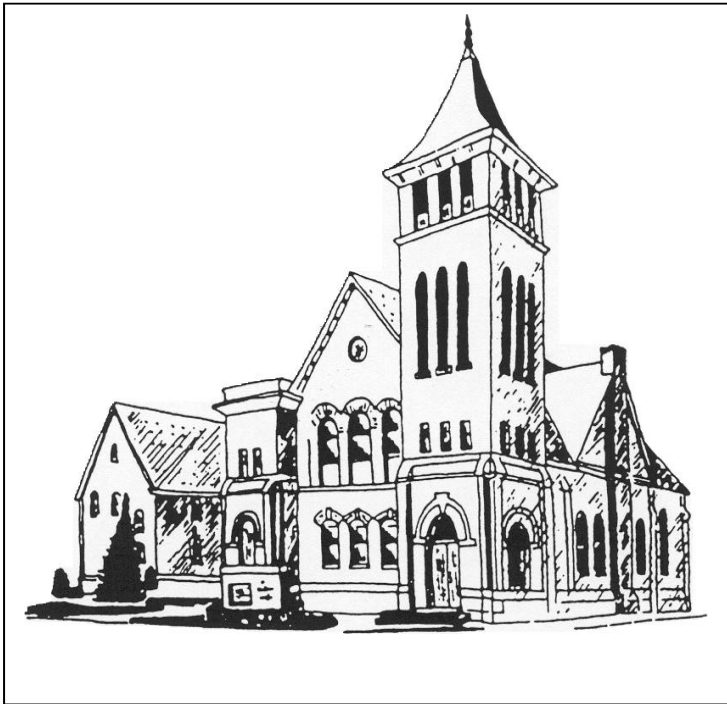


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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**

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Reader 2: We come to worship the Lord with gladness; we come into his presence with singing.

Reader 1: Know that the Lord is God.

Reader 2: It is God who made us, and we belong to God.

Reader 1: Give thanks to God, bless God's holy name.

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' 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

MESSAGE HYMN

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 19:2-8

SERMON

“If You Keep My Word”

Andy

BENEDICTION

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

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

Leading Worship Today:
Andy Mockridge – Pulpit Supply

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of Howard Fisher. Howard passed away Tuesday, June 9, 2026. The visitation and funeral for Howard will be Monday, June 15, at Salem. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. with the funeral following at 11:00 a.m.

Best Wishes for Birthdays this week...

- Angel Lamb, June 15
- Darcy Aversman, June 15
- Lance Kays, June 16
- Casey Warren, June 16
- Karen Fiegenbaum, June 17
- Koe Wilkinson, June 18
- Josh Baggs, June 19
- Haiden Jensen, June 20
- Kendall Rinne, June 20

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Greg Warren, had quadruple bypass heart surgery at Research hospital Thursday, June 11. His surgery was successful.

Dallas Hauser, Beau O'Dell's uncle. Dallas was changing the tire on a semi-trailer when the axle broke and ended up crushing him. He has broken ribs, broken pelvis, and a punctured bladder. He has had several surgeries. Also pray for his Dallas's nephew Carson who was with him and witnessed it.

Barbara Bottemuller, is recovering at home following a fall. Prayers are appreciated.

Mark, Leslie, and Reed Heimsoth, were involved in a bad car wreck in Arkansas. Mark and Leslie are home and Reed is at Riverbend in Lexington getting therapy. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to heal.

Charles & Evelyn Marcks, the family would appreciate prayers for both Charles and Evelyn.

Angie Erdman has breast cancer. She is taking treatments and doing very well. Prayers are appreciated.

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YOUTH RETREAT AT BLUE SPRINGS TERRACE:

The 5th Annual Lafayette Cluster Summer Youth Retreat at Blue Springs Terrace will be from June 17th to June 20th. Dixie Thaller and Lydia Grumke will be attending again. They will spend time serving through projects including painting, light demo/maintenance work, and yard cleanup. In addition to service opportunities, the retreat also focuses on time for fellowship, devotion, and reflection, making it a meaningful weekend of faith, friendship, and community.

