

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Higginsville, Missouri

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March 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST WOMEN'S WEEK
THE GATHERING

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME: No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. During this Lenten season, we praise God for His righteous Son, who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price for our disobedience. Let us praise him with hearts filled with Christ's spirit of obedience.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Piano Prelude "Jesus Loves Me" Bradbury/ arr. Raney

***CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from "Bread For the Journey"

Leader: This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

People: A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and be servants of all.

Leader: A season to remember Jesus' question, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?"

People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Simon the Cyrene, might help to bear the cross.

Leader: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Pilate and Caiaphas and crowd, continue to nail Christ to the tree.

People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Peter, are afraid and turn away.

Leader: A season to ask ourselves what we, like the woman with fine ointment, have to offer.

People: A season to give sacrificially to others through the "One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering.

Leader: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the time of testing.

People: A season to proclaim with the women at the empty tomb, that Christ is not dead, but alive.

*** HYMN** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No. 92

*** OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

God of grace, righteous judge of all people, we thank you that you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. Like Nicodemus, we want to know the path to eternal life. May your abundant mercy cause us to respond to you in faith, that we may discover the true life you offer. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE
WORD**

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES June

HYMN “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” No. 374

(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**

Statement of Faith
(Printed inside front cover of Hymnal)

CHANCEL CHOIR “Think About His Love”

Harrah/ arr. McDonald

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

A reading from the Psalms-David Psalm 107, 1-9 (O.T. p. 528)

Gospel Lesson-Dale John 3: 1-17 (N.T. p. 88)

SERMON “Are You Saved?” Dale

THE SENDING

***HYMN** “What Wondrous Love Is This” No. 177

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” Conkey

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. Dale Parson – Pulpit Supply

David Rogers – Liturgist

June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator

Jamie Smith – Music Director

Bray Stoner & Nolan Stoner – Acolytes

Best Wishes for Birthdays this week...

Tyler Kaiser, March 1

Karen Luehrman, March 1

Marissa Nowling, March 2

Baylee Lou Thomas, March 2

Kevin Berry, March 3

Taylor Collier, March 5

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Roger Erdman & Tillie Erdman, are at Meyer Care Center. Roger has greatly improved!

Bobby Bergsicker, is in remission! Continued prayer is appreciated.

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.

THANK YOU:

Tillie and Roger Erdman celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on February 18, 2026. They would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, and good wishes that they received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPROVAL BALLOTS MAILED OUT:

The approval ballots with the nominees for Church Council, Board of Elders, and Board of Christian Education were mailed this past week. Instructions are on the lower half of the ballot. Please return your ballots by March 10, 2026. You may return them by mail, dropping them by the church office, or placing them in the offering plate.

EVE CIRCLE NEWS:

Eve Circle will meet Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Salem Board Room. Mary Homfeld will be the hostess and Karen Homfeld will have the program. All women of the church are welcome to come.

Mary Dickmeier, chairman

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS:

Sunday, March 8! Spring forward!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING:

Will be dedicated Sunday, March 15; OGHs envelopes are available in the back of the sanctuary and by the church office.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN LESSONS:

Wednesday Lenten Lessons will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday during lent. Dennis Knipmeyer will be the leader. It will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., refreshments will be served. Please plan to join us.

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

PAPER COPIES OF THE LAMPLIGHTER AVAILABLE:

Paper copies of the Lamplighter are available in the back of the Sanctuary and by the church office.

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 1**, 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 **Noon on Good Friday, April 3.** 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.)

Salem UCC to Host Maundy Thursday Service of Light:

Salem United Church of Christ is hosting the Maundy Thursday Service of Light. This is a combined service with the Christian Church, Presbyterian Church, and Salem UCC. It will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

MARCH SOUPER SUPPER SCHEDULE:

All suppers are 5:30–6:30 p.m.

