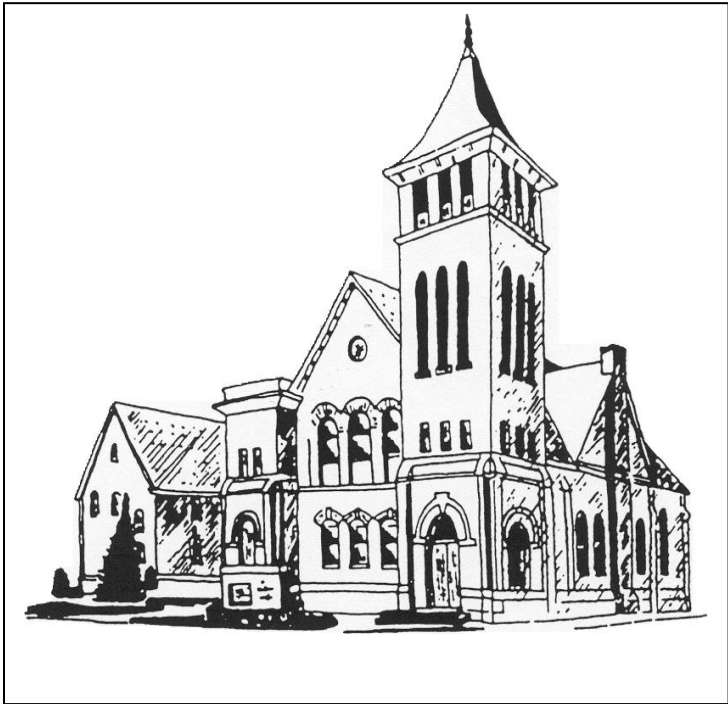


# **SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**1500 North Main**

**Higginsville, Missouri**

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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**

September 12, 2021

10:00 a.m.

## SIXTEENTH 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. "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. ... The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart" (Psalm 19:7-8, NIV). Welcome to worship, where the Word of God refreshes us.

#### NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

### ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

##### Organ Prelude

"Blessed Assurance" with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"  
Bach/ Crosby/ arr. Leatherman

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God,

**People: We celebrate God's abundant and powerful love.**

Leader: Day by day, and night by night,

**People: God watches over us, loving and healing us.**

Leader: Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

**People: Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways.**

#### \* HYMN

"Sing, All Creation"

(Copies of this hymn are in the Hymnal/Bible Racks in the pews)

#### \* INVOCATION (Unison)

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us

understand more fully what it means truly to be disciples, followers of the way of Jesus, followers of the path of God's wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE  
WORD**

**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)*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

James 3.1-12 (N.T. p. 216)

**SERMON**

"Blessing and Cursing"

Tommy

**THE SENDING**

**\*HYMN**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

No. 231

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"To God Be the Glory"

Crosby/Doane

**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*

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Leading Worship Today:  
Rev. Dr. Tommy L. Faris – Pastor  
Delbert Goetz – Liturgist  
June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator  
Jamie Smith – Music Director  
Acolyte

**PASTOR ON VACATION:** Tommy will be out of the office September 14, through September 25. If anyone needs pastoral care during this time, please call the church office, 660-584-3603.

**PULPIT SUPPLY:** Rev. Andy Mockridge will be our guest Pastor on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

(The Church Secretary is on vacation, so all announcements were current when the bulletin was printed on September 8, updates will be announced by the liturgist)

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

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 September Birthdays this week...**

Maddie Fiene, September 13  
Jacob Vincent, September 14  
Tiger Fiene, September 15  
Brandon Struchtemeyer, September 15  
Traci Cameron, September 15  
Andy Mockridge, September 17  
Marilyn Davenport, September 17  
Scott Homfeld, September 17  
Tina Gibler, September 17  
Layden Kirchhoff, September 18

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:**

Diane Meinershagen and family. Diane's Aunt Delores Dodson passed away Tuesday, September 7. Her funeral was held Friday, September 10, 2021, at Grace United Methodist Church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Are placed in loving memory of Deloras Hook by C.W. Hook and family.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Josh and Andrea Robinson are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Gabriel David Robinson. He was born on August 30, 2021 in Nashville, TN, and joins his big sister, Eliana Hope. Gabriel's grandparents are David and Denise Robinson and great-grandparents are the late James H. and Doris Jane Stoner.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**YOUTH ON MISSION MEETING CHANGE:**

Youth and adults planning to participate in our summer 2022 YOM trip, meet Vicki and Aaron Knipmeyer in the fellowship hall immediately following this week's 10:00am church service (September 12). We will be collecting signed contracts and deposits for the trip at this time. Please note this is a change from the church calendar- we will NOT be meeting at 1pm today.