SAVE THE DATE:

Please join us on Sunday, July 12 to send off our 2026 YOM team to their workcamp in Barnesville, MN! There will be a short commissioning during 10:00 worship, and a potluck lunch following. Pulled pork and rolls will be provided, please bring a side or dessert and join YOM for fellowship! We will also have our gas cans out that day to collect donations towards our transportation costs for the trip. We hope you will be able to join us!

Youth on Mission is also in need of a small, enclosed trailer for our trip July 18-25. Before renting one, we wanted to reach out and see if any congregation members have one they are willing to allow us to borrow. Please reach out to Aaron or Vicki Knipmeyer at 314-775-8887 if you can help us out!

WEAR A TIE TO CHURCH ON FATHER'S DAY:

Evelyn Elmore will be the pulpit supply, Sunday, June 21. She would like to encourage all men to wear a tie to church for Father's Day. It can be a bow tie, regular tie, any kind of tie you want!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Summer Sunday School will meet through August 30. The Adult Sunday School will meet at 8:45 a.m. in the Board Room and the Children's Sunday School will meet during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The children will leave for Sunday School during the ringing of the bell. The children's Sunday School will be held in the Multi-purpose room.

REQUEST: June is in need of magazines for Summer Sunday School. The youth will cut pictures out to make a collage.

Thank you!

June Howell, Christian Education Coordinator

IT IS TIME FOR ...SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC!

The choirs are taking their summer break from June - August which provides an opportunity for special music to be shared! If you play an instrument or enjoy singing and would like to share your musical talent during the summer worship service, please call Jamie Smith at 660-232-4470. Thank you in advance!

Jamie Smith, Music Director

PAPER COPIES OF THE LAMPLIGHTER AVAILABLE:

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

ITEMS FOR SALE & FREE ITEMS:

Please check out the table in the back of the Sanctuary. There are items for sale and also free items. If you want to purchase any item, please put your money in the offering plate.

LAMPLIGHTER ARTICLES DUE: July Lamplighter articles are due in the church office Thursday, June 25. Thanks!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed Friday, July 3, for Independence Day.

TOOLS FOR FATHER'S DAY:

The Evangelism Committee will still do Tools for Father's Day in June. The cards are in the back of the Sanctuary and outside the church office. You may take a card and list the names on the inside of the card that you are honoring for Father's day. Put the card and your monetary donation in the envelope and either put it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. You may also use the Salem Church website or text 73256 on your phone to make a monetary donation. If you have any questions, you may contact a member of the committee.

Thank you,
The Evangelism Committee

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

If your child is most comfortable with you in worship, they are welcome. If you prefer, the nursery room is open and available for parents who would like to take their child there and stay with them. Our nursery has been recently updated!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Memorial Committee is asking for volunteers to water the flower pots at the front doors of the church. If you are interested please call Mary Homfeld, 660-584-3060.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

JKV AND MEYER CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY:

There won't be any Bible Study during the Summer months: June, July, and August. Bible Study will resume in September.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

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

UP COMING DATES:

June 14—Flag Day

June 19—Juneteenth

June 21—Father's Day

Summer Begins

ATTENDANCE FOR June 7, 2026

8:00 a.m. worship service attendance: 11

10:00 a.m. worship service in-person attendance: 51

10:00 a.m. live-stream attendance on YouTube: 24

INCOME & EXPENSES FOR June 5-June 11, 2026

General Fund Income: \$10,833

General Fund Expense: \$200

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

June 14 thru June 21, 2026

- Sunday - Andy Mockridge, Pulpit Supply
8:00 a.m. Early Worship
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship with Sunday School for children and Live-Stream Worship on YouTube
Homebound Communion
- Monday - 10:00 a.m. Visitation for Howard Fisher
11:00 a.m. Funeral for Howard Fisher
Luncheon for the family & friends of Howard Fisher
6:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Board Meeting
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Special Music Practice
- Thursday - No Activities Scheduled
- Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday - Evelyn Elmore, Pulpit Supply
Father's Day/Summer Begins
8:00 a.m. Early Worship
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
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