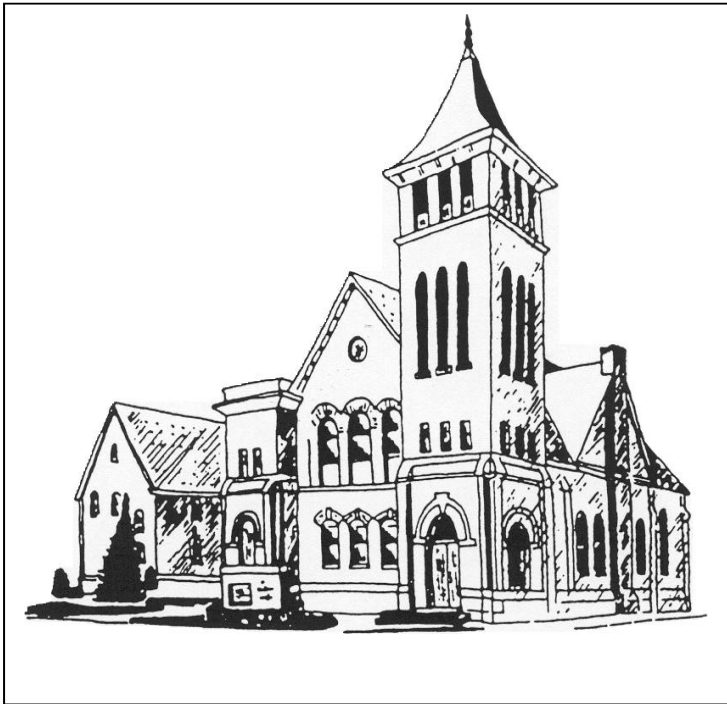


# **SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**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**

July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### THE GATHERING

#### MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

**WELCOME:** No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. On this Sunday following our nation's celebration of independence, we are grateful you have come to worship Almighty God, who continues to bless our land in countless ways. Welcome!

#### 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

Piano Prelude      "America, the Beautiful"      Ward/ arr. Raney

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Call to mind the deeds of the Lord.

**People: Our God has always been good to us.**

Leader: There is no God greater than our God.

**People: When we choose the gods of the flesh, we multiply our sorrows; We place ourselves in bondage.**

Leader: Only by God's grace are we truly free.

**All: Therefore, our souls rejoice, and our hearts sing God's Praise.**

\* HYMN      "Faith of Our Fathers"      No. 279

#### \*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Eternal God, we join our voices with those who through the ages have called you Lord. We praise you for showing us the Way of Love; the Way of true freedom. We thank you for being with us always and guiding us in the Way of Christ our redeemer. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE  
WORD**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Men's Vocal Group  
"God Bless the USA" Lee Greenwood

**HYMN**

"Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 483

*(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)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Men's Vocal Group  
"God Bless America" Irving Berlin

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 7:14-25 (N.T. p. 147)

**SERMON**

*Let Freedom Ring* Andy

**THE SENDING**

**\*HYMN**

"Once to Every Man and Nation" No. 475

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"God of Our Fathers" Warren

**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*

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Leading Worship Today:  
Andy Mockridge – Pulpit Supply  
Delbert Goetz – Liturgist  
June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator  
Jamie Smith – Music Director

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Karen Luehrman, had surgery on Thursday, July 2, to implant a pacemaker.

Misty Begemann, has recently been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Continued prayer is appreciated.

Greg Warren, is home with home health care following quadruple bypass heart surgery.

Dallas Hauser, Beau O'Dell's uncle Dallas is now home resting. Thank you everyone for the prayers. Continued prayers are appreciated.

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...**

Angie Lefman, July 5

Jackie Meinershagen, July 6

Donald Knehans, July 6

Diana Meinershagen, July 7

Blayne Homfeld, July 7

Julie Davenport, July 8

Gary Riekhof, July 9

Donald Abbott, July 10

Candi Engle, July 10

Aren Koenig, July 10

Gina Gammer, July 10

Alex Lettau, July 11

Nolan Salyer, July 11

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **COMPUTER DESK FOR THE TAKING:**

We are making changes with office furniture. There is a computer desk that has just been used as a storage unit in the room we call “Lindsey’s Work Room.” This desk has been replaced by one of the book shelves that was in the board room. If anyone is interested in this computer desk, please stop by the church office and take a look.

### **“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!

**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 a.m. 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!

**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.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you everyone for all the magazines! I have more than enough for now. Thank you for always supporting our youth and Sunday school!

June Howell

## **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

### **COUNTRY FAIR SINGSPARATION:**

Will be held Wednesday, September 16, 6 p.m. at Fairground Park. It is a time for praising God through band/vocal-any genre, poetry, dance, and storytelling. If you are interested in participating there are forms outside the church office. Return date for these forms is September 1. All are welcome to attend.

### **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 12—YOM Commissioning at the 10:00 a.m. service/YOM Potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 a.m. service.

July 18-25—YOM Trip to Barnesville, MN

### **ATTENDANCE FOR June 28, 2026**

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

10:00 a.m. worship service in-person attendance: 53

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

### **INCOME & EXPENSES FOR June 26-July 2, 2026**

General Fund Income: \$3,134

General Fund Expense: \$5,225

## **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**

Kenneth Rinne, Rosa Lee Starke, Roger & Tillie Erdman, and Mary Ann Vorwerk

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

July 5 thru July 12, 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
- Monday - 6:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
- Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
7:00 p.m. Special Music Practice
- Thursday - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Romans Family Lunch  
6:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday - Andy Mockridge, Pulpit Supply  
8:00 a.m. Early Worship  
8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship (Youth on Mission Commissioning Service) with Sunday School for children and Live-Stream Worship on YouTube  
Potluck Lunch following Worship