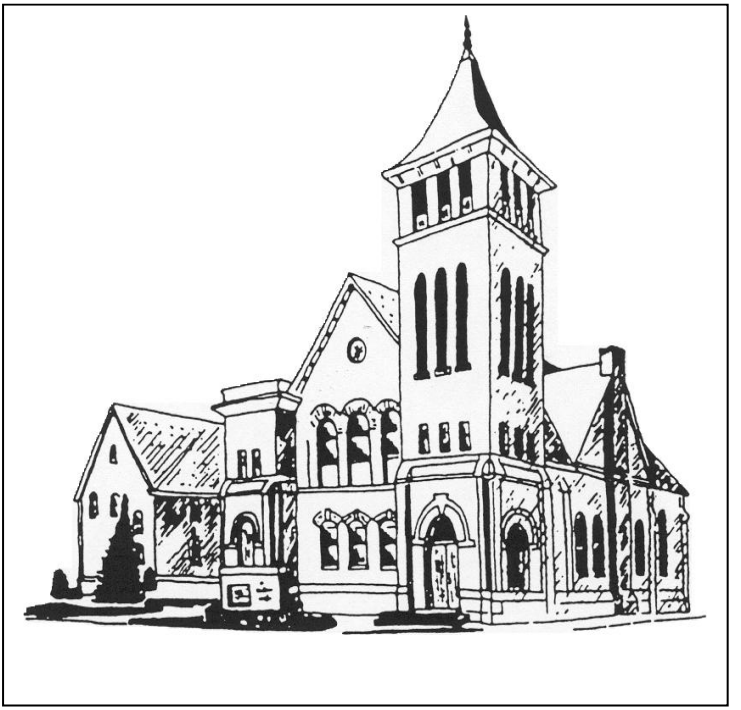
SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

November 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.

HARVEST INGATHERING

THE GATHERING

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME: No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Piano Prelude "They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love"
Scholtes / arr. Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Who is my neighbor?
People: The righteous and the unrighteous, the just and the wicked.
Leader: Who else is my neighbor?
People: The rich and the poor, the weak and the strong.
Leader: Is anyone else my neighbor?
People: The great and the small, the arrogant and the humble.
Leader: They are no different than I am!
People: You must love your neighbor as yourself!

*** HYMN** "O For a Thousand Tongues" No. 76

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**
You commanded us to *"love your neighbor as yourself."*
Today's parable shows that love is not just a feeling — it is a deliberate choice to go out of our way, to share our resources, and to act with compassion even toward those we might expect to reject. Lord, open our eyes to see the need in others, the wisdom to know how to help, and the courage to act. Grant us the grace to be the Samaritan: to stop, to care, and to serve, regardless of cost or risk. We ask this through Christ, the first and greatest Good Samaritan, who came to meet us in our need and to make us his neighbors. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES June

HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" No. 285
(Please write your joys and concerns on the card and hand it to the usher during the hymn)
JOYS AND CONCERNS Preparation for prayer
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)

CHANCEL CHOIR "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
Tomlin/ Giglio/ Newton arr. Raney

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10: 25-37 (N.T. p. 67)

MESSAGE "New Look at a Familiar Story" Dennis

THE SENDING

*** HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 92

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Ode to Joy" Beethoven

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:
Dennis Knipmeyer – Pulpit Supply
Courtney Bergsieker – Liturgist
June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator
Jamie Smith – Music Director
Nolan Salyer & Nolan Stoner – Acolytes

Best Wishes for Birthdays this week…
Tricia Dierking, November 2
Mary Ann Fisher, November 3
Dawson Goetz, November 3
Charlie Thaller, November 4
Roger Homfeld, November 6
Megan Leonard, November 6
Harvey Erdman, November 7
Karla Morris, November 7
Anna Sue Howell, November 7
Bob Schroer, November 7

THANK YOU EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:
We appreciate the time and love each of you put into transforming the sanctuary into fall splendor.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Sharon Telgemeier, had shoulder replacement surgery on Wednesday, October 28, at Warrensburg hospital. She was released on Thursday, October 29 and is recovering at home.

