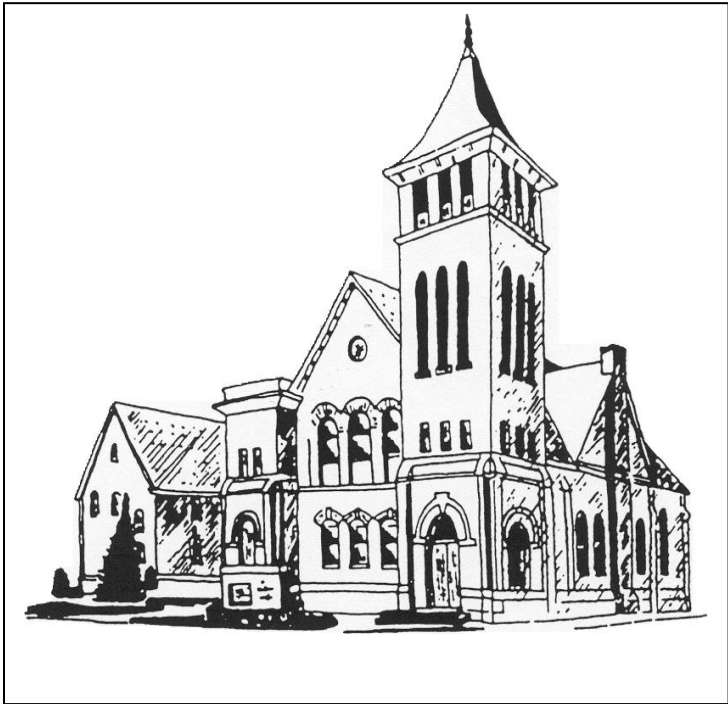


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**

October 10, 2021

10:00 a.m.

TWENTIETH 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. "Seek the Lord and live," declares the prophet Amos (5:6). So we gather now to hear from God and to be nourished with abundant life. Welcome!

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: Lord, teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

People: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Leader: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

*** HYMN** "How Great Thou Art" No. 4

*** INVOCATION (Unison)**

Open our hearts and our spirits to hear your healing words of peace and love, O God. Help us be the people of service and justice that you have created us and called us to be. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Give us hearts of joy and justice, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

**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 AND DEDICATION OF
NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING**

*Doxology

No. 625

*Dedication Prayer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle’s Creed
(Printed inside back cover of Hymnal)

CHANCEL CHOIR “Just a Little Talk With Jesus” Derricks

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING Amos 5.6-15 (O.T. p. 804)

SERMON “Seek the Lord” Tommy

THE SENDING

***HYMN** “Seek Ye First” No. 42 (sing twice)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Leaning On the Everlasting Arms” Showalter

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
Peggy Pragman – Liturgist
June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator
Jamie Smith – Music Director
Acolyte

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Wanda Niemeier, prayers as Wanda recovers from emergency gall bladder surgery.

Danny Long, had surgery on Tuesday, October 5. Prayers as he recovers.

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.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Rick and Brenda Goring and family. Rick's father, Nathan Goring, passed away, Friday, October 1. His visitation and funeral were held Wednesday, October 6.

Best Wishes for October Birthdays this week...

Angie Green, October 10
Crystal Schloman, October 10
Hanni Herriott, October 10
Logan Tracy, October 11
Gail Kirchhoff, October 11
Brenda Homfeld, October 11
Joey Hoflander, October 11
Briana Conner, October 12
Kenneth Schemmer, October 13
Cole Harris, October 13
Owen Wood, October 13
Wyatt Wilkinson, October 14
Billy Mackie, October 16

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEIGHBORS IN NEED:

NIN is a special mission offering that will be dedicated today.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Kenneth Schemmer turns 90 on October 13th! Let's celebrate this milestone with a card shower! Kenneth's address is Meyer Care Center, 1201 W. 19th St., Room 317, Higginsville, MO 64037.

SALEM UCC WIENER ROAST AND HAYRIDE!

Will be Sunday, October 17. Wiener Roast begins at 6:00 p.m., Hayride at 7:00 p.m. The festivities will be held at the Oelrichs's home: 12138 Salem Cemetery Road. Please bring a side dish and lawn chairs. Hot dogs, buns, drinks and table service will be provided.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY:

October 17th during the 10:00 a.m. service. The youth are leading the service! The theme is God Takes Care Of Us. Bring your change for the noisy offering! The noisy offering this year will be going to the Angel Tree for the purchase of gifts. There will be cans in the back of the sanctuary for you to put your change as you come in. We hope to see you there!

AGING SEMINAR:

A seminar on Aging: Growing Stronger in Faith and Wisdom will be held Saturday, October 30, from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Salem. Lunch is \$10, and is a fund raiser for Fields of Dreams Uganda. To register call the church office or email salemucc@ctcis.net. Please RSVP by October 23. This event is sponsored by the Western Association, Lafayette Cluster, and Salem UCC.

YOUTH GROUP:

Friday, November 5th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All school ages welcome. Drop off no earlier than 7:45 a.m. and must be picked up by 12:30 p.m. unless prior arrangements are made. Games, crafts, activities, and snacks! Please register with June by October 29th to ensure there is enough materials for each child as well as enough volunteers.

MOVIE NIGHT:

Board of Christian Education is hosting a Movie Night in the Parking Lot on Saturday, November 6! There will be a food truck at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will start at 6:30 p.m.! It's a movie for the whole family. It's funny and it's all about Thanksgiving!

LAMPLIGHTER: Articles for the November Lamplighter are due in the church office by Friday, October 22. Thank you.

Calling all Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers!

The Missouri Mid-South Conference is hosting a Hybrid Youth Event. Sunday November 21st, in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m. We will start off having lunch together. Then we will join the rest of the conference via Zoom 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will play games such as scavenger hunting, and minute to win it games. You are more than welcome to bring a friend. Please let June know by November 17th to ensure we have enough supplies and food for the participants.

MASK UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN

EDUCATION: The BCE has decided to continue to follow the Higginsville public school COVID 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.

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. Please take care of others by taking care of yourself.

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/

FACE MASKS:

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

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Fundraiser at Lafayette County Enterprises:

On Thursday, October 21st from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lafayette County Enterprises on 19th St, a spaghetti dinner will be served curbside. Cost is a freewill donation for the dinner. It will be served from the garage area the faces 19th.

DRUG TAKE BACK: On Saturday, October 23, 2021, Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 2 of Lafayette, Johnson & Saline Counties and the Higginville Police Department will be collecting expired/unwanted prescription and over the counter medications. You can drop medications off at **1801 Walnut Street in Higginville between 10 am and 2 pm.** If you have questions, call the water district office at 660-584-2344.

JKV 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. Greg Fine (Baptist) will be leading during the month of October. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

UP COMING DATES:

October 17 – Church Weiner Roast and Hayride

October 30 – Aging Seminar

November 6 – Movie Night at Salem

November 7 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

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

CHURCH INFORMATION:

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Wi-Fi Network Name: Salem UCC

Wi-Fi Password: Resurrection!1870

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

October 10, thru October 17, 2021

- Sunday - Neighbors In Need Offering Dedicated
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
11:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Confirmation
- Monday - No Activities Scheduled
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting
- Wednesday – 10:30 a.m. Lafayette Area Pastors Meeting
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday - 6:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
7:00 p.m. Tiger Den
7:00 p.m. Wolf Pack
- Friday - 5:00 p.m. Lion's Den
7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
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6:00 p.m. Weiner Roast and Hayride at Oelrichs Farm