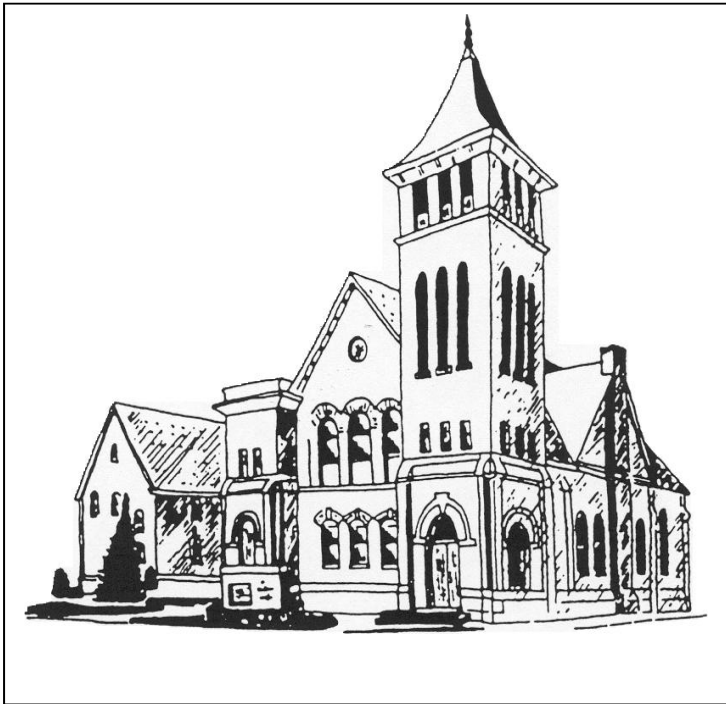


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1500 North Main

Higginsville, Missouri

web page: saalemucchigginsville.org



**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. The psalmist reminds us that God's name is majestic in all the earth (see Psalm 8:9, NRSV). With love for God and for one another, let us approach the throne of grace from which all blessings flow. Welcome, friends!

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 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Elvay/ arr. Koerts

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather today with hearts lifted toward the promise of God. Scripture tells us that there is *laid up for us the crown of righteousness*, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to all who have longed for His appearing.

People: We come with hope, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith.

Leader: The race is before us, the faith is our guide, and the reward is sure—not because of our strength, but because of His unfailing grace.

People: We will run with perseverance, clothed in His righteousness, trusting in His victory.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who calls us, equips us, and crowns us with everlasting life.

* HYMN “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” No. 477

Let us gather, not in fear, but in faith, to stand before the Lord with hearts prepared. We come not to seek our own glory, but to keep the faith that will never fade. Let us run the good race, let us finish the course, let us keep the faith —For the crown of righteousness is laid up for us, and the Lord will give it to us on that Day. Let us praise the King who deserves no less, let us worship the Judge who will give it to all who love His appearing. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 623

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN “My Jesus, I Love Thee” No. 364
(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
*Dedication Prayer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostle's Creed
(Printed inside back cover of Hymnal)

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 4:8 (N.T. p. 201)

SERMON SONG “I Shall Wear a Golden Crown” Evelyn

SERMON	“The Golden Crown”	Evelyn
SERMON SONG	“I Shall Wear a Crown”	Evelyn

THE SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE	“Rejoice, the Lord is King”	Wesley/ Darwall
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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:
Evelyn Elmore – Pulpit Supply
Tina Gibler – Liturgist
June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator
Jamie Smith – Music Director

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Elisha Stroupe, Teri Graham’s best friend from New Franklin, is 43 years old and was diagnosed with breast cancer. Prayers would be appreciated.

Maxine Schloman, continues to be hospitalized at St. Luke’s Hospital on the Plaza. They are in the process of finding a Rehab facility to move Maxine to.

Reed Heimsoth, is at Riverbend in Lexington getting therapy following a car accident. 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...

Carolyn Rauch, August 30
Teagan Steinkuhler, August 30
Felicia Leonard, August 31
Michael Jordan, August 31
Darren Bergsieker, August 31
Joe Goetz, September 1
Ken Telgemeier, September 3
Kennedy Short, September 3
J.W. Starke, September 4
Nathan Salyer, September 4
Sara Vandiver, September 4

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Are placed in loving memory of Roger Erdman by his family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

EVE CIRCLE:

Will meet September 1, 7:00 p.m. at Salem in the Board Room. B.J. Salyer will be the hostess and Shirley Paul will have the program. All women of the church are welcome to come.
Mary Dickmeier, chairman

BEST CHOICE LABELS:

Please drop your Best Choice labels by the church office. We are collecting them for Festival of Sharing.

POTLUCK LUNCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Please join us following the 10:00 a.m. Service on Sunday, September 13, for a Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to the Service Committee for providing the fried chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Donations collected at the potluck will go to Youth On Mission and the Sunday School Department. **Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, September 8.**

FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS FESTIVAL OF

SHARING NEWS: For many years, Salem has participated in the Festival of Sharing, a cooperative response to hunger, poverty, and injustice. Through our faith, we are called to share our resources and support with those who are struggling. The Festival of Sharing promotes and supports projects and programs, providing funding and resource goods. The agencies with which Festival of Sharing partner continuously express how much the various kits/packs make a difference in the lives of the people they serve.