Clayton Lettau, had a doctor's appointment at KU on Wednesday, October 21. His KU team is not seeing any signs of reoccurrence, however he will have another MRI November 19 to confirm that, but surgery is unlikely. They are running some more tests, but they think he might have had something like a mini stroke which set off his symptoms. All in all, much better news than we were expecting! Thank you Salem family for your love, care, and support!

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

Reed Heimsoth, continues to have physical therapy at Riverbend in Lexington. He is in good spirits. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Youth on Mission 2027- travel to Nashville with us!

Youth on Mission will be traveling to a Week of Hope camp with Group Mission Trips in Nashville, TN July 24-30, 2027. Any youth currently in 6th grade or older can travel with us. If you missed our info meeting and are interested, reach out to Vicki and Aaron at avknipmeyer@gmail.com or grab information from the table under the Sunday school bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Forms are due by November 15 if you want to be registered in our initial group. We can add campers later in the year as long as the camp has space, but getting it to us by 11/15 will guarantee your spot. We would love for you to travel with us and grow in your faith through serving others!

CHOIR NEWS:
No choir rehearsal on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

ANGEL TREE HELP NEEDED:
We will soon be receiving requests from the school for Angel Tree gifts this year. If you would like to help with putting up the tree, filling our Angel Tree tags, extra shopping, wrapping and organization of gifts for delivery to the school, please let me know by calling or texting (Sharon -660-537-5934.) This will be done November-early December. Thank you.

ADVENT CHORALE:
The 41st annual Advent Chorale will be held at Salem United Church of Christ on December 6, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. The director will be Jamie Smith. The first three rehearsals will be November 8, 15, and 22 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The fourth rehearsal will be December 6 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. All who enjoy singing and fellowship are invited to participate!

TURKEYS FOR HIGGINSVILLE/CORDER FOOD PANTRY: The Evangelism Committee is having their Annual Turkeys for Higginsville/Corder Food Pantry project to purchase turkeys for the Food Pantry. This is to benefit families in need in the Lafayette County C-1 School District. The committee is accepting monetary donations on: November 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Moose's Market. There will also be a turkey box in the church's sanctuary October 31 thru November 22, to take monetary donations. You may also give a monetary donation by bringing it to the church office. Please have donations to the church by November 13, checks may be made out to Salem UCC and in the memo line please write "Turkeys."

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS:
Are available in the back of the sanctuary and outside the church office.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS:
Stewardship "Time & Talent" sheets will be emailed and available in the back of the sanctuary and by the church office beginning November 23, 2026. Please fill them out and bring them back to church by Sunday, December 20. Thank you,
The Stewardship Committee.

THE SECOND GENERATION GREAT SALEM FOOD FIGHT…MEN VS. WOMEN!
Last year, we took the first Salem Food Fight Challenge, and **together we collected over $5000 worth of groceries for our food pantry**! That's right - over **FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS** in food! We proved that when God's people come together, we can do some pretty amazing things!
SO, we are back for **ROUND TWO of our food fight**, and this year, we're changing things up. We're splitting the church down the middle again, but this year **IT'S THE MEN AGAINST THE WOMEN!**
Ladies, we know you're organized, determined, and likely have shopped for groceries more than a few times. Gentlemen, we know you're strong, competitive, and capable of carrying two cases of green beans at once. This year, however, we are going to find out who has the **POWER OF THE PANTRY**!
The battle will begin on Sunday, November 1 and run through the entire month. Women, please place your food on the south side of the altar; men on the north. Like last year, we will grow those towers of tuna, mountains of mac and cheese, and piles of peaches! Will it be the men who win? The women? Either way, we're all on the same team when it comes to serving our community. **LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE…FOR GROCERIES**!
Church Council
NEEDED items for food pantry: Canned meats, large cans of spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruit, applesauce, corn, green beans, macaroni and cheese, chicken / beef vegetable soup. Cash donations are always helpful.
NOT needed / helpful: Peanut butter (workers have to open every donated jar to see if it's been used), paper goods, beans (dry or canned), Ramen noodles

EVE CIRCLE: Will meet November 3, 7:00 p.m. at Salem in the Board Room. Sharon Hoefer will be the hostess and B.J. Salyer will have the program. All women of the church are welcome to come. Mary Dickmeier, chairman

2027 ENVELOPES: will be available in the back of the sanctuary November 1-22, and then they will move into the Fellowship Hall until the end of the year.

