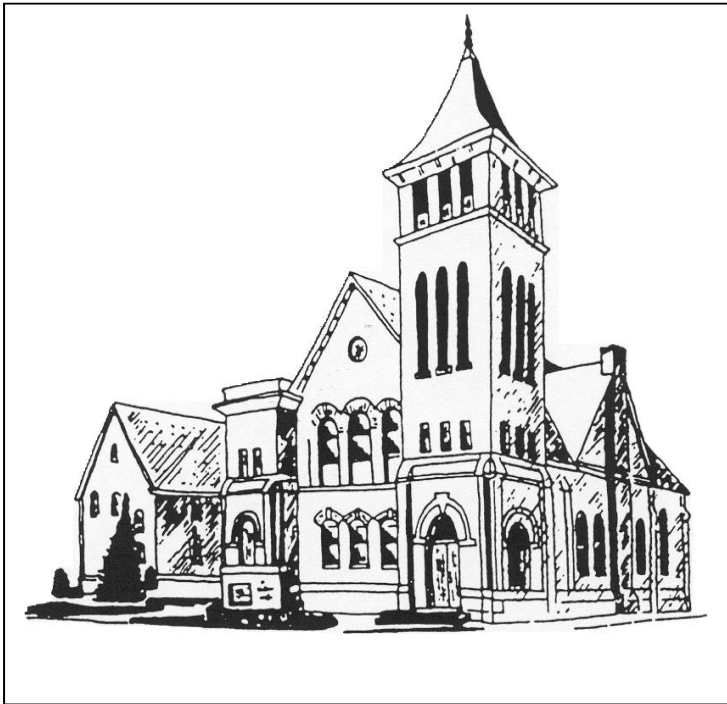


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**

September 25, 2022

10:00 a.m.

SIXTEENTH 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. "Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, ... Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 146:5, 10, NRSV). I welcome you as we seek Gods help and praise him in worship.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Piano Prelude

"Give Thanks"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God who comes to us in Word and Spirit, calls us to a table set for all who hunger.

People: We hunger for grace and forgiveness; we hunger for justice and peace.

Leader: God knows and meets our deepest hungers with bread which always satisfies.

People: Thanks be to God who blesses and feeds all human yearnings, and who does this through our feeble, simple human hands.

*** HYMN**

"The Love of God"

No. 67

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

Almighty God, you create, redeem and sustain us, every moment of our lives. In you we place our trust. When we face illness, conflict, and fear, you are our steadfast protector.

When we suffer setback and loss, you restore us through your love. When our lives prosper and we are comfortable, you move us to share our blessings with others. In times of hardship and plenty, you alone are the source of the life that really is life. Holy God, in love and trust, we live the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE
WORD**

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

June

HYMN

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”

No. 409

(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

“Come Follow Me”

Albrecht/ Althouse

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16.19-31 (N.T. p. 75)

SERMON

“Listen to the Prophets”

Tommy

THE SENDING

***HYMN**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

No. 374

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Praise Him, Praise Him” Crosby/ Allen

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

Peggy Pragman – Liturgist

June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator

Jamie Smith – Music Director

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Connie Swigart, Prayers for healing.

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...

Tim Morris, September 27

Jared Siegfried, September 28

Caleb Russell, September 29

June Ann Howell, September 29

Cameron Zuehlsdorf, September 30

Tori Kopp, October 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

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:

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 25, thru October 2, 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
- Monday - No Activities Scheduled
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
- Wednesday - 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 - W.I.C. All Day
- Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
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1:30 p.m. Communion at Meyer & John Knox
3:00 p.m. Crop Walk at Confederate Memorial State Historic Site-Higginsville

UCC Mission Moment

Surprising Investment

American Indian Ministry Sunday

United Samoan Ministries Stewardship Sunday

Matou te faatalofa atu ai i le Suafa Pele o Iesu Keriso le Alii ma le Faaola!

We greet you in the Beloved name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

“In 1999 General Synod declared a “Partnership in Mission and Ministry” with the Congregational Christian Church in American Samoa (CCCAS) as a way of acknowledging the deepening relationship between the two churches and the rapid growth of Samoan congregations in the United States.

Today, there are more than 60 congregations of the CCCAS in Hawaii, Alaska, California, Washington and Oregon. Many of them related to the UCC through our regional Conferences and local Associations. The partnership seeks to strengthen the ministry of these congregations and the mission of both churches.

In many places, Samoan congregations are actively involved in the life and leadership of UCC Associations. Many UCC clergy and lay leaders have immersed themselves in the life of Samoan communities and have traveled to American Samoa to learn more about its unique and ancient culture.” *1

“The United Samoan Ministries of the UCC is established to provide a setting for members of Samoan congregations to gather for fellowship, spiritual nurturing, mutual support, and communications and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ. Providing Resources for all faith communities and promote/teaching and maintaining Samoan Culture and Language; promote Ecumenical partnerships, and proclaiming the proclamation of Open and Affirming, and leading in Justice and Peace for ALL.

Samoan Communities residing within the Mainland, Alaska and Hawaii and those who are in Diaspora throughout the world.” *2

If you are a member of a Samoan congregation, today is a day to celebrate your connection with the wider United Church of Christ. If you are a member of a church that has limited contact with your Samoan brothers and sisters, today is a good day to learn more about how you can be in intentional conversation and relationship with a Samoan Congregation.

*1 - https://www.ucc.org/ecumenical_america-samoa/

*2 - <https://unitedsamoanminist.wixsite.com/>