



THE MESSENGER

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We are God's children called to seek, share, teach, and continue to experience the Word of God.

*To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.
Luke 2:11*

Now it begins. The Christmas season is over. Visiting families have returned home, and we are left with the aftermath: taking down the tree, packing up the ornaments until next year, removing all lights from the house, etc. At some point, we must sit down and reflect on the previous four weeks. We often encourage people to "prepare your hearts and mind for the most precious gift—Jesus." I have often wondered at this time of year, "Now what?" We spent Advent preparing for Christ, now what are we going to do with that?

The key to understanding Advent and Christmas is that it is never really over. If we are honest with ourselves, we need more than just four weeks to prepare our hearts and minds for the greatest gift—Jesus. There are times in our lives when we lose sight of Jesus and begin to wonder if HE ever came at all. There are times when we look upon the manger in our minds and do not see a child in swaddling clothes. Those thoughts do not make us bad people or unfaithful Christians; rather, it makes us merely human.

When we hurt or when we are going through an especially stressful time, it is natural to go into defensive mode to protect ourselves from being hurt further. What we fail to see is that with Christ, our pain can be shared and in some cases alleviated. The Christmas story and the Nativity narrative are realities. We have the ability to believe or not to believe. In other words, we have the ability to accept the reality of Jesus Christ. In order to accept the reality Jesus Christ, we must first prepare our hearts and minds.

It may feel like we have to start from the beginning in some instances. For some of us, it may mean we need to reconsider what it is we believe or in whom we believe. Christmas is a daily occurrence in which we must decide each day in whom we place our faith.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Jerry

NOTICE OF THE 155TH ANNUAL MEETING

Salem's 155th Annual Meeting will be held on **January 25, 2015**, and NOT on the third Sunday of January. How the third Sunday falls in January prohibits the treasurers' reports from being completed and audited on time to be printed in the Annual Report. In accordance with the Salem Constitution, the Church Council voted and approved to push back the 155th Annual Meeting to Sunday, January 25, 2015, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Pictorial Directories

We have a limited number of pictorial directories remaining. If you did not have your picture taken and you would like a copy of the pictorial directory, please contact the church office.

On-the-Go Books

We have a limited number of On-the-Go Books (a mini-pictorial directory that easily fits in a purse or briefcase). These On-the-Go Books are for sale for \$5.00. The proceeds will support HACSM Food Pantry in Highland and the AHMA Bread of Life Food Pantry in Hamel. Please contact the church office, if you would like to purchase one or two!

“The Question of Responsibility”

(Suggested Readings: 1 Peter 1 & 2)

Years ago, there was a television game show called, "What's My Line." The premise was the panel would have to guess who was really in a particular profession from among a group having all but one impostor. Among the candidates, each one knew his or her true role. In our lives we can get confused about our role—by not only trying to do someone else's responsibility but by trying to do that which belongs to God.

As well-meaning Christians, we can be confused about who is responsible for a particular thing. We do well to recognize that God is not confused. God knows and does according to perfect righteousness. In prayer for guidance and diligence in obeying what we are called to do, we come to better understand this dance of life. We do well to understand human weakness in this area—historically and probably personally.

We have a bent to assume God's role, while neglecting to attend to the very things to which we are called. Suppose we consider one avenue of responsibility, such as judgment. We know God's word states, "Judgment is mine, saith the Lord." Could this precept have been made any clearer? In truth, how much time do we spend in the work of judgment? Work clearly not ours to do! Even more troubling...what did we neglect in the time we spent out of the will of God? We cannot do what is God's to do, and God will not do our part.

Either we stay in step with the harmonious will of God, or as the impostors on "What's My Line," we pretend to have authority, grieving God, and causing pain and havoc in the lives of others and ourselves. We do well to daily ask God specifically for the guidance, strength, and focus each day. We can trust that God will do His part. Will we ever be diligent in the work to which we are daily called? God has much for us to be about. May we always do God's will.

God Bless You!

Pastor John



MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS WITH PASTOR JERRY

Come join us at Maedge's on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. to have a cup of coffee, discuss the sermon, read scripture together, and talk about whatever is on your mind.

EXHALE – YOUTH NEWS

“Erase it, replace it, and always learn from what it was.”

