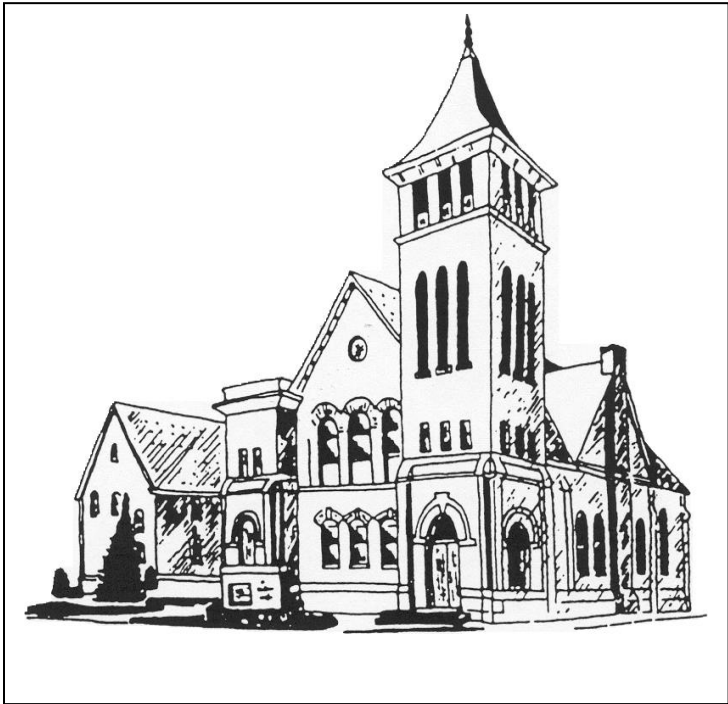


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1500 North Main

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**We are a gathering church sent out
by God to bring the good news of
God's grace, justice, peace, and
love to the world**

July 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE GATHERING

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME: No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. Jesus urged his disciples, "Come away...and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). He calls us also to leave our busyness for a time of Sabbath. Welcome to worship and rest.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Piano Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Bradbury/ arr. Kohlmann

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord has restored our fortunes.

People: Come, all thankful people, come; let us rejoice and be glad!

Leader: The Lord has brought us near, a people once far off.

People: Come, all thankful people, come; let us rejoice and be glad!

Leader: The Lord has reconciled us in one body through the cross.

People: Come, all thankful people, come; let us rejoice and be glad!

All: Now we all have access to God in one spirit; let us rejoice and be glad!

*** HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 43

*** INVOCATION (Unison)**

Still our spirits, O God, as we gather in this sacred space to join in worship. May the quietness of your presence bring us back to the center of life, so that we may be ready to receive your word and your mission, and leave with the refreshing of your Spirit to be your ministers and missionaries in the wider world. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE
WORD**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Vocal Solo

Kris Hook Gray

“Your Grace Still Amazes Me”

Daigle

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

June

JOYS AND CONCERNS Preparation for prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER

(“debts” and “debtors” words in hymn No. 426)

MORNING OFFERING

*Doxology

No. 625

*Dedication Prayer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle’s Creed

(Printed inside back cover of Hymnal)

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2.11-22 (N.T. p. 181)

SERMON

“One New Humanity”

Tommy

THE SENDING

***HYMN** “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” No. 284

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“The Solid Rock”

Bradbury

Offering plates are at the exits from the sanctuary.

The Worship Service is over and our Service begins.

**Indicates please stand if you are able to do so*

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Dr. Tommy L. Faris – Pastor

Stanton Thompson – Liturgist

June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator

Jamie Smith – Music Director

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Wanda Niemeier, had knee surgery on Tuesday, July 13. Prayers for her recovery.

Clayton Lettau, we continue to say prayers of thankfulness as there is no new growth.

Brenda Homfeld, please keep her in prayer as she will need a complete liver transplant.

Prayers, for anyone with a health issue, anyone grieving, and anyone that has a heavy burden on their heart, mind, and soul.

Prayers, for our world and nation.

Best Wishes for July Birthdays this week...

