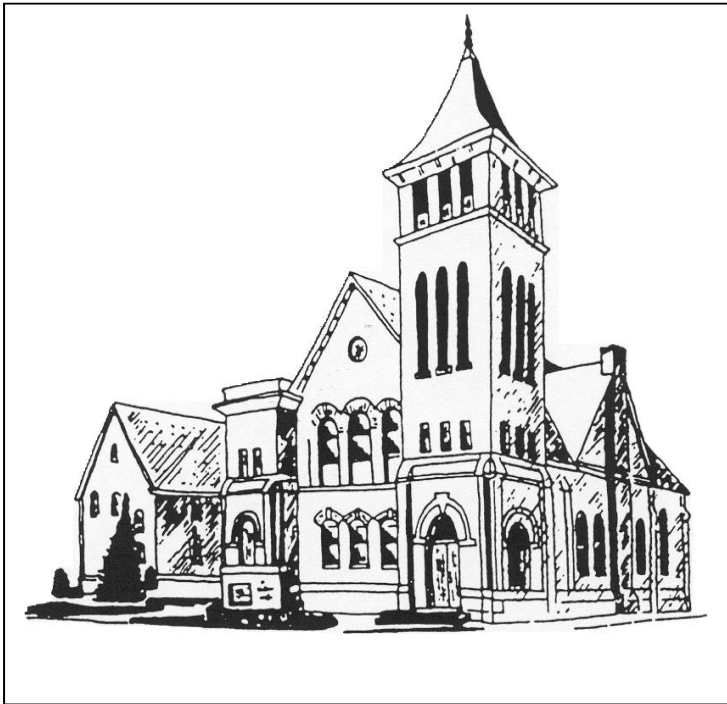


# **SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**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

10:00 a.m.

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

**THE GATHERING**

**MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP**

**WELCOME:** No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. Welcome to worship this fourth Sunday of Easter. And a happy Mother's Day to all mother-figures!

**NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**Piano Prelude**                      "Near the Cross" Doane/ arr. Raney

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Open the gate! The Shepherd is coming!

**People:** We hear the Shepherd's glad voice, calling us by name, leading us to green pastures.

**Leader:** No stranger's voice will we follow. We follow only the One who brings us home.

**People:** One door, one flock, one fold, one Shepherd. Open the gate! The Good Shepherd comes!

**\* HYMN**                      "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"                      No. 6

**\*INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Almighty God, who sent Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to gather us together, receive the praises of your thankful people this day. As we offer ourselves to you so that you might re-order our lives to meet the days ahead, may we not wander from your flock, but follow where the Shepherd leads us, knowing his voice and staying near, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever. In the Good Shepherd's name, we give all thanks and praise to you. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE  
WORD**

**MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

June

**CELEBRATION OF MOTHERS & ALL WOMEN** Tommy

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

Emily Bergsieker, Board of Christian Education President

**HYMN** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” No. 468

*(Please write your joys and concerns on the card and hand it to the usher during the hymn)*

**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** “You Raise Me Up”

Lovland

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 10.22-30 (N.T. p. 98)

**SERMON**

“The Shepherd’s Voice”

Tommy

**THE SENDING**

**\*HYMN** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

No. 462

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Victory in Jesus”

Bartlett/ arr. Sykes

**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

**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

**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.

## **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:**

**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.

**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.)

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

**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.

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

**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
- Wednesday - Basement Level Flooring Installation  
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.
- Sunday- 8:00 a.m. Early Worship  
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Charles Grumke Graduation Party following the Lafayette CO C-1 Graduation Service