lowell Grumke**

Custodian

**Keri Borchers, President**

Church Council

**Mark Gross, President**

Board of Elders

**Judi Knipmeyer, President**

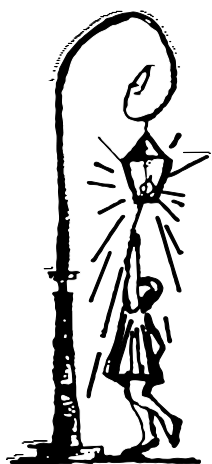
Board of Christian Education

**June Howell**

Christian Education Coordinator

**Lindsey Rolf, Volunteer**

Assistant Church Secretary



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