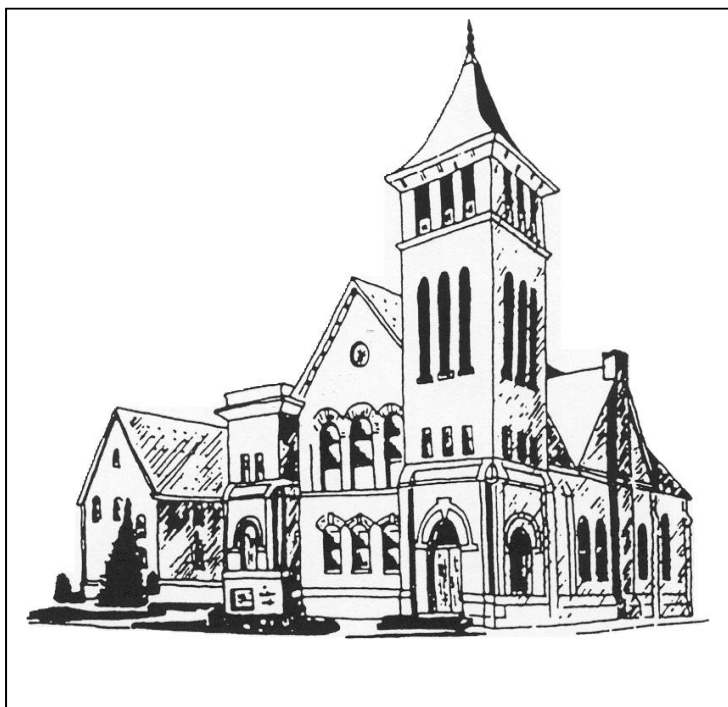


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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: Let us come together, hearts open, to worship the living God, who is not like the idols we make.

Reader 2: We worship the One who is eternal, who does not change, and who is not made by human hands.

Reader 1: We gather to honor the true God, who is not shaped by our own image, but who is the Creator of all.

Reader 2: We worship the God who is faithful, who is worthy of all praise, and who is worthy of our whole hearts.

Reader 1: Let us lift our voices in worship, declaring that the living God is the only God, and that we will not serve idols.

Reader 2: We worship the living God, who is eternal, faithful, and worthy of all our love and praise.

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 READING

Jeremiah 10:6-7

SERMON "My God is an Awesome God" Evelyn

SERMON SONG "How Excellent" Evelyn

BENEDICTION

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

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

Leading Worship Today:
Evelyn Elmore – 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.

Best Wishes for Birthdays this week...

Eric Kirchhoff, July 26

Cheryl Lettau, July 26

Pam Homfeld, July 26

Blake Kilpatrick, July 26

Justin Cramer, July 27

Larry Homfeld, July 29

Lynette Nevels, July 29

Charlotte Robinette, July 30

Deanna Gash, July 30

Linda Grindley, July 30

Darrel Opfer, July 30

Ronnie Bergsieker, July 30

Mark Berry, July 31

UPDATES: The church secretary was on vacation last week, so, if there are any updates to the announcements, the liturgist will let you know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

“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:

