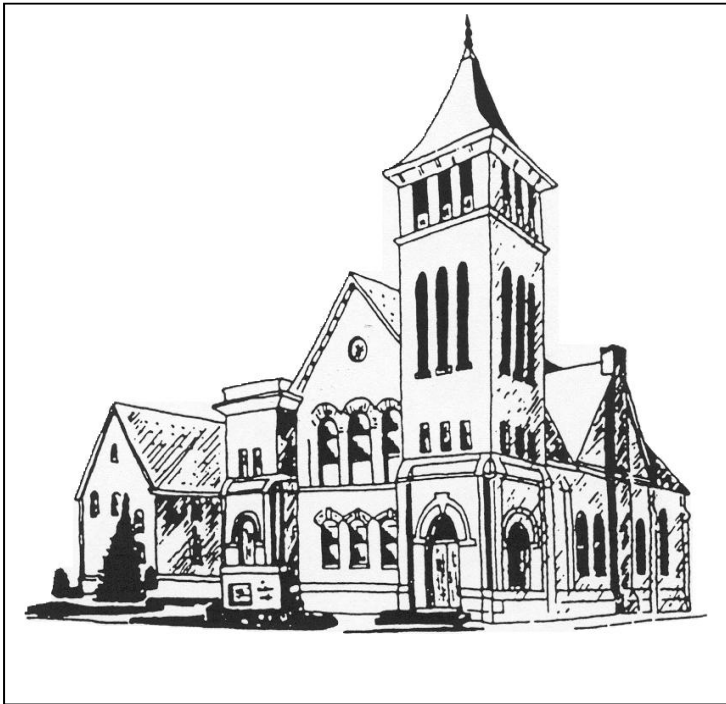


SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**

October 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.

TWENTIETH 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. Welcome to all who have gathered to praise God today. May we worship with grateful hearts and reach out to one another in the love and fellowship of Christ.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

MISSION MOMENT

Stanton Thompson

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Organ Prelude

“Great Is the Lord”

Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: How lovely is God's dwelling place.

People: Our souls sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Joyous are those who abide in God's presence, ever singing
God's praise.

People: Joyous are we when we put all our trust in God and
God's ways.

All: God's dwelling place is within. Let us give thanks to
the Lord.

*** HYMN**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

No. 52

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

O merciful God, we have gathered together to worship you,
our ever present help in times of trouble. We have gathered to

remember that you are the source of our peace in the midst of the storm. We have gathered to lift up to you, our worries, our doubts, our fears; trusting that you are the source of our peace and our joy. With deepest gratitude we say, Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE
WORD**

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

June

HYMN “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” No. 501
(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**

Apostle’s Creed
(Printed inside back cover of Hymnal)

CHANCEL CHOIR “I Can Do All Things” Ray/ Callaway

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:4-9 (N.T. p. 187)

SERMON “*The Secret to Finding Peace and Joy*” Andy

THE SENDING

*** HYMN** “I Know Whom I Have Believed” No. 409

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Messiter/ arr. Leonard

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:

Andy Mockridge – Pulpit Supply

David Rogers – Liturgist

June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator

Jamie Smith – Music Director

Autumn White & Charlotte Robinette – Acolytes

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Teresa Stoner Button, prayers for Teresa Stoner Button for continued healing and rehabilitation following a successful hip replacement.

Clayton Lettau, please put Clayton back in your prayers. His MRI in July was good, but since then he has had some severe issues, which called for a new MRI, which was not good. He has now met with a neuro oncologist at KU who will discuss the new findings with a team of doctors to determine if surgery is the next step. We will know more October 21st. Thank you always for your support and words of encouragement and love.

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, is at Meyer Care Center.

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...

Logan Bellenger, October 11

Gail Kirchhoff, October 11

Joey Hoflander, October 11

Briana Conner, October 12

Cole Harris, October 13

Owen Wood, October 13

Wyatt Wilkinson, October 14

Billy Mackie, October 16

David Rogers, October 17

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NO 8:00 A.M. WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 18 THERE WILL BE ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

Youth on Mission 2027!

We will have an informational meeting for youth interested in traveling with us in July of 2027 on Sunday, October 25 at 11:15 after worship in the upstairs Sunday school room. We also encourage parents/guardians to attend this meeting as well. Please join us to get details about trip dates, locations, and what to expect from a Week of Hope camp! Any youth currently in 6th grade or older can travel with us. If you are interested but not able to attend the meeting, please reach out to Vicki and Aaron at avknipmeyer@gmail.com.

LAMPLIGHTER: Articles for the November Lamplighter are due in the church office by Thursday, October 22. Thank you.

CHAIR-ITY STARTS AT CHURCH!

The church has twelve used office chairs available for \$10 each. First come, first choice! As simple as this...they are in the room next to June's office. Pick out your favorite and provide Sarah with cash or check and take it to your home or office. All proceeds will go into the Building and Grounds fund for use in future projects. Thanks!

