

# **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**

May 8, 2022

8:00 a.m.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MOTHER'S DAY**

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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 23

Reader 1: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Reader 2: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures; the  
                  Lord leads me beside still waters;

Reader 1: The Lord restores my soul. The Lord leads me in  
                  right paths for the Lord's name's sake.

Reader 2: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I  
                  fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your  
                  staff— they comfort me

Reader 1: You prepare a table before me in the presence of  
                  my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup  
                  overflows.

Reader 2: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
                  days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of  
                  the Lord my whole life long.

**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** John 10.22-30

**SERMON** “The Shepherd’s Voice” Tommy

**BENEDICTION**

**TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**

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

Worship is over and our Service begins.

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

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:**

The family of Mark Gieselman. Mark passed away, Tuesday, May 3, 2022. A graveside Celebration of Life Service was held yesterday, May 7, at the Salem Cemetery.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Keith Gadt, is recovering at Redwood of Blue River Rehabilitation Center, following a stroke. The address is :10425 Chestnut Dr., Kansas City MO 64137. He will be at this rehabilitant center for quite a while.

Kathy Bird, has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Please keep Kathy and her family in prayer.

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

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...**

Penny Harris, May 9

Erin Robinette, May 9

Emmalynn Ventura, May 9

Eric Bergsieker, May 10

Lindsey Rolf, May 10

Kaylee Harden, May 11

Alan Zvacek, May 11

Kyle Warren, May 11

Emily Kusgen, May 11

Chloe Drago, May 11

Jacob Tripp, May 11

Georgia Thirkield, May 12

Paige Fiene, May 13

Hubert Dickmeier, May 13

Jeff Nieman, May 13

Hope White, May 14

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRADUATES!**

#### **Graduate from Lafayette Co. C-1 High School:**

#### **Graduation day May 15, 2022**

Charles Henry Grumke son of Lowell and Rhonda Grumke.

Charles will be attending the University of Central Missouri and will study Aviation.

**Graduate from Lexington, Missouri High School:**

**Graduation day May 15, 2022**

Kaylee Elizabeth Harden, daughter of Sandra Harden and John Harden. Kaylee plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Radiology with a minor in Spanish. After receiving her degree, she plans to attend St Luke's school of sonography to receive her ultrasound license.

**Graduate from Lambert High School, Suwanee, Georgia:**

**Graduation day May 22, 2022**

Sara Renée Maschmeier, daughter of Shawn and Stephanie Maschmeier, granddaughter of Kenneth and Carleen Buchanan, and Gary and Ann Maschmeier. Sara will be attending the University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, with a Swim Scholarship.

**Graduate from St. Teresa's Academy High School**

Audrey Lee Erdman, daughter of Warren and Jenny Erdman of Kansas City, granddaughter of Roger and Tillie Erdman. Audrey will graduate this spring and attend Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

**Graduates from College:**

Kristen Charise (Smith) Argotsinger, daughter of Kirk and Jamie Smith, graduated from the University of Central Missouri with a Bachelor of Science Business Administration Degree in Marketing on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Sadie Renee Kumm, daughter of Angie and Ronnie Kumm, graduating from State Fair Community College with an Associate of Arts degree on May 13, 2022. She will be continuing her education at the University of Central Missouri and Majoring in secondary education.

Andrea Louise Dickmeier, daughter of Loren Dickmeier, granddaughter of Hubert and Mary Dickmeier. Andrea will graduate May 19, 2022, from Metropolitan Community College Blue River, Independence, Missouri, with an Associate of Arts Degree/Social Service.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**HONOR YOUR MOTHER** with a donation for a specially made blanket used for disasters locally and around the world. This is a great way to blanket the world with love. An article and envelope are in the May Lamplighter. (Extra cards are available in the back of the sanctuary and outside the church office.)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE:**

The church council voted to have new flooring in the Dining Room and hall way. It is scheduled for May 10-12. We are needing volunteers to move chairs and tables out before the project and after the project is completed. If you can help, please come to church at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9. If you can help return items back to the dining room, please come to church Saturday, May 14 at 8:15 a.m. Please call the church office, 660-584-3603, if you are able to help with this project. We thank you in advance!

## **SALEM CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP:**

The Salem Cemetery Committee is planning a spring clean-up event on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. Work will start at 9:00 am and last until around noon. Specific items will be trimming the yucca plants, cutting back the maiden grass along Salem cemetery road, removing old flower arrangements, aliening smaller stone markers, placing dirt around headstones as needed and just general cleanup. If there is a weather cancellation you will be notified by an email blast.

## **FLAGS AT SALEM CEMETERY FOR MEMORIAL DAY:**

We are asking any Salem members that would like to be involved this Memorial Holiday with placing flags at the Salem Cemetery to call Stanton Thompson at (816) 225-9515. The flags will be placed (weather permitting) Friday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m. There are over one hundred veterans buried in the church's cemetery who need to be properly honored.

**LAMPLIGHTER ARTICLES DUE:** June Lamplighter articles are due in the church office Monday, May 23. Thanks!

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** The church office will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

**YOUTH ON MISSION SUMMER OF SERVICE PROJECTS:**

Calling all youth entering 7th grade- graduates! Here are our first two Summer of Service projects. Please contact Vicki Knipmeyer at 314-775-8887 or [avknipmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:avknipmeyer@gmail.com) to RSVP or with any questions.

Sunday, June 5th- we will meet for lunch immediately following worship; then head to Risen from the Ashes Horse and Animal Rescue in Centerview to work in the afternoon. Youth participants need a registration form and waiver signed by a parent.

Wednesday, June 15- Saturday, June 18- Lafayette County Cluster Youth Retreat at Blue Springs Terrace, a retirement community for pastors of the UCC and Christian (Disciples of Christ) church. Youth will work on homes and yards in the community, have fun, and fellowship with each other and other youth in our area. For those that can't stay the entire time, we are also working on getting together a group to go up for the day on Friday, June 17th and come home that evening. RSVPs for this are due by June 1, but please contact Vicki ASAP if you are interested in either option, to get registration and health forms.

Both of these projects are open to youth going into 7th grade and older.

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**LAFAYETTE CO C-1 BACCALAUREATE**

Everyone is invited to the Baccalaureate Service at Central Christian Church celebrating and praying for the Graduating Seniors of Lafayette County C-1 today, Sunday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m.

**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. Terry Cook (Methodist) will be leading during the month of May. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

May 8, thru May 15, 2022

- Sunday - Mother's Day  
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 (Recognition of Graduates) and Live-Stream Worship on Facebook
- Monday - 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Moving furniture out of Dining Room
- Tuesday - Basement Level Flooring Installation  
Food Pantry
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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 - Basement Level Flooring Installation  
6:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Tiger Den  
7:00 p.m. Wolf Pack
- Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 8:15 a.m. Moving Furniture back to Dining Room  
9:00 a.m. Salem Cemetery Clean-up  
9:30 a.m. A. A.
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Charles Grumke Graduation Party following the Lafayette CO C-1 Graduation Service