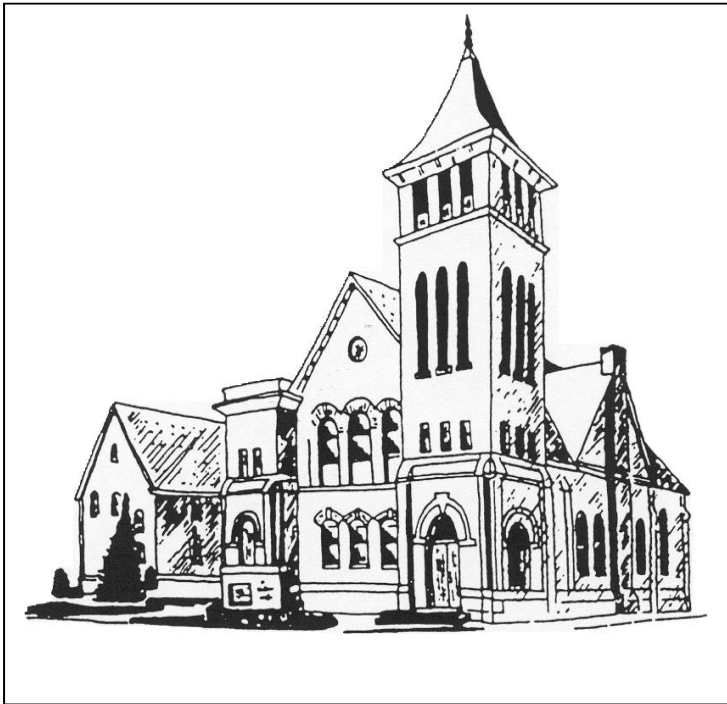


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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**

August 7, 2022

8:00 a.m.

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
152ND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**

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** Psalm 50.1-8, 22-23

Reader 1: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Reader 2: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Reader 1: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around God.

Reader 2: The Lord calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may judge God's people:

Reader 1: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with God by sacrifice!"

Reader 2: The heavens declare the Lord's righteousness, for God is judge.

Reader 1: "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

Reader 2: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

Reader 1: "Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.

Reader 2: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God."

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

Luke 12.32-40

SERMON

“Dressed for Action”

Tommy

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, your call for justice is so clear that we are amazed at how easily we fail to hear you over the din of daily life. We want to cease to do evil. We want to learn to do good. Yet, we rarely do all we can to rescue, defend, and plead for those in need. As you have sought us out, so we seek your pardon. Grant us courage, we pray, as persons, as communities, and as nations, to bring about the justice you desire.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Tommy)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. People of faith, God is not ashamed to be called your God. By God's grace we are forgiven.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

The elements of communion are on the table at the front. We invite all who are able to come forward, take a piece of the bread and eat, then take a cup and drink. Or, you may take one of the individually-wrapped communion packs and eat the wafer and drink the juice. Please place your waste in the container at the end of the table. (Those who cannot come forward, please inform an Elder.)

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:

Margaret L. Soendker, fell Thursday, August 4, she is hospitalized at Western Missouri Medical Center with a fractured hip.

Tina Bergsieker, prayers as her health continues to improve.

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

Clayton Lettau, continued prayers for good test results.

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...

Paxten Salyer, August 7
Anthony Thaller, August 7
Roger Erdman, August 8
Bessie Begemann, August 8
Shawn Davenport, August 8
Alivia Thirkield, August 9
George Lefman, August 9
Danny Lefman, August 9
Charlie Camp, August 9
Tracy Fiene, August 10
Emily Moore, August 10
Mark Dryer, August 11
Derek Augustine, August 12
Frank Riekhof, August 12
Susan Augustine, August 12
Kai Rechterman, August 13
Dixie Thaller, August 13
John Koenig, August 13
Teresa Alberswerth, August 13

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SCHOOL STAFF & STUDENT APPRECIATION SUNDAY

As the new school year is getting closer and closer we would like to take the time to appreciate and pray for all school staff members and students as they begin their new 2022-2023 school year. They will be recognized on Sunday, August 21, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

SERVICE EVENT FOR YOUTH ON MISSION:

Helping families at Ronald McDonald House. Listed below are the items Youth On Mission would like to collect to help the families that stay at the Ronald McDonald Houses in Kansas City.

There is a box in the back of the Sanctuary to collect items you brought to church today. You can also drop it off at the church office Monday through Friday 8AM to 4:00PM. Last day of collection will be Friday, August 12th.

You are welcome to give a monetary donation, which will be used to purchase items on the list. Please make your check to “Youth on Mission” and give your monetary donations to June Howell.