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:

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY:
Church Women of Higginsville/Corder will meet at Grace United Methodist Church November 6, 2026. Hospitality and refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Ministerial Fellowship Community Thanksgiving Service
Will be held Sunday, November 22, 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. David Auxier from First Baptist Church will have the sermon.

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. Glenn Elmore (New Beginnings Fellowship) will lead Bible Study during the month of November. 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:
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 25, 2026
8:00 a.m. worship service attendance: 6
10:00 a.m. worship service in-person attendance: 65
10:00 a.m. live-stream attendance on YouTube: 26

INCOME & EXPENSES FOR Oct. 23-Oct. 29 2026
General Fund Income: $7,476
General Fund Expense: $446

OUR FRIENDS AND CHURCH FAMILY IN CARE FACILITIES: Listed below are our members and friends (at the time of printing 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
Tillie Erdman, Betty Rinne, Kenneth Rinne, Rosa Lee Starke, and Mary Ann Vorwark

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

November 1 thru November 8, 2026

Sunday - **Dennis Knipmeyer, Lay Leader**
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Harvest Ingathering
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
11:00 a.m. Confirmation

Monday - **6:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Mtg.**

Tuesday - **Food Pantry**
7:00 p.m. Eve Circle

Wednesday - **6:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous**
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
No Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday - **7:00 p.m. Lafayette County Cancer Coalition**

Friday - **7:00 p.m. A. A.**

Saturday - **9:30 a.m. A. A.**

Sunday - **Andy Mockridge, Pulpit Supply**
Recognition of Veterans
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
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Advent Chorale Practice


41st Advent Chorale
SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
DEC 6 2026
TIME: 4:00PM
Director, Jamie Smith
Instrumentalists: Teresa Begemann, Keri Borchers, Laurel Gooden, David Rogers, and Bob Scott
Following the Chorale, there will be refreshments and fellowship.
United Church of Christ Choirs:
Blackburn, Concordia, Emma, Grand Pass, Higginsville, Levasy, Lexington, & Mayview
Rehearsals
November 8, 15, 22
1:30pm - 3:00pm
Final Rehearsal
December 6th
2:00pm
Advent Chorale and Rehearsals will be held at
Salem United Church of Christ
1500 Main St. Higginsville, MO

Helping our Neighbors!



FUNDRAISER FOR
FOOD PANTRY & SENIOR CENTER
to continue to fight hunger
& keep bowls filled in our community!

@Senior Center on Walnut
November 7, 2026
4-6pm
Dessert Auction begins at 4:30pm
Tickets: $20 for a handmade bowl
$12 for soup, stew, chili

CareConnection
for Aging Services


"He Chose Me"
Fundraiser
for
New Beginnings
Fellowship
Love Ministry
DAVIS
Davis Theater
Higginsville Mo.
1:00 pm Matinee
Donation at the door.
Saturday, November 7
All snacks bought go to
Davis Theater

Food Scavenger Hunt!

Lets help fill to the food pantry for the holidays!





November 22nd 6:00pm

The Salem youth will be going on a food scavenger hunt!





If you would like for the youth to come by and pick up your donation of food for the food pantry please sign up either in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office!

Please sign up and Please make sure you have your food donation on your porch by 6pm on November 22nd!





(Corder and Country folks we will come to you too!)


If there are any
parents or grandparents interested
in bringing 1 or 2 dozen cookies for the
reception after the Christmas Program.
Please drop them off at the church office the
week before the program or bring them the
morning of the program.
Christmas Program is December 13th during
the 10:00am worship service.
Thank you!


Christmas Program Stage Set Up
Dads or anyone able and willing are
invited to help set up the stage
Monday December 7th at 6pm.
The Dads or anyone able and willing
are also invited to hang around after
the program to take the stage down on
December 13th.
Without you, the program wouldn't be
possible!
Thank you!!!

Christmas Program Information

"The Light Before Christmas

Parts

I will be assigning parts in November

Practice

will be held during Sunday School
8:45am - 9:45am November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
and December 6.

Dress Rehearsals will be

December 12th
8:30am get in costume
9:00am - 11:00am practice

December 13th
8:00am Rehearsal
10:00am worship service
with Christmas Program