August 2-5—Vacation Bible School

August 9—Salem's 156th Anniversary

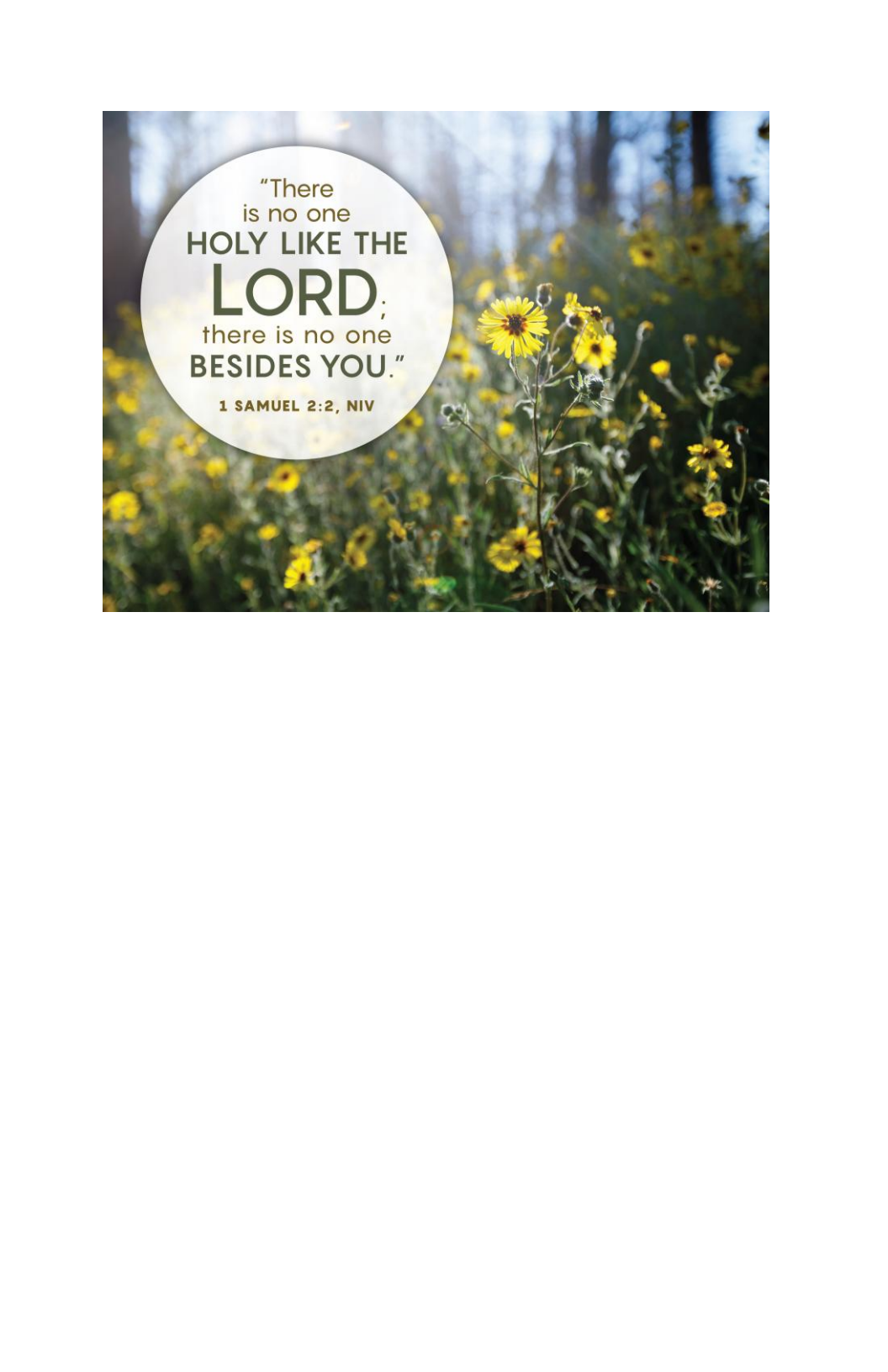
ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 19, 2026 & INCOME & EXPENSES FOR JULY 17-JULY 23, 2026

Will be provided in the August 2 announcements. Sarah has been on vacation.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

July 26 thru August 2, 2026

- 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
- Monday** - No Activities Scheduled
August Lamplighter Articles Due
- Tuesday** - Food Pantry
- Wednesday** - 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Special Music Practice
- Thursday** - 7:00 p.m. Lafayette County Cancer Coalition
- Friday** - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday** - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday** - Evelyn Elmore, Pulpit Supply
8:00 a.m. No 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
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

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"There
is no one
HOLY LIKE THE
LORD;
there is no one
BESIDES YOU."

1 SAMUEL 2:2, NIV