The Board of Elders are asking for monetary donations only this year that will go to “The Missouri Family Food Box” and “The Missouri Products Pack.” When making a monetary donation, please note in the memo line of your check “Festival of Sharing” and have your monetary donations to Salem by September 20.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Mark Gross, Board of Elders President

Chancel and Hand Bell Choir Fall Schedules:

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will sing during our worship service on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays of each month. The Hand Bell Choir will start rehearsals on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. They will play during our worship service on the 4th Sunday of October, December, February, and April. Come and make a joyful noise with our Choirs! See you soon!

Jamie Smith, Director

Youth Choir, Little Notes, and Chime Bell Choir Fall

Schedules: The Youth Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and will sing during our worship service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Little Notes and Chime Bell Choir will also begin rehearsals this same day at 8:50 a.m. in the sanctuary. They will play and sing during our worship service on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Come join the music fun! See you there!

Jamie Smith, Director

CALL TO MEETING FOR THE LAFAYETTE AREA WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FALL MEETING:

The fall meeting of the Lafayette Area Women's Fellowship will be held at Trinity UCC on Thursday, September 24, 2026. Registration and fellowship will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will also be recognizing those who have died in the last year. The contributive meal will be pot luck. We look forward to seeing all on September 24th. Men are welcome too! PLEASE COME AND BRING A FRIEND.

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:

Today is the last day for Summer Sunday School schedule. Next Sunday, September 6, there won't be any Sunday School.

PAPER COPIES OF THE LAMPLIGHTER AVAILABLE:

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

COMMUNITY NEWS:

HIGGINSVILLE COUNTRY FAIR REQUEST:

One highlight event at the Country Fair has been the FREE Community Ice Cream Social which will feature entertainment by Emmitt Rickey and Grandeur. The Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday, September 18. The FREE Ice Cream Social is in need of pies, cakes, cookies, and desserts. If you can help, please bring your food donations to the MU Extension Office, 14 E. 19th St. Suite 102 by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18 or after 5:30 p.m. to the tables next to the Post Office. If you would like to contribute or need or more information, please contact Lafayette County Extension Office at 660-584-3658.

JKV AND MEYER CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY:

John Knox Village and Meyer Care Center have a weekly Bible Study that is led, on a rotational schedule, by the Ministerial Fellowship. Terry Cook (Central Christian) will lead Bible Study during the month of September. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:

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

UP COMING DATES:

September 7 – Labor Day (Church Office Closed)

September 13 – Sunday School Rally Day

YOM presenting their 2026 Group Mission trip at the 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. services/Potluck lunch to follow.

September 11 – Patriot Day

September 20 – Youth Choir/Little Notes & Chime Bell rehearsals resume/Dedication of Festival of Sharing gifts

September 22 – First Day of Autumn

ATTENDANCE FOR August 23, 2026

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

10:00 a.m. worship service in-person attendance: 60

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

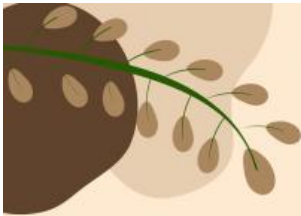
INCOME & EXPENSES FOR August 21-August 27, 2026

General Fund Income: \$4,429

General Fund Expense: \$320

FINANCIAL GIVING OPTIONS:

1. Check or Cash is always accepted. You may place your donation in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Offering plates are placed in the back of the Sanctuary at the 10:00 a.m. service or by the bulletins at the 8:00 a.m. service. On special occasions the offering plate will be passed at the 10:00 a.m. service. You may also mail your contribution to Salem, 1500 Main, Higginsville, MO 64037.
2. Salem Church website (salemucchigginsville.org). Click on the Resources & Links tab then click the online giving link
3. Text 73256 on your phone and use the code SalemHigg and then click on the link
4. Download the Salem church app and under the giving tab is a link for online giving



Western Association Fall Meeting

September 19, 2026

Connection - Belonging - Community

Let us gather for a day of learning, sharing, worship and connecting with one another.

Local DOC clergy and lay persons will join us for worship, our program and lunch. We'll have two great speakers, who we will have the opportunity to chat with over a delicious lunch.

A variety of light breakfast items, snacks and beverages available throughout the day.

\$20 per person

In-Person or Zoom

- 9:30 am- Registration
- 10 am Program
- 12 pm- Lunch
- 1 pm-Ballot Initiative Discussion
- Closing worship

Click [here](#) to register or scan QR code with your camera phone and click the link.

Registration Deadline:
9/14/26



Questions? Contact Tim Fairley
660-888-3939
tim.fairley@yahoo.com



Keynote Speaker

Rev. Phil Hodson is the Intentional Interim Conference Minister of the Missouri Mid-South Conference.

Phil comes from the Pacific Northwest Conference, where he served as Designated Conference Minister.

He has worked in both church planting and revitalization throughout his ministry, partnering with congregations in financial oversight, administrative reorganization, building campaigns, and community engagement.

Guest Speaker

Rev. Dr. Michelle Scott-Huffman is the Campus Minister for Ekklesia, which is an ecumenical campus ministry affiliated with 5 denominations, including the UCC.

Ekklesia is the only progressive and inclusive campus ministry in the Springfield area, and is present at MSU, Drury and OTC. They have been voted #1 Campus Ministry at MSU for three years.



St. John's Chapel UCC
4344 S. Fremont, Springfield, MO 65802



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

August 30 thru September 6, 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
- Tuesday** - Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. Eve Circle
- Wednesday** - 6:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
- Thursday** - No Activities Scheduled
- Friday** - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday** - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday** - Dale Parson, Pulpit Supply
No 8:00 a.m. Early Worship
No Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship and Live-Stream Worship on YouTube