Barbara Siegfried, July 19

Sharon Telgemeier, July 19

Rita Jean Vahrenberg, July 19

Camille Meyer, July 19

Richard Niemeier, July 21

Rhonda Boedeker, July 22

Nathan White, July 22

Tillie Erdman, July 24

Rhonda Grumke, July 24

Jeanne Fleischmann, July 24

Alice Kennedy, July 24

Ginny Baggs, July 24

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
YOUTH ON MISSION

There will be a meeting in the Fellowship Hall after the 10 a.m. worship today to discuss the future of Youth On Mission. We ask that any adults interested in assisting or leading Youth On Mission please come to this meeting.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE FOR
DORIS JANE STONER:

A Celebration of Life Service for Doris Jane Stoner will be held at Salem United Church of Christ on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. Doris Jane will be honored posthumously as Organist Emerita at this service.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEW THEATRE TRIP:

We will be seeing "Menopause The Musical" The price is \$31.35 per person. Please call the church office at 660-584-3603 to sign-up. and payment is due by July 30, 2021, please make checks to Women's Fellowship.

LAMPLIGHTER: Articles for the August Lamplighter are due in the church office by Friday, July 23. Thank you.

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!!

Vacation Bible School will be held August 1st-4th 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in helping, please let us know! Each volunteer will get a free VBS t-shirt, supper for Volunteers will be provided every night between 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m., and Volunteers will have the opportunity to spend time with some great youth from our church and community! Contact June at 660-584-3603 or June's cellphone 660-441-8568. Signup sheets for participants will be available soon!

VBS COOKIES:

On the last night of VBS, cookies are served to the parents, kids and volunteers of VBS. If anyone would like to donate baked cookies, please have them dropped off to the church office by August 4th.

FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS:

For the fifth year, the Board of Elders is asking you to consider generously supporting our “Water Mission”. Last year \$1,965.00 was donated. What a blessing, and speaks to our church’s willingness to share with those less fortunate. This amount was enough to provide the materials and construction of one water cistern. Our goal is to top that amount in 2021. In many parts of the world, clean safe drinking water is a luxury. Whether due to drought, pollution, or destroyed infrastructure, the search for water is a chore that often removes children from classrooms and parents from their work. When water flows freely, residents are healthier and communities are stronger. In partnership with Global Ministries, Salem’s congregation can help provide clean, safe drinking water with systems that utilize local talent and equipment so that the water solutions can be sustainably maintained. In early August the board will forward to Global Ministries our contribution, so July is the month we are asking you to consider a donation. Please make your checks payable to “Salem UCC” with a notation in the lower left corner of your check “Water Mission”. Thank you for your continued support,
The Board of Elders

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Memorial Committee is asking for volunteers to water the flower pots at the front doors of the church. If you are interested please call Mary Homfeld, 584-3060.

FACE MASKS:

Anyone who would like to wear a face mask is welcome to do so.

OPTIONS FOR THE CHURCH BULLETIN:

You have a couple options for the church bulletin. Paper copies of the bulletin are available or you can view the church bulletin on the church website. Please feel free to use your phone or tablet during worship to view the bulletin.

Salem website: salemucchigginsville.org/home/church-news/

COMMUNITY NEWS:

JOHN KNOX VILLAGE AND MEYER CARE CENTER

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study has been cancelled until further notice.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

Anyone who is in need of prayers, please call the church office, (660) 584-3603.

UP COMING DATES:

August 1-4 – Vacation Bible School

CHURCH INFORMATION:

Tommy's email: tlfaris@ctcis.net

Tommy's cell phone: 816-352-2052

Church Telephone: 660-584-3603

Church Email: salemucc@ctcis.net

Church Website: salemucchigginsville.org

Wi-Fi Network Name: Salem UCC

Wi-Fi Password: Resurrection!1870

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

July 18, thru July 25, 2021

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Zoom Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship with Sunday School and
Live-Stream Worship on Facebook
Youth on Mission Meeting Following Worship

Monday - No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday - Food Pantry

Wednesday – 10:30 a.m. Lafayette Area Pastors Meeting
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Thursday - No Activities Scheduled

Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
August Lamplighter Articles Due

Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
11:30 a.m. Stoner Family Lunch
1:00 p.m. Visitation for Doris Jane Stoner
2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for
Doris Jane Stoner

Sunday- 9:00 a.m. Zoom Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship with Sunday School and
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