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.
March 20, 2016
10:30 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY/PASSION SUNDAY

THE GATHERING

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

* HYMN AND PROCESSION OF THE PALMS
   “All Glory, Laud and Honor” No. 173

BLESSING OF THE PALMS AND THE CHILDREN!

WELCOME: No matter who you are or where you are in your life’s journey, you are welcome here. Hosanna! Today we join centuries of the faithful in praising Jesus, who comes among us as a humble servant.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

Organ/Piano Prelude “Victory in Jesus” arr. Sikes

* CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Honor.
People: Honor and praise.
Leader: Honor, praise, and glory.
People: Honor, praise, and glory are yours Almighty God, now and forever.
Leader: In celebration, we join the crowds of old,
People: Waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.
Leader: Yet, our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn’t end here.
People: We know the pain of what lies ahead.
Leader: Today anticipates the rest of the story—
People: A story of betrayal and death, a story of hope and resurrection.
* INVOCATION (Unison)
Save us Lord! Hosanna! Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! To you who triumphed over death, we sing our praise. Your steadfast love endures forever. As we face your death and recall the week of your suffering, may we do so with a joy that anticipates the celebration of your resurrection; may we do so with the confidence to turn to you in both life and death.
Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHIME BELL CHOIR  “I Love You Lord”

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES  June

LITTLE NOTES  “Praise Him”

HYMN  “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”  No. 174
(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
Offertory  “Were You There? with Amazing Grace”  arr. Torrans  No. 625
*Doxology
*Dedication Prayer

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

YOUTH CHOIR  “When the Spirit Says Move”

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING


SERMON  “The Lord Needs It”  Tommy
**THE SENDING**

*HYMN*  “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”  No. 183

*BENEDICTION*

*POSTLUDE*  “To God Be the Glory”  arr. Whitworth

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:
Rev. Dr. Tommy L. Faris – Pastor
Cindy Nuelle – Liturgist
June Thaller – Christian Education Coordinator
Doris Jane Stoner – Organist
Jamie Smith – Directing Youth Choirs/Pianist
Carys Brockman and Kendra LaRue – Acolytes

**GREETING YOU TODAY ARE:**
North Door: Arlene Long
South Door: Tina Bergsieker

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**
Charles Cole, hospitalized at Western Missouri Medical Center.
Barbara Bottemuller, hospitalized at Lafayette Regional Health Center, recovering at home.
Homer Knehans, hospitalized at Lafayette Regional Health Center.
Grace Schemmer, recovering at Meyer Care Center.
Jeanne Fleischmann, hospitalized at St. Lukes East following surgery.
Karen Homfeld, recovering following outpatient surgery.
Margee Dryer, recovering at Country Club Care Center, Warrensburg, MO.
Myrna Fette, Golden Living Center, Odessa.

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:**
Kenneth and Grace Schemmer and family. Kenneth’s brother, Norman August Schemmer, passed away on Friday, March 11. His funeral was Wednesday, March 16, with interment at Salem Cemetery.
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EASTER FLOWERS: We will appreciate having spring flowers in church again this Easter. If you wish to place a flower in memory of someone, please notify the church secretary (584-3603) by March 23, so she can print it in the church bulletin. Be sure your name is on the flower that you bring. Please leave it in the Fellowship Hall on the stage by Noon on Good Friday, March 25. Suggestions of spring flowers are Tulips, Daffodils, Hydrangea, Azaleas, Lilies or check with your florist. (The flower committee will place the flowers.)

YOM NEWS: For the past 27 years, Youth on Mission has traveled to a variety of sites around the US and Canada. Next summer, we are planning a new adventure: we will take up to fifty participants to Puerto Rico for a week-long trip to repair homes. If you are a high school youth or adult who has been to workcamp in the past and might be interested, OR if you are an adult and this particular workcamp appeals to you as a first trip, please plan to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, April 3 following worship. At that time, we will provide further details and answer questions you may have. Please see the April Lamplighter for further details. Hope to see you there!

LAMPLIGHTER ARTICLES DUE: Lamplighter articles are due in the church office Wednesday, March 23. Thanks!

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Maundy Thursday service with communion will be March 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

90th BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE! Everyone is invited to the birthday open house for Earl Struchtemeyer, Sunday, March 27, 3-5:00 p.m. in the Activity Room at John Knox Village. No gifts please.

IT’S A BIRTHDAY!!!! You are cordially invited to join our family as we celebrate the 90th birthday of VIOLA MEINERSHAGEN. We will celebrate Sunday, April 10, 2016, in the Fellowship Hall from 2-4:00 p.m. Your presence is greatly appreciated. No gifts please.

