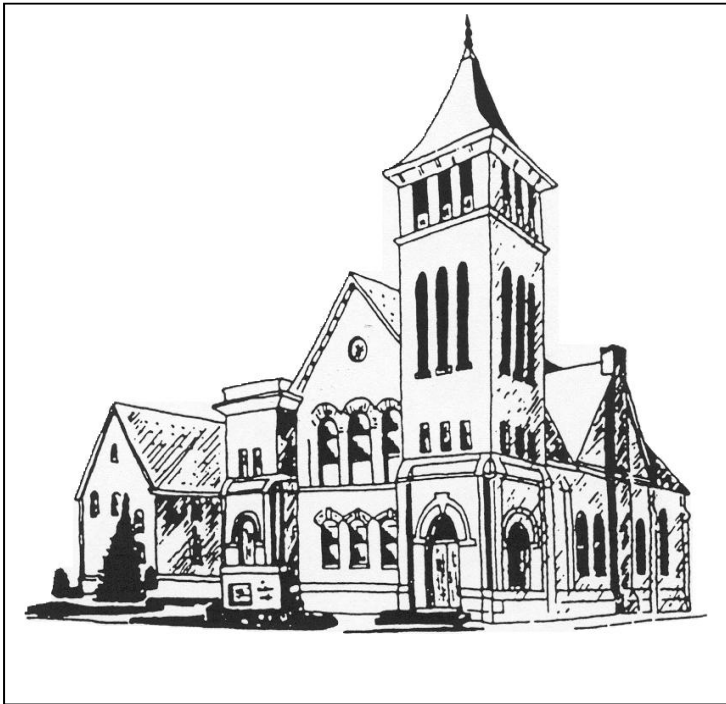


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1500 North Main

Higginsville, Missouri

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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**

THE GATHERING

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME: No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. We extend the hand of friendship to all who have come to worship. We rejoice in your presence.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

(Children can meet June in the overflow for Children's Sunday School during the ringing of the bell.)

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Organ Prelude "O Worship the King" with "Allegro Maestoso"
Grant/ Handel arr. Leatherman

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is God's world! To us is given a vision of nations and races, lands and people, joined together in love and hope.

**PEOPLE: PRAISE BE TO THE CREATOR, IN WHOSE
IMAGE WE ARE CREATED.**

Leader: We come to celebrate and renew that vision, opening ourselves to the One who is it's source and it's living fire.

**PEOPLE: WE AFFIRM IN CHRIST THAT WE CAN BE,
AND ARE, ONE WORLD AND ONE FAMILY,
WORKING TOGETHER TO MANIFEST GOD'S
RULE IN THE LIVES OF ALL PEOPLE**

*** HYMN** "God of our Fathers" No. 573

***GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)**

God of all life's seasons, we thank you for these days of summer--for time to relax, to vacation, to gather for worship and fellowship. We are grateful that we can enjoy creature comforts such as air conditioning and safe homes. The World Soccer matches have

reminded us of other nations, cultures, traditions, hopes and dreams. Help us to appreciate the rich diversity that is ours, the tapestry of life across this beautiful planet. As our nation celebrates 250 years, may we grow to appreciate how fragile, yet strong, democracy can be. Mold us into good citizens of this country and the global community, fit for citizenship in your realm. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE
WORD**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Men's Group with Kevin Berry, Guitar
“Amazing Grace”
Newton

HYMN

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

No. 575

(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)

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 1-16 (N.T. p. 4)

SERMON

“A Nation Yet to Be”

Dale

THE SENDING

***HYMN**

“America, the Beautiful”

No. 572

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Messiter/ arr. Leatherman

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:

Dale Parson – Pulpit Supply

Blair Bergsieker – Liturgist

June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator

Jamie Smith – Music Director

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Betty Rinne, is at Meyer Care Center receiving rehabilitation.

Reed Heimsoth, was in a bad car wreck in Arkansas. Reed is at Riverbend in Lexington getting therapy. Continued prayer is appreciated.

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

Angie Erdman is taking treatments for breast cancer.

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.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of Misty Begemann. Misty passed away Friday, July 10, 2026. Her funeral in Higginsville will be held Friday, August 28, 2026, at Salem UCC. More details to follow.

Best Wishes for Birthdays this week...

Sharon Telgemeier, July 19

Rita Jean Vahrenberg, July 19

Camille Meyer, July 19

Richard Niemeier, July 21

Rhonda Boedeker, July 22

Nathan White, July 22

Tillie Erdman, July 24

Rhonda Grumke, July 24

Jeanne Fleischmann, July 24

Alice Kennedy, July 24

Ginny Baggs, July 24

Micah Gibler, July 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 24:

The church office hours for Friday, July 24 will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thank you.

LAMPLIGHTER ARTICLES DUE: August Lamplighter articles are due in the church office Monday, July 27. Thanks!

YOUTH ON MISSION!

Please keep our YOM Team in your prayers. They are in Barnesville, Minnesota beginning their week of service and fellowship. YOM Team members are: Aaron Knipmeyer, Vicki Knipmeyer, Will Knipmeyer, Dixie Thaller, Charlie Thaller, Lydia Grumke, Charles Grumke, Abby Cramer, Gionnalisa Ceja, Micah Gibler, and Tina Gibler.

“SALEM’S WATER MISSION”

This will be the tenth year; the Board of Elders is asking you to consider generously supporting our “Water Mission”.

In 2024, \$1,409 was donated & in 2025 \$1,745. We hope to reach or exceed these amounts this year! What a blessing, and speaks to our church’s willingness to share with those less fortunate. In many parts of the world, clean safe drinking water is a luxury. Whether due to drought, pollution, or destroyed infrastructure, the search for water is a chore that often removes children from classrooms and parents from their work. When water flows freely, residents are healthier and communities are stronger.

In partnership with Global Ministries, Salem’s congregation can help provide clean, safe drinking water with systems that utilize local talent and equipment so that the water solutions can be sustainably maintained.

In early August a check will be sent to Global Ministries with Salem’s total contributions, so July is the month we are asking you to consider a donation. Please make your checks payable to “Salem UCC” with a notation in the lower left corner of your check “Water Mission”.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Board of Elders

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!

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.

PAPER COPIES OF THE LAMPLIGHTER AVAILABLE:

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

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: 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:

July 18-25—YOM Trip to Barnesville, MN

August 2-5—Vacation Bible School

August 9—Salem's 156th Anniversary

ATTENDANCE FOR July 12, 2026

8:00 a.m. worship service attendance: 9

10:00 a.m. worship service in-person attendance: 65

10:00 a.m. live-stream attendance on YouTube: 37

INCOME & EXPENSES FOR July 10-July 16, 2026

General Fund Income: \$6,561

General Fund Expense: \$4,939

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

July 19 thru July 26, 2026

- Sunday** - Dale Parson, 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
11:00 a.m. Knipmeyer Family Reunion
- Monday** - No Activities Scheduled
- Tuesday** - Food Pantry
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday** – 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
- Thursday** - No Activities Scheduled
- Friday** - Church Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday** - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
YOM Team Returns
- Sunday** - Evelyn Elmore, 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