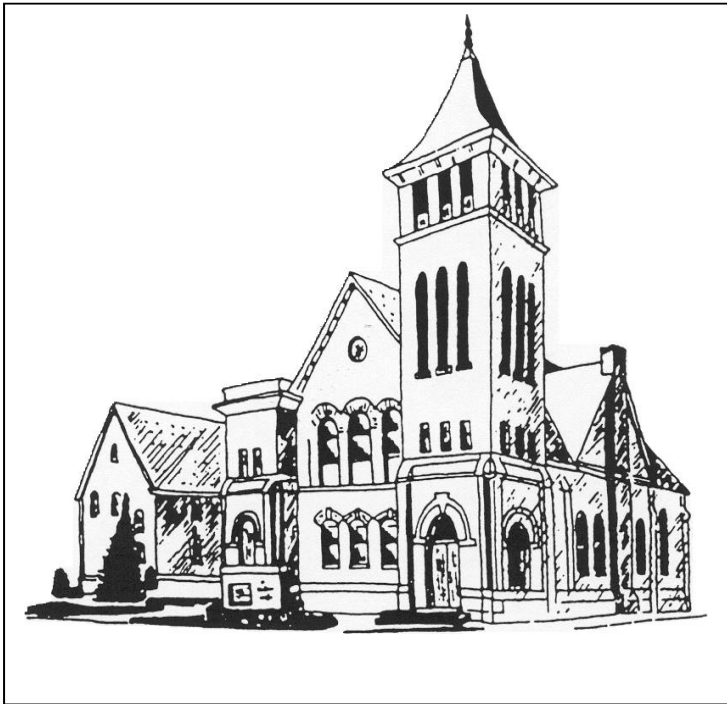


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1500 North Main

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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**

January 22, 2023

10:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE GATHERING

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME: No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. Family of God, welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship at Salem Church!

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Organ Prelude "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Holden/ arr. Rippon/ Leonard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

People: **The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?**

Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

People: **We come hoping to see God's goodness in the land of the living. We will wait for the Lord.**

*** HYMN** "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" No. 9

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

Gracious God, we gather this morning in this house of worship which, thanks to your love, is our home away from home. We come to add our human voices to the chorus of praise raised by your creation! We come as we are – distracted and weary, hopeful and open – knowing that you accept us

and are ever mindful of our cares and joys. Still in us now the many voices that clamor for attention, that we might center ourselves upon you. Speak to us in word and melody and quiet, that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened for your service. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE
WORD**

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

June

HYMN “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” No. 129

(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 “In the Light of the Lord”

Patterson

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9.1-4 (O.T. p. 600)

SERMON

“A Great Light”

Tommy

THE SENDING

***HYMN** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

No. 234

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” Kendrick/ arr. Leonard

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:

Vida Mehrhoff, is at Meyer Care Center for rehabilitation.

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

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...

Joyce Gross, January 22

Conner Moore, January 23

Nikala Nevels, January 24

Jackson Leonard, January 25

Marilyn Cole, January 26

Keaton Tracy, January 26

Alice Jarman, January 27

Angie Erdman, January 27

Earl Fiene, January 28

Amber Wesche, January 28

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BALLOTS AND LETTER:

You should have received a manila envelope in the mail this past week. It contains the annual report, a ballot for each family member eligible to vote, a letter explaining this procedure, and an envelope to mail or return your ballots as we did when voting on the budget. There will not be an in-person annual meeting this year. Please return your ballots by Sunday, January 29.

SPECIAL TIME OF WORSHIP:

The Fifth Sunday worship experience we had in October was a wonderful success, and the Council, Elders, and the Worship Committee have decided to have another Fifth Sunday worship. On **Sunday, 29 January, at 9:00 a.m.**, we will combine the two services into one. As before, it will be a more informal service. There will also be a potluck breakfast/brunch, so feel free to bring something to share, such as pastries, doughnuts, maybe a breakfast casserole. Juice and coffee and table service will be provided. There will be lots of fellowship and sharing. Come early for the food and stay for worship in a special style. Mark the date and time on your calendars and we will see you there.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join our Youth on Mission 2023 service team for a Pie and Cake Auction on Sunday, February 19th in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:00am worship service. Meet our 2023 team, get some tasty treats, and support our July 2023 trip to Parsons, Kansas with Group Mission Trips. Everyone is welcome! If you are not traveling with us, but would like to donate a pie, cake, or other baked good to the auction, contact Vicki and Aaron Knipmeyer at 314-775-8887 or avknipmeyer@gmail.com.

90th Birthday Card Shower for Orval Willimann!

(Orval was our Pastor at Salem from 1964-1974)

Please help us celebrate his very special milestone with a birthday card. He will so enjoy hearing from friends and family with your cards and birthday wishes. Send in time for February 12, to: 228 Brecon Drive, Saline, MI 48176.

Thank you so much!

Kathleen, James, Kristine, Jennifer and Kimberley

2023 ENVELOPES: Are available by the church office.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

JANUARY SCHEDULE FOR SOUPER SUPPERS:

(All suppers are 5:30–6:30 p.m.)

Sunday, January 22 First Presbyterian Church: Phone: 660-584-3372

Monday, January 23 Salem UCC: Phone: 660-584-3603

(Immanuel Lutheran Church partnering)

Menu: Turkey Tetrazzini, Green Beans, Fruit, Bread, Dessert

Tuesday, January 24 First Baptist: Phone: 660-584-7165

Wednesday, January 25 St. Mary's Catholic Church:

Phone: 660-584-3038

(New Beginnings partnering)

Thursday, January 26 Grace United Methodist Church:

Phone: 660-584-2211

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. Father Tom (Catholic) will be leading the month of January. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

UP COMING DATES:

January 23 – Souper Supper at Salem

January 29 – 5th Sunday, one service at 9:00 a.m.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

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

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

January 22, thru January 29, 2023

- 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 - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Souper Supper
6:00 p.m. Tiger Den
6:00 p.m. Lion Den
6:00 p.m. Wolf Pack
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
Lamplighter Articles Due
- 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
- Thursday - No Activities Scheduled
- Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday- 9:00 a.m. Worship with Sunday School and Live- Stream Worship on Facebook
Confirmation Following Worship