



FOURTH SUNDAY
In Lent

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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 23

Reader 1: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Reader 2: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures; the Lord leads me beside still waters; the Lord restores my soul.

Reader 1: The Lord leads me in right paths for the Lord's name's sake.

Reader 2: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me

Reader 1: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Reader 2: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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 AND DEDICATION OF ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING GIFTS

MESSAGE HYMN

SCRIPTURE

John 9.1-41

SERMON

“An Astonishing Thing”

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:

Sherry Kilpatrick, was admitted to K.U. Hospital on Thursday, March 16.

Steve Sprecher, son-in-law of Mike and Andy Mockridge, had a heart attack Tuesday, March 14. He is 57 years old. He has been hospitalized at St. Luke’s East Hospital.

Jenny Holt, is the niece of Kathleen Begemann. Jenny’s husband passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 14.

Bobby Bergsieker, has been hospitalized at Centerpoint with covid.

Mary Ellen Golt, is the niece of Peggy Pragman. She was hospitalized but is now home and doing pretty good.

Kathy Bird, please keep Kathy in prayer as she continues her cancer battle.

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.

**FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVING BIBLES AT
THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE:**

Emory Gash
Nolan Stoner
Brayton Stoner

Best Wishes for Birthdays this week...

Janice Johnson, March 20
John Baggs, March 20
Gracie Augustine, March 20
Aubrey Homfeld, March 20
Sherri Siegfried, March 22
Robert Aversman, March 22
Blair Bergsieker, March 22
Dylan Akin, March 23
Betty Nieman, March 24
Lester Homfeld, March 24
Jeremy Nevels, March 24
Emily Bergsieker, March 25
Cassidy Brockman, March 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING:

Will be dedicated today, extra OGHS envelopes are available in the back of the sanctuary and by the church office.

TRIVIA & TACOS:

Come join us for a fun night of Trivia & Tacos on Sunday, March 26, 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

EASTER FLOWERS:

We will appreciate having spring flowers in church again this Easter. If you wish to place a flower in memory of someone, please notify the church secretary (660-584-3603) by **April 5**, so she can print it in the church bulletin. **Be sure your name is on the flower that you bring.** Please leave it in the Fellowship Hall on the stage by

LAMPLIGHTER: Articles for the April Lamplighter are due in the church office by Tuesday, March 21. Thank you.

Noon on Good Friday, April 7. Suggestions of spring flowers are: Tulips, Daffodils, Hydrangea, Azaleas, Lilies or check with your florist. Thanks! (The flower committee will place the flowers in the sanctuary.)

EASTER BREAKFAST AT SALEM:

The service committee is busy making plans for the Easter Breakfast. They will serve breakfast at 8:00 a.m. following the Easter Sunrise Service. If you are planning on attending, **please RSVP to the church office (660-584-3603.)** Thank you.

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

Maundy Thursday service with communion will be April 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

MIDWEEK LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE 2023:

We will have our Lenten Midweek prayer services as we have for the last several years, each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and lasting about thirty minutes.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: are available in the back of the Sanctuary and outside 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:

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. Greg Fine (Baptist) will be leading the month of March. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

MARCH SOUPER SUPPER SCHEDULE:

All suppers are 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 26

First Presbyterian Church: Phone: 660-584-3372

Monday, March 27

Salem UCC: Phone: 660-584-3603

(Immanuel Lutheran Church partnering)

Menu: Biscuits with sausage gravy, hash browns, fruit cocktail, & dessert.

Tuesday, March 28

First Baptist: Phone: 660-584-7165

Wednesday, March 29

St. Mary's Catholic Church: Phone: 660-584-3038

(New Beginnings partnering)

Thursday, March 30

Grace United Methodist Church: Phone: 660-584-2211

MEN'S HOLY WEEK BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, April 4 – Grace United Methodist Church 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 5 – Central Christian Church 6:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 6 – Assembly of God Church 6:30 a.m.

Friday, April 7 – First Baptist Church 6:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 8 – St. Mary's Catholic Church 7:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S HOLY WEEK BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

Friday, April 7 – Assembly of God Church 7:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 8 – Immanuel Lutheran Church 8:30 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY CROSS-WALK SERVICE:

Friday, April 7, the community service will begin at 11:45 a.m. by gathering at Salem Church with a short prayer. At Noon the cross will be carried down Main Street & Fairground Avenue where it will end at First Presbyterian Church. At that time, a devotional service will be offered to commemorate Jesus' saving act on the Cross. The Cross Walk is open to all who want to participate. Those who feel uncomfortable carrying the cross can walk along and sing or meet us at First Presbyterian Church for devotion.

UP COMING DATES:

March 21 – April Lamplighter Articles Due

March 22 – Lenten Midweek Prayer Service

March 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Tacos & Trivia Night (sponsored by Board of Christian Education)

March 29 – Lenten Midweek Prayer Service

April 2 – Palm Sunday

1:30 p.m. Communion at JKV & Meyer

April 6 – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

April 9 – 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service

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

March 19, thru March 26, 2023

- Sunday - One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Dedicated
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 (Children's Sunday) and Live- Stream Worship on Facebook
11:15 a.m. Confirmation
- Monday - 6:00 p.m. Tigers
6:00 p.m. Wolf Pack
6:00 p.m. Lions
7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Board Mtg.
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
April Lamplighter Articles Due
- Wednesday - 10:30 a.m. Lafayette Area Pastors Meeting
6:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Prayer Service
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- 8:00 a.m. Early Worship
8:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
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