2016 ENVELOPES are available by the church office.
SUNDAY SCHOOL ALERTS: If you would like to receive Sunday School Alerts text @salemucc to the number 81010 and you will start receiving Sunday School Alerts through text message. Text Alerts will include dates for upcoming Sunday School events such as VBS, Christmas, Sunday School Rotations etc.

REQUEST: Please provide Stanton Thompson the following information of a deceased veteran of your family who is not interred in Salem Cemetery and a member of Salem. His address is 825 Willow Creek Lane, Higginsville, MO 64037, and his e-mail address is jsthomps@ctcis.net. Name of Veteran: Branch of Service: Year of enlistment and year of discharge: Wars or Duty Stations.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

MEN'S HOLY WEEK BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:
Tuesday, March 22–Central Christian Church 6:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 23–First Presbyterian Church 6:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 24–Grace United Methodist Church 6:30 a.m.
Friday, March 25–First Baptist Church 6:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 26–Salem Church 7:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S HOLY WEEK BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:
Friday, March 25–Assembly of God Church 7:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 26–Immanuel Lutheran Church 8:30 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY CROSS-WALK SERVICE
Friday, March 25, the community service will begin at 11:45 a.m. by gathering at the Caboose Parking Lot across Main Street from the Depot. At Noon the cross will be carried to Salem. There will be a prayer at the beginning of the Cross Walk, and then there will be a special, short devotion held at Salem led by the Ministerial Fellowship. The Cross Walk is open to all who want to participate. Those who feel uncomfortable carrying the cross can walk along and sing or meet us at Salem for devotion.

KANSAS CITY METRO MEN’S CHORUS SCHEDULE
Saturday, April 2, 7:00 p.m., Lexington Middle School, 24 Hwy and 24th St., Lexington, MO
Sunday, April 3, 3:00 p.m., Liberty Christian Church, 427 E. Kansas St., Liberty, MO
Sunday, April 17, 2:00 p.m., First Baptist Church of Oak Grove, 400 SE 14th St., Oak Grove, MO
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 Chairperson) is leading Bible Study during the month of March, Glenn and Evelyn Elmore (New Beginnings Fellowship) April 6 and Tommy (Salem) April 13, 20 and 27. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room at Meyer Care Center.

MARCH SOUPER SUPPER SCHEDULE:
All dinners will run from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m
No Souper Supper on Easter Sunday evening
March 28 (Monday) at Salem UCC, Immanuel Lutheran Church is joining with Salem
March 29 (Tuesday) Central Christian Church
March 30 (Wednesday) at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Grace United Methodist Church is joining with St. Mary’s
March 31 (Thursday) First Baptist Church
The Evangelism Committee would like to encourage volunteers to help with Salem’s Souper Supper meal.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION MEETING:
The Western Association Annual Spring Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23, at Immanuel UCC, New Franklin, MO, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The featured speaker is Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, our new Conference Minister and the featured musical group is the Emmaus Home Bell Choir. Registration cost (includes lunch) is $35.00 per person and the registration deadline is Monday, April 18.

UP COMING DATES:
March 24 – Maundy Thursday Service
March 25 – Good Friday Community Cross Walk Service finishing at Salem with brief service
Have Easter Flowers to church by Noon
March 26 – Men’s Community Holy Week Breakfast at Salem
March 27 – 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Led by Senior High)
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast (Everyone is invited)
9:15 a.m. Sunday School with Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship
**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS AT SALEM**
March 20, thru March 27, 2016

**Sunday** - Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday
- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation

**Monday** -
- 6:30 p.m. Wolf Den
- 7:00 p.m. Women’s Fellowship Board Meeting

**Tuesday** - Food Pantry
- Afternoon Quilting
- 6:30 p.m. Webelos

**Wednesday** - Please Call Church With Spring Flower Bulletin Information
- 10:30 a.m. Lafayette Area Pastors Meeting
- 1-5:00 p.m. House of Hope Classes
- 4:45 p.m. Bear Den
- 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**Thursday** -
- Afternoon Quilting
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal Following Service

**Friday** - 11:45 a.m. Good Friday Community Cross Walk
Starting at Downtown Caboose and Ending at Salem with a Short Service
- Noon Spring Flowers to Church for Easter

**Saturday** - 7:00 a.m. Men’s Community Easter Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please drop off cinnamon rolls in dining room kitchen for Easter Breakfast

**Sunday** - EASTER SUNDAY
- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service (Communion)
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Communion)