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

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

(Immanuel Lutheran Church partnering)

Tuesday, March 24 First Baptist Church: Phone: 660-584-7165

Wednesday, March 25 St. Mary's Catholic Church: Phone: 660-584-3038 (New Beginnings partnering)

Thursday, March 26 Grace United Methodist Church:
Phone: 660-584-2211

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

Church Women of Higginsville and Corder invite you to join them for "World Day of Prayer." This event will be held Friday, March 6, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and 10:00 a.m. meeting, at First Baptist Church.

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. Dale Felder (Ministerial Fellowship) will lead Bible Study during the month of March. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

MEN'S HOLY WEEK BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, March 31 – First Presbyterian Church 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1 – Central Christian Church 6:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 2 – Assembly of God Church 6:30 a.m.

Friday, April 3 – Grace United Methodist Church 6:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 4 – St. Mary's Catholic Church 7:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S HOLY WEEK BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

Friday, April 3 – Assembly of God Church 7:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 4 – Immanuel Lutheran Church 8:30 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY CROSS-WALK SERVICE

Friday, April 3, the community service will begin at 11:45 a.m. by gathering at Salem with a short prayer. At Noon the cross will be carried down Main Street and end at the Presbyterian Church with a devotional service.

OUR FRIENDS AND CHURCH FAMILY IN CARE

FACILITIES: Listed below are our members and friends (at the time of printing of the bulletin) now residing or recovering at our local and surrounding community nursing homes and care facilities. A card from a church family member would be a delightful surprise!

Meyer Care Center, 1201 W. 19th St., Higginsville, MO

Bill Davenport, Kenneth Rinne, Rosa Lee Starke, Roger & Tillie Erdman, and Mary Ann Vorwark

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

UP COMING DATES:

March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent

March 4—6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lenten Lessons

March 6—World Day of Prayer

March 8—Third Sunday in Lent

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 11—6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lenten Lessons

March 15—Fourth Sunday in Lent

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Dedicated

March 17—St. Patrick’s Day

March 18—6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lenten Lessons

March 20—Spring Begins

March 22—Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 23—Souper Supper at Salem

March 24—April Lamplighter Articles Due

March 25—6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Lenten Lessons

March 29—Palm Sunday

ATTENDANCE FOR February 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. worship service attendance: 10

10:00 a.m. worship service in-person attendance: 75

10:00 a.m. live-stream attendance on YouTube: 38

INCOME & EXPENSES FOR Feb. 20-Feb. 26, 2026

General Fund Income: \$5,835

General Fund Expense: \$752

FINANCIAL GIVING OPTIONS:

Check or Cash is always accepted. You may place your donation in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Offering plates are placed in the back of the Sanctuary at the 10:00 a.m. service or by the bulletins at the 8:00 a.m. service. On special occasions the offering plate will be passed at the 10:00 a.m. service. You may also mail your contribution to Salem, 1500 Main, Higginsville, MO 64037.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

March 1 thru March 8, 2026

- Sunday - Second Sunday in Lent
Dale Parson-Pulpit Supply
8:00 a.m. Early Worship
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
8:50 a.m. Little Notes and Chime Bell Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship Live-Stream Worship
/YouTube
11:15 a.m. First Year Confirmation
1:00 p.m. Council Clean-out of unused items
- Monday - 6:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Mtg.
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. Eve Circle
- Wednesday - 5:00 p.m. A. A. (One on One)
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Lenten Lessons
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- Thursday - 10:00 a.m. Lafayette Area Women's Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Lafayette County Cancer Coalition
- Friday - 5:00 p.m. A. A. (One on One)
7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday - Third Sunday in Lent
Daylight Saving Time Begins
Staci Cooper-Pulpit Supply
8:00 a.m. Early Worship
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
8:50 a.m. Little Notes and Chime Bell Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship Live-Stream Worship
/YouTube
11:15 a.m. Second Year Confirmation

YOUTH ON MISSION

PIE & CAKE AUCTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND



Grab and Go items available starting at 9am

**Live auction starts
immediately following
10:00am worship service**



**All proceeds go toward our
July 2026 workcamp trip to
Barnesville, Minnesota**

**Please plan to attend to meet
and support our 2026 YOM team!**



**If you would like to donate baked goods for the
auction or grab and go table, please reach out to
Vicki or Aaron at avknipmeyer@gmail.com**

