

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1500 North Main

Higginsville, Missouri

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March 1, 2026

8:00 a.m.

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

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

Reader 1: This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

Reader 2: A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and be servants of all.

Reader 1: A season to remember Jesus' question, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?"

Reader 2: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Simon the Cyrene, might help to bear the cross.

Reader 1: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Pilate and Caiaphas and crowd, continue to nail Christ to the tree.

Reader 2: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Peter, are afraid and turn away.

Reader 1: A season to ask ourselves what we, like the woman with fine ointment, have to offer.

Reader 2: A season to give sacrificially to others through the "One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering.

Reader 1: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the time of testing.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

**You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,**

and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from Aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.
Amen.

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE HYMN

SCRIPTURES

A reading from the Psalms-Abby & Paula
Gospel Lesson-Dale

Psalm 107, 1-9
John 3: 1-17

SERMON

“Are You Saved?”

Dale

BENEDICTION

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

**Please stand if you are able to do so.*
Worship is over and our Service begins.

Leading Worship Today:
Rev. Dale Parson – Pulpit Supply

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 Bergsieker, 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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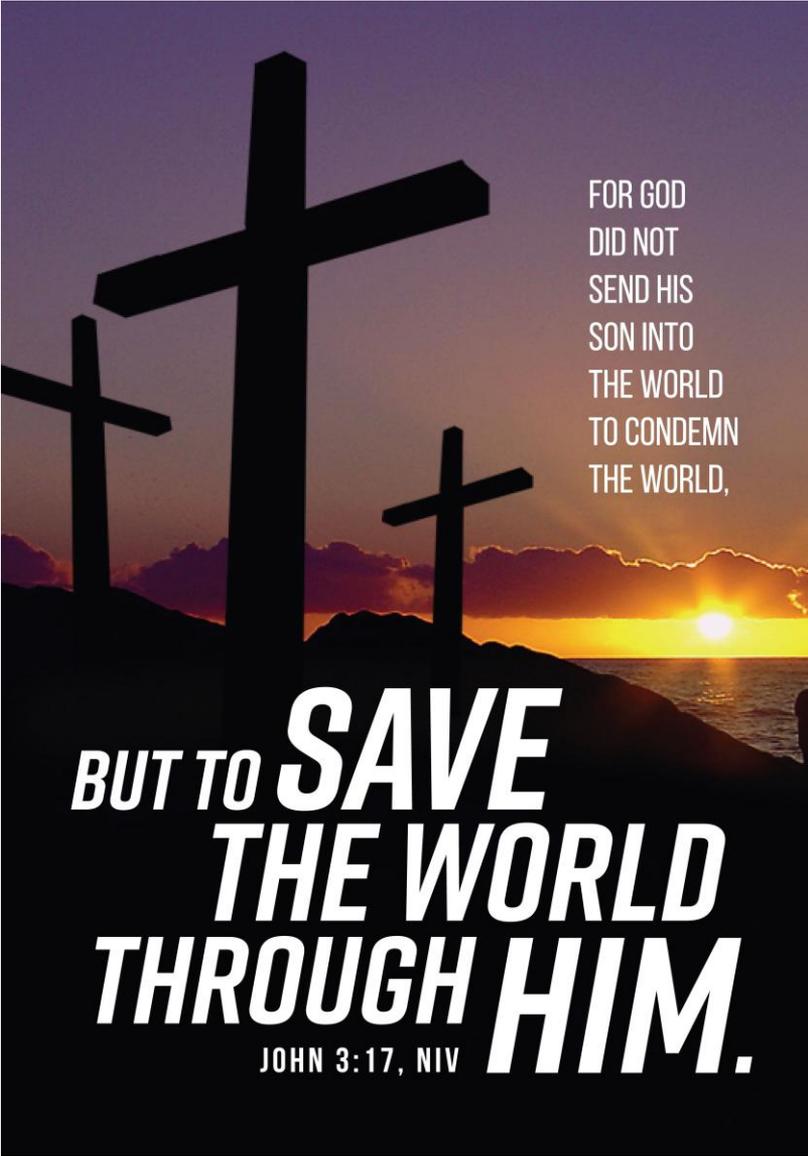
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FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026
8:00PM

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 background of the entire image is a photograph of three large, dark wooden crosses standing on a hill. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a bright sun low on the horizon over a body of water, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a lighter orange near the horizon. The crosses are silhouetted against this bright background.

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