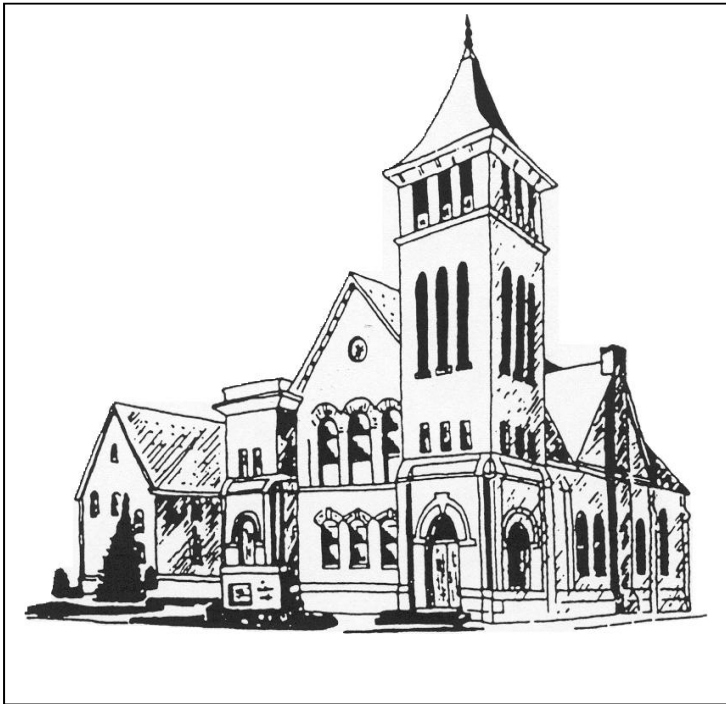


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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**

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

Reader 2: Praise be to the Creator; in whose image we are created.

Reader 1: We come to celebrate and renew that vision, opening
ourselves to the One who is it's source and it's living fire.

Reader 2: 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.

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5: 1-16

SERMON

"A Nation Yet to Be"

Dale

BENEDICTION

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

**Please stand if you are able to do so.*

Worship is over and our Service begins.

Leading Worship Today:
Dale Parson – Pulpit Supply

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



Let your

LIGHT

SHINE

before others.



Matthew 5:16 (ESV)