- Travel-sized Shampoos, Conditioners, Lotions & Body Wash
 - Ground Coffee and K-Cups
 - To-GO Coffee Cups with Lids
 - Umbrellas
 - Diapers – Size 3, 4 & 5
 - Individually Packaged Sweet & Salty Snacks
 - Clorox Wipes
 - Plastic silverware (Forks, Spoons, and Knives)
- (All items must be new; Ronald McDonald will not take used items)

LAMPLIGHTER: Articles for the September Lamplighter are due in the church office by Monday, August 22. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE-CROP WALK 2022: This year the Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 2, 3:00 p.m. at Confederate Memorial State Historic Site-Higginsville.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Please join us for Summer Sunday School from 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. There is an Adult Sunday School class and all children will meet as a combined Sunday School class. There won't be Sunday School during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Memorial Committee is asking for volunteers to water the flower pots at the front doors of the church. If you are interested please call Mary Homfeld, 660-584-3060.

BEST CHOICE LABELS:

Please drop your Best Choice labels by the church office. We are collecting them for Festival of Sharing.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING 2022:

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 the “Missouri Family Food Boxes.” Please consider donating any of the many items involved with these packets, or a monetary donation is also accepted (an envelope will be enclosed in the September Lamplighter.). An article with all the items listed is in the August Lamplighter. A container will be in the back of the Sanctuary during the month of August & September to collect your items.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

TA TRUCK STOP-CONCORDIA COUNTRY PRIDE:

Travel Centers of America-Concordia, MO-Country Pride Restaurant has a Church Program! We are offering 10% of your ticket price to be donated back to your local church. All you have to do is come in to dine with us, eat, and inform your server that you would like to participate in the program, give your church's name, your name, and we will take care of the rest!

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. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

INVITATION/OPEN HOUSE EBENEZER UCC:

In recognition of your much appreciated donations to Ebenezer UCC's Flood Recovery Fund. Join us Sunday, September 11, 2022, for worship at 10:30 a.m. (if possible) with Lunch and tours from noon-2:00 p.m. Ebenezer UCC, 206 West Old Lexington Road, Levasy, Missouri.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

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

UP COMING DATES:

September 2 – Labor Day (Church Office Closed)

September 11 – Sunday School Rally Day

Patriot Day

OUR FRIENDS AND CHURCH FAMILY
IN CARE FACILITIES

Listed below are our members and friends (at the time of printing of the bulletin) now residing or recovering at our local and surrounding community nursing homes and care facilities. A card from a church family member would be a delightful surprise!

Meyer Care Center, 1201 W. 19th St., Higginsville, MO 64037

Hayes and Grace Niemeier

Anna Marie Rinne

Nancy Rinne

Gene and Rosa Lee Starke

Mary Ann Vorwark

Barb Siegfried:

C/O Anthony Cowan

703 W. 35th St., Higginsville, MO 64037

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

August 7, thru August 14, 2022

- Sunday - Salem Church 152nd Anniversary Sunday
8:00 a.m. Early Worship (communion)
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship (communion)
and Live-Stream Worship on Facebook
3:00 p.m. Youth on Mission Meeting
- Monday - 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
- Wednesday - 10:30 a.m. Lafayette Area Pastors Meeting
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
- Thursday - 6:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday- 8:00 a.m. Early Worship
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
and Live-Stream Worship on Facebook
(Amor Family Reunion in case of rain)



UCC Mission Moment - Living into the Promise

Rev. Ann Kansfield, UCC pastor, FDNY chaplain and author of *Be the Brave One: Living Your Spiritual Values Out Loud and Other Life Lessons* shares the courage that led her to write a book about her experiences.

“My wife Jennifer and I serve part-time as co-pastors of the Greenpoint Reformed Church, (a joint UCC and Reformed congregation in Brooklyn, NY). We do our best to love God and neighbor, even though we aren’t always sure how to do that. My other ministry setting is as a chaplain for the fire department of the City of New York. I am one of seven chaplains who serve the department as a whole. I never know what might happen on any given day, but I pray that God can use me in a way to be of service to others. Also, the uniforms are pretty great.”

Although friends encouraged her to share her stories and reflections, Kansfield shied away from the idea of writing a book. “One of the things that really changed the trajectory of the book was connecting with Marty St. George, my co-author...He is really the one who helped take a bunch of stories and thoughts and turn them into a book. I think it’s actually a really great story in itself because it shows that sometimes we can do big things when we have friends and fellow travelers who walk alongside us and help us. Sometimes we minister to others and other times they minister to us. Life is really best lived when it’s done in mutual ministry with others around us.

For me, bravery is doing things which make us uncomfortable, things which we would rather not do or avoid. And being brave is what allows us to be authentic and vulnerable and have important conversations which we would otherwise want to avoid. Bravery is not just about apologizing for our mistakes but asking ‘how did my mistake impact you?’ and then being quiet and listening.

We can all use some extra bravery these days. It’s not always easy to be our most authentic selves. It’s certainly difficult to be vulnerable and to share our deepest hopes and fears and listen to the hopes and fears of others. That stuff can be terrifying! But that’s the space where God often leads us - to authenticity, vulnerability and bravery.”