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**FREE COMMUNITY
MOVIES**



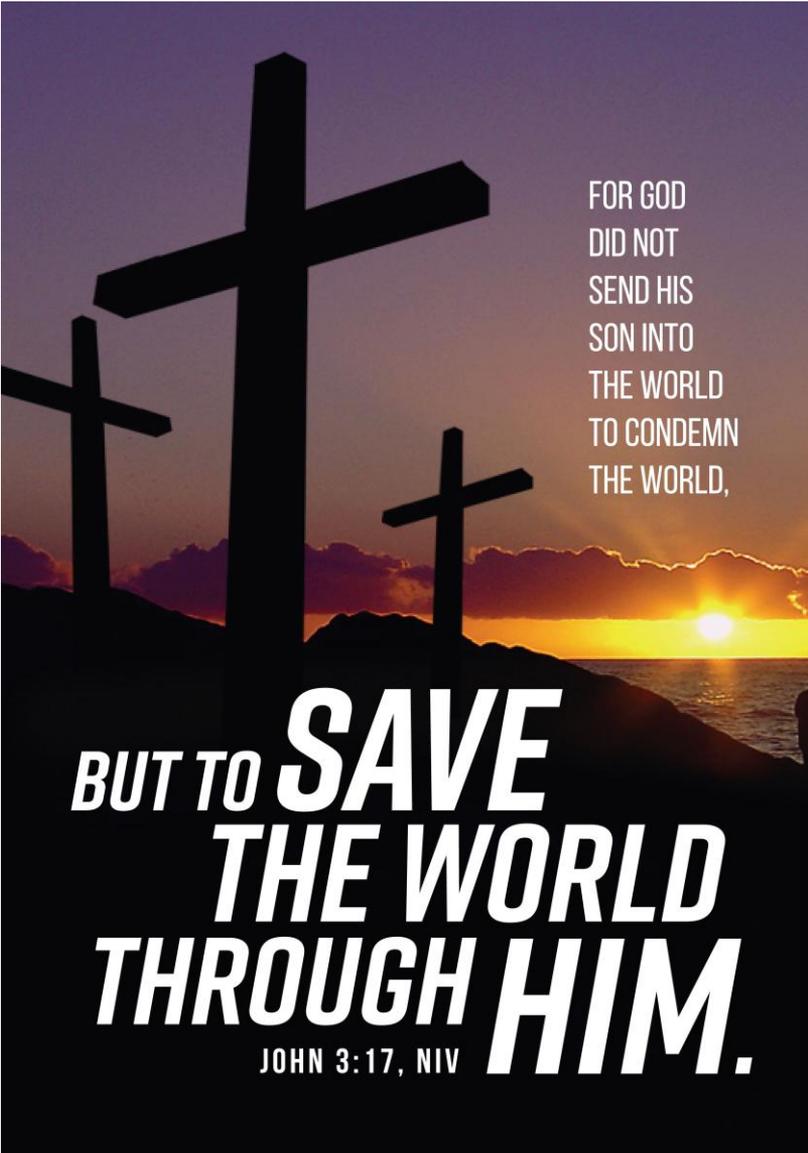
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FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026
8:00PM

DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX- PG
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026
7:00PM

NOAH
BY SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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FELLOWSHIP LOVE MINISTRY**

**THERE WILL BE A FREE WILL LOVE OFFERING DURING
INTERMISSION FOR THE CHURCH BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

The image features three large, dark crosses silhouetted against a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The crosses are positioned on a dark, silhouetted hillside. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a bright orange near the horizon.

FOR GOD
DID NOT
SEND HIS
SON INTO
THE WORLD
TO CONDEMN
THE WORLD,

*BUT TO **SAVE**
THE WORLD
THROUGH HIM.*

JOHN 3:17, NIV