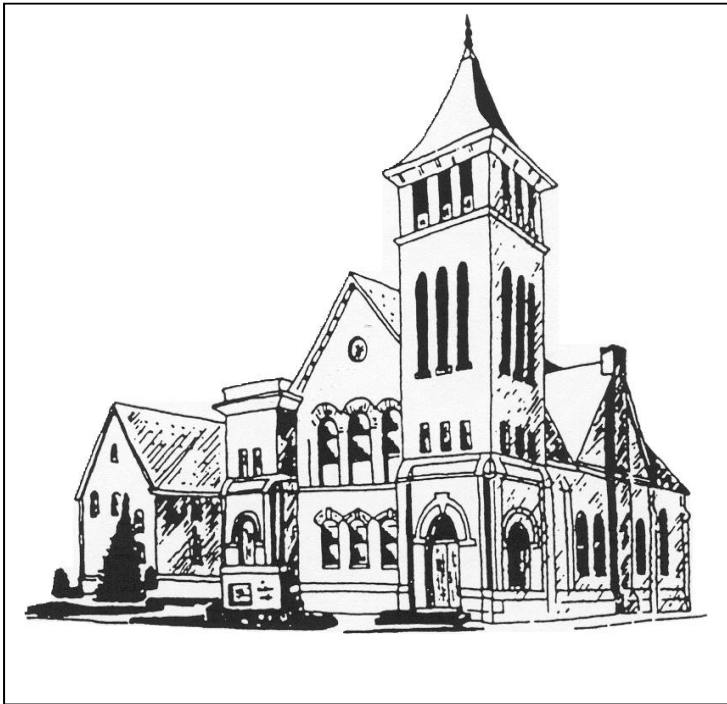


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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**

September 18, 2022

10:00 a.m.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE GATHERING

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME: No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. The psalmist tells us: "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised" (Psalm 113:3, NRSV). So we gather to worship him now. Welcome!

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Piano Prelude "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Gabriel/ arr. Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

People: We come in celebration and song.

Leader: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

People: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.

Leader: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

People: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

Leader: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

People: We come in celebration and song.

*** HYMN** "Blessed Be the Name" No. 103

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

Gracious God, so many of your children are suffering. Where there is woundedness, help us bring healing. Where there is discouragement, help us bring support and comfort. Where

there is dismay and mourning, help us bring the power of new life and new opportunities. Heal us, O God, for you are our help and our hope, the One we turn to in times of trouble. In the name of our Great Physician, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Crystal

HYMN

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

No. 364

(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)

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16.1-13 (N.T. p. 74)

SERMON

“Faithful in Little”

Tommy

THE SENDING

***HYMN**

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

No. 448

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Victory in Jesus”

Bartlett

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*

Leading Worship Today:
Rev. Dr. Tommy L. Faris – Pastor
Marc Jensen – Liturgist
Crystal Faris – Children’s Message
Jamie Smith – Music Director

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.

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 (salemucchigginsville.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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