

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**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 146

Reader 1: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Reader 2: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Reader 1: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Reader 2: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Reader 1: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Reader 2: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Reader 1: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

Reader 2: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Reader 1: The Lord watches over the strangers; the Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked the Lord brings to ruin.

Reader 2: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

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 16.1-13

SERMON

“Faithful in Little”

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:

Connie Swigart, Connie is the daughter of Barbara Bottemuller. Connie had surgery on Friday, September 16. Prayers for healing.

Fay Tilly, was at Meyer Care Center, she is now home.

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 evidence of disease progression.

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...

Layden Kirchhoff, September 18

Jessica Pressly, September 19

Wendy Jensen, September 19

Desmond Williams, September 19

Kathleen Begemann, September 20

Max Bergsieker, September 20

Jeff Kirchhoff, September 20

Clara Salyer, September 21

Dillon Bergsieker, September 21

Karen Fiene, September 21

Brittian Shaul, September 22

Cheryl LaRue, September 23

Shane Siegfried, September 24

Palmer Schloman, September 24

Adelynn Schloman, September 24

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Are placed in loving memory of Bret Tankesley and Ann Nuelle by Cindy Nuelle, Blake, Austin, and Camille.

THANK YOU:

Thank you for all the cards I received for my 99th birthday. Thank you to everyone that came to my birthday party.

Howard Fisher

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Curtis “Hayes” Niemeier. Hayes passed away Saturday, September 10, 2022. His arrangements are: Visitation and funeral at Salem UCC, Monday, September 19, 2022. Visitation 10-10:30 a.m. with the funeral following at 10:30 a.m. Committal at the Veterans Cemetery at Noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HOPE IS A BASIC NEED: FIELDS OF DREAMS UGANDA:

Today, immediately following the worship service, we will host a potluck luncheon and program in the church dining room. Meat, drink, and table service will be provided, and we invite you to bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Following the meal, Judi Knipmeyer, Aaron Knipmeyer, and Jessica (Knipmeyer) Keltner will present an enlightening and entertaining program about their recent trip with Fields of Dreams Uganda. Fields of Dreams Uganda (FoDU) has been working in Ugandan schools for ten years and recently adopted four new partner schools for a total of ten. The need is profound in this country where the average age is 17 and only 35% of children finish primary school. We invite you to learn more about the programs FoDU has instituted to address these concerns and to provide hope to over 6000 children who attend these schools. Crafts created by Ugandan artisans also will be available for purchase and a free-will offering will go to FoDU’s ongoing work. We hope you can join us!

FESTIVAL OF SHARING 2022:

The “Missouri Paper Product Packs”, Missouri Family Food Boxes”, monetary gifts, and best choice labels for Festival of Sharing will be dedicated today at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

LAMPLIGHTER: Articles for the October Lamplighter are due in the church office by Wednesday, September 21. Thank you.

HAND BELL CHOIR SCHEDULE:

The Hand Bell Choir will start rehearsals on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. They will play during our worship service on the 4th Sunday of October, December, February, and April. Come and make a joyful noise with our Choirs! See you soon!
Jamie Smith, Director

SALEM UCC WIENER ROAST AND HAYRIDE!

Will be Sunday, October 9th. 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.

SALEM CHURCH APP:

If you would like to download the church app, please call the church office, 660-584-3603 or email salemucc@ctcis.net. We just need to verify your current email address. Then you will receive an invitation by email to download the Salem church app. All the instructions will be provided in the invitation email. The church app gives you access to several years of your financial contribution records, you have a directory of church members that have also downloaded the app and you can make an online contribution from the church app. You can download the church app even if you do not wish to give online.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

WESTERN ASSOCIATION FALL GATHERING

Western Association Fall Meeting California, MO, Saturday October 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., California UCC, California, Missouri. Hybrid Meeting, in-person, and on Zoom. If you are interested, please call the church office or go to the Missouri Mid-South Conference website.

MISSOURI MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE ANNUAL

GATHERING: Will be held October 27-29, at the Capital Plaza Hotel, in Jefferson City. If you are interested, please call the church office or go to the Missouri Mid-South Conference website.

FALL MEETING OF THE UCC LAFAYETTE AREA WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Lafayette Area Women's Fellowship will hold their fall meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at Salem United Church of Christ. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with fellowship and coffee time. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. The program is about quilts and their connection to the Underground Railroad. Frances Watkins will be giving the presentation. A quilt show is planned so if anyone has a quilt to share please bring it with you. The noon meal will be pot luck, please bring a dish to share. PLEASE COME AND BRING A FRIEND. Both men and women are encouraged to attend.

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.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

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

UP COMING DATES:

September 22 – First Day of Autumn

October 2– World Communion Sunday

Crop Walk at Confederate Park

FINANCIAL GIVING OPTIONS:

1. Check or Cash
 2. Salem Church website (salemuchigginnsville.org) click on the Resources & Links tab then click the online giving link
 3. Text 73256 on your phone and use the code SalemHigg and then click on the link
 4. Download the Salem church app and under the giving tab is a link for online giving
- (A link on Facebook live is being planned for a later date.)

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

September 18, thru September 25, 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. Worship and Live-Stream Worship on Facebook
11:15 a.m. Confirmation
Potluck Lunch and Uganda Presentation
- Monday - 10:00-10:30 a.m. Visitation for Hayes Niemeier
10:30 a.m. Funeral for Hayes Niemeier
Luncheon for the Family of Hayes Niemeier
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
- Wednesday - October Lamplighter Articles Due
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 - First Day of Fall
Lafayette Area Women's Fellowship Fall Meeting 9:00 a.m. Registration/Meeting & Pot Luck Lunch
- Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
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