**YOUTH CHOIR, LITTLE NOTES & CHIME BELL PRACTICES WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:**

8:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice (Tentative)

8:50 a.m. Little Notes & Chime Bell Choir Practice (Tentative)

**BEST CHOICE LABELS:** Please drop your Best Choice labels by the church office. We are collecting them for Festival of Sharing.

**MASK UPDATE FROM**

**THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

When Board of Christian Education decided to start in person Sunday school last winter, we made a promise to protect our kids and to follow the COVID protocol set by the Higginsville public school. The BCE has decided to continue to follow the protocol. Therefore, in order to keep our kids safe, all kids and adults helping with Sunday School will be required to wear a mask during the Sunday School time and during the Children's message.

**LAMPLIGHTER:** Articles for the October Lamplighter are due in the church office by Tuesday, September 21. Thank you.

**FACE MASKS:**

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

**HANDBELL CHOIR:**

The Hand Bell Choir will start rehearsals on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. They will play during our worship service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of October, December, February, and April. Come and make a joyful noise with our Choirs!

See you soon!

Jamie Smith, Director

**Tentative Youth Choir, Little Notes, and Chime Bell Choir  
Fall Schedules**

This schedule could change to adjust to any new or updated Covid protocols. The Youth Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 19 and will sing during our worship service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. Little Notes and Chime Bell Choir will also begin rehearsals this same day. They will play and sing during our worship service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Times for rehearsals are published in this bulletin along with the church worship schedule. Come join the music fun! See you there!

Ann Iles, Director

Jamie Smith, Pianist

**FESTIVAL OF SHARING 2021:**

This year the Board of Elders have chosen two projects members of Salem can contribute to for Festival of Sharing, they are “Missouri Paper Product Pack and Missouri Personal Hygiene Pack.” Please consider donating any of the many items involved with these packets or a monetary donation is also accepted. An article with all the items listed is in the September Lamplighter and an envelope will also be enclosed in the September Lamplighter. Extra envelopes are in the back of the sanctuary and outside the church office.

**CROP WALK 2021:** This year the Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 3, 3:00 p.m. at Confederate Park. Please see the article in the September Lamplighter.

**CHURCH COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:**

Because of the rise in Covid cases, if you are not feeling well, please stay home and watch our service on Facebook live.

**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/](http://salemucchigginsville.org/home/church-news/)

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:**

A family fun night is being sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. It will be Saturday, September 25, at Salem from 4-7:00 p.m. There will be a food truck and games. This event is weather permitting.

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**JKV AND MEYER CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY:**

The Bible Study is led, on a rotational schedule, by the Ministerial Fellowship. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:**

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

**UP COMING DATES:**

September 22 – First Day of Autumn

September 26 – Festival of Sharing Offering dedicated

October 3 – World Communion Sunday

Crop Walk at Confederate Park

October 10 – NIN Offering dedicated

**CHURCH INFORMATION:**

Tommy's email: [tlfaris@ctcis.net](mailto:tlfaris@ctcis.net)

Tommy's cell phone: 816-352-2052

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Wi-Fi Network Name: Salem UCC

Wi-Fi Password: Resurrection!1870

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM**  
September 12, thru September 19, 2021

- Sunday** - Rally Day Sunday  
8:00 a.m. Early Worship  
8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Live-Stream Worship on Facebook  
11:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Confirmation  
YOM Meeting following the 10:00 a.m. Service
- Monday** - 10:00 a.m. Tommy and Elders serving communion at JKV and Meyer
- Tuesday** - Food Pantry  
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting
- Wednesday** – 10:30 a.m. Lafayette Area Pastors Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday** - W.I.C. All Day  
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- Friday** - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday** - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday**- 8:00 a.m. Early Worship  
8:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
8:50 a.m. Little Notes and Chime Bell Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Live-Stream Worship on Facebook