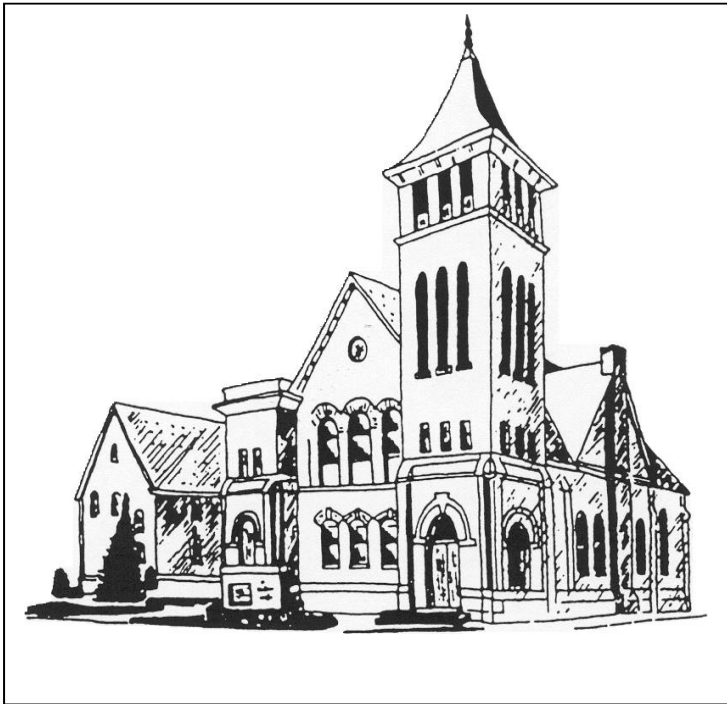


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Welcome to Salem United Church of Christ! No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here in the United Church of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

*** RESPONSIVE READING** Scripture Psalm 36.5-10

Reader 1: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Reader 2: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Reader 1: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Reader 2: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Reader 1: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Reader 2: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall

come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE HYMN

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 12.1-11

SERMON "For the Common Good" Tommy

BENEDICTION

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

**Please stand if you are able to do so.*

Worship is over and our Service begins.

Leading Worship Today:
Rev. Dr. Tommy L. Faris – Pastor

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Arlene Long, has been hospitalized at Centerpoint Medical Center with pneumonia, fluid around the heart and lungs, and has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. The hospital was planning on releasing her to go home on Friday, January 14.

Margaret Soendker, is hospitalized at Warrensburg hospital with pneumonia.

Ann Iles, prayers as Ann continues to regain strength.

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

Brenda Homfeld, Brenda’s health has improved but she will still need a liver transplant. Continued prayer is appreciated.

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 Birthdays this week...

Becky Bergsieker, January 16
Danielle Bergsieker, January 16
Kearston Lettau, January 17
Denise Kirchhoff, January 18
Jim Stoner, January 18
Danny Long, January 19
Teri Salyer, January 20
Joyce Gross, January 22

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

BALLOTS AND LETTER:

The Annual Congregational Meeting this year will not be held as usual due to COVID concerns. You will be receiving a manila envelope in the mail this coming week. It will contain a ballot for each family member eligible to vote, a letter explaining this procedure, the Annual Report, and an envelope to mail or return your ballots as we did when voting on the budget.

BINGO/TACO NIGHT:

The Board of Christian Education will be hosting a Bingo/Taco night on Friday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REQUEST:

The Evangelism committee is asking for donations for the upcoming souper supper. Donation request: 7-1 gallon cans of green beans; 8-1 gallon cans of fruit cocktail. If you are bringing a canned good donation for the souper supper, please have it to church by January 19. Please place your donation on the counter in the kitchen. There will be a sign to designate the location for the donation. Monetary donations are always welcome for souper supper supplies. Thanks for your continued support.

The Evangelism Committee

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:

If the church council makes the decision to close church because of inclement weather, these are the stations that will have the cancellation notices: KMBC 9, KCWE 29, Fox 4, KCTV 5, 41 Action News, KMMO, KMZU. To be added to the church closing text list, call June or send June a text letting her know you want to be added. Her number is 660-441-8568.

Thank you to June Howell for coordinating this!

2022 ENVELOPES:

Are available by the church office.

MASK UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

In keeping with the Lafayette County C-1 School decision on Covid response, masks are recommended but not required.

CHURCH COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:

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.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

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

COMMUNITY NEWS:

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY SERVICE:

There will be a Martin Luther King Jr. community service today in the Lafayette County C-1 High School East Gym at 11:00 a.m. This service is organized by the Higginsville Ministerial Fellowship.

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. Father Tom Hawkins (Catholic) will be leading during the month of January. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

JANUARY SCHEDULE FOR SOUPER SUPPERS:

(All suppers are 5:30–6:30 p.m.)

Sunday, January 23 First Presbyterian Church: Phone: 660-584-3372

Monday, January 24 Salem UCC: Phone: 660-584-3603

(Immanuel Lutheran Church partnering)

Menu at Salem: Turkey Tetrazzini, green beans, fruit cocktail,
French bread, and dessert.

Tuesday, January 25 First Baptist: Phone: 660-584-7165

Wednesday, January 26 St. Mary's Catholic Church:

Phone: 660-584-3038

Thursday, January 27 Grace United Methodist Church:

Phone: 660-584-2211

UP COMING DATES:

January 17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Church Office Closed)

January 21 – Bingo/Taco Night at Salem

January 24 – Souper Supper at Salem

CHURCH INFORMATION:

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Tommy's cell phone: 816-352-2052

Church Telephone: 660-584-3603

Church Email: salemucc@ctcis.net

Church Website: salemucchigginsville.org

Fax number: 660-584-5666

Wi-Fi Network Name: Salem UCC

Wi-Fi Password: Resurrection!1870

Celebrating the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

A white Southern preacher, Dr. Thomas Lane Butts, gave a talk in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to Christians who had gathered to honor and celebrate the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Butts had been one of the courageous white pastors in Montgomery, Alabama, who strove to end segregation and other injustices, and he paid a price for his stand. An eight-foot cross was burned on his lawn. Many church members called for his removal, which eventually happened. Dr. Butts, who knew Dr. King personally, had this to say in his speech in Pine Bluff:

“My friends, we are here today to honor and celebrate the life and ministry of a man who touched the life of this nation more than he ever dreamed: the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“When he was but a young man the leadership of the civil rights movement was thrust upon his shoulders. He never sought it, but he accepted it with prayerful humility. He rose to meet the challenge.

“His philosophy of love and nonviolence never varied. There was in him no bitterness or resentment, though he had ample provocation for both. The forces of hate and evil never provoked him to use tools from the devil’s workshop to accomplish the mission to which he had been called. He began his ministry in the spirit of Christ and Gandhi, and to his dying day this was his guiding light.

“Meeting Dr. King reinforced my resolve to be actively involved in the civil rights movement. I celebrate his life, and thank God for him.”

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

January 16, thru January 23, 2022

- 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. Brief Worship and Live-Stream Worship on Facebook
- Monday - Church Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 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
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday - W.I.C. All Day
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- Friday - 6:00 p.m. Bingo/Taco Night
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
11:15 a.m. Confirmation