NIN OFFERING:

Will be collected on Sunday, October 25. An article is in the October Lamplighter.

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!

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:

TEA PARTY AT EBENEZER UCC:

Women and girls of all ages of the UCC Lafayette Cluster are invited to an afternoon tea party at Ebenezer UCC. The tea party will be held October 18, 2026 at Ebenezer UCC in Levasy at 2:30 p.m. Delicious food and multiple teas, coffee, and soft drinks will be served. Bring a special tea cup and wear an apron with special memories if you have one! There will be a short program and lots of fun! There is a \$5.00 fee for adults and \$1.00 fee for girls 10 and under. Please RSVP by leaving a message at 660-909-1616.

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. Dale Felder (Ministerial Fellowship) will lead Bible Study during the month of October. 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:

October 18: 10:00 a.m. Service/Youth Sunday/No 8:00 a.m. service
Salem Hayride and Weiner Roast begins at 6:00 p.m.

October 25: NIN Offering dedicated

November 7 – Evangelism Committee Taking monetary donations
at Moose's for Turkeys

November 8 – Advent Chorale Practice

November 15 – Advent Chorale Practice

November 22 – Memorial Sunday/No 8:00 a.m. Worship/
Advent Chorale Practice

November 26 – Thanksgiving Day (Church Office Closed)

November 27 – Church Office Closed for the Holiday

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

ATTENDANCE FOR October 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. worship service attendance: 10

10:00 a.m. worship service in-person attendance: 59

10:00 a.m. live-stream attendance on YouTube: 41

INCOME & EXPENSES FOR Oct. 2-Oct. 8 2026

General Fund Income: \$7,102

General Fund Expense: \$3,897

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

October 11 thru October 18, 2026

- Sunday - Andy Mockridge, Pulpit Supply
8:00 a.m. Early Worship
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
8:50 a.m. Little Notes and Chime Bell Rehearsal
9:10 a.m. Youth Choir
10:00 a.m. Worship and Live-Stream Worship on YouTube
- Monday - 6:00 p.m. Scouts
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee
- Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday - No Activities Scheduled
- Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday - Children's Sunday
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8:45 a.m. Sunday School
8:50 a.m. Little Notes and Chime Bell Rehearsal
9:10 a.m. Youth Choir
10:00 a.m. Worship and Live-Stream Worship on YouTube
6:00 p.m. Church Hayride and Weiner Roast at Oelrichs home

WAVE OF LIGHT REMEMBRANCE WALK

HOSTED BY:



OCTOBER 15TH
HIGGINSVILLE FAIRGROUND PARK

Hope in the Healing

WE HONOR AND REMEMBER THE PRECIOUS BABIES
LOST THROUGH PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY

FOR FULL DETAILS VISIT:

WWW.HOPEINTHEHEALING.ORG



HEY, LOOK WHAT'S COMING
to the **HIGGINSVILLE
FOOD PANTRY**
FUND RAISER
★ 1ST ANNUAL ★

ON **OCTOBER 11TH 2026**  **DRIVE THROUGH**

AT THE **4H BARN** (WEST SIDE)

Chef **LEONARD GOETZ**
and his crew
WILL BE FRYING
UP FISH,
MAKING HOMEMADE
CHIPS, ALONG WITH
COLESLAW AND
COOKIES

COME JOIN US TO HELP RAISE FUNDS
TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY
FOOD PANTRY UP AND RUNNING!

For only **\$15.00**

FROM **11AM TO 1PM** OR **WHEN ALL IS GONE**

SEE YA! 



Come be a kid!

We will have fun activities planned for the service to bring the kid out in everyone!

Noisy Offering & Household Items

We will be collecting Noisy Offering and Household Items for Baby Grace's "Harvest Blessings"

Harvest Blessings helps service families registered with Baby Grace in Lafayette County.

Items needed

Any household necessity. Here are some examples -
*Ziplock baggies*Trash bags*Hygiene products*Pads*Tampons*Laundry detergent*Fabric softener*Paper plates*Lotions and body wash*Toilet paper*Paper towels*Razors *Deodorant*Bath towels*Dryer sheets*Dish soap *Sponges*Tin foil*Tupperware

Salem UCC Hayride and Wiener Roast



Will be Sunday, October 18. We will eat at 6:00 p.m., with Hayride to follow. The festivities will be held at the Oelrichs's home: 12138 Salem Cemetery Road. Please bring a covered dish and lawn chairs. Hot dogs, buns, drinks and table service will be provided.

Fried Chicken Dinner



October 18th
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



MENU

Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Green Beans
Biscuits
Cake
Ice Cream
Coffee, Tea or Water

\$15.00 for adults.
\$10.00 for children 10
and under.
Free for children 5 and
under.



Proceeds support meals and services
for older adults in our community.

Care **Connection**
for Aging Services

Higginsville Senior Center
2100 Walnut St.
Higginsville, MO