Every year, we make promises in the month of January. We promise to have a better year than the last. We promise to better ourselves. We promise to make those around us better people. This year, maybe more than most in recent history, I hope this tradition rings true. We always talk about a new year being a time to wipe our boards clean and start anew. This is an important thing for us as people to be able to look forward to. It is equally important for us to set goals and strive to better ourselves. It also is important to learn from what is being erased on our boards from the previous year and the years before that. We are meant to grow, to evolve, and to become a people on constant transition into the better. We also are made to learn from what has happened in our past and use our past to guide us to who we will be and who we strive to be. My hope is that you get your clean slate and fill your clean slate with wonderful things this upcoming year. I also hope your smudges from your past will guide you and are never forgotten.

Love Wins,

Nick Atkins-Harris

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Important Dates for Exhale:

- **January 4:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **January 11:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **January 18:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **January 25:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **January 31:** Exhale – Sausage Supper Coat Check

DID YOU KNOW?

"NOTICE – Chili supper Tuesday, January 17, at the Salem church, Alhambra. Sponsored by Young Couples Fellowship. Benefit parish hall fund. Donation 75 cents." When was this ad placed?

- The ad was in the Edwardsville Intelligencer on January 16, 1950. Many activities were held to raise money for the Parish Hall that we all still enjoy today. It will be the center of activity on Saturday night, January 31, for our annual Sausage Supper.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

December 11, 2014

The following members were present: Pastor Jerry Amiri, Dagmar Annable, Gary Boda, Scott Demkey, Bobby Frank, Krista Mansholt, Donita Prott, Dawn Reagan, Tim Stille, and Lisa Uhe. Guests present were Irving Gray and Austin Reinhardt.

The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Frank. Pastor Jerry read the devotion, "God's Ways Are Right," and led the group in prayer.

The Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were approved.

Committee Reports were presented with the following highlights:

- **Board of Christian Education:** The Children's Christmas Eve Program is on Wednesday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Children's Christmas Eve Program practices will be on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 21, at 8:45 a.m.
- **Evangelism/Worship:** Committee will add a note in the bulletin in regards to the live streaming.
- **Property:** A boiler may need to be approved. Committee is checking the pipes in the Parish Hall basement bathrooms.

Pastor's Report: The pictorial directories are in.

The meeting closed by reciting the Lord's Prayer. The next Church Council meeting will be on January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Note: The approved minutes of all Church Council meetings are available in the church office.

~ FROM THE OFFICE COORDINATOR ~

New 2015 calendars are available in the Narthex and outside the church office.

Calendars are compliments of Dauderman Mortuary.

Annual Reports

If you have not yet submitted your committee's annual report, please do so as soon as possible. Attention All Treasurers: Please submit your treasurer's reports to the church office as soon as you have them done and audited. Final deadline for all treasurers' reports is Monday, January 12, 2015, by 9:00 a.m. Thanks!

2015 Salem U.C.C. Phone Directory:

The 2015 Salem U.C.C. Phone Directory will be available for pick up on Sunday, January 25, 2015, on the table outside of the church office.

Jennifer Henschen

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!!!

**March 2015 – August 2016
Greeters, Liturgists, & Ushers Needed!!!**

The Evangelism/Worship Committee needs your help! They are in need of greeters, liturgists, and ushers for the March 2015 – August 2016 Schedule. Please sign up on the table outside the church office if you can help with one, two, or all of these ministries.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Be sure to check the passageway for your 2015 offering envelopes.

PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER AT THE CHURCH OFFICE:

- If there are no envelopes with your name on them, and you wish to receive the envelopes.
- If you would like your envelopes mailed out to you.
- If you no longer wish to receive the envelopes.



Salem UCC Treasurer's Report

(Month Ending 11/30/2014)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	16,395.40	23,689.67
Offering – Loose	7,657.65	76,752.28
Offering – Envelopes	10,825.00	107,509.95
Facility Use Donations	0.00	3,813.69
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	1,100.00
Interest Income – General Fund	2.65	41.44
Benevolence Received	1,068.00	15,113.45
Total General Fund Income	19,553.30	204,330.81
Salaries	9,926.28	102,896.52
Employee Benefits	563.02	24,648.56
Maintenance/Property Services	1,013.44	13,999.00
Insurance	0.00	11,361.00
Utilities	1,976.16	21,860.77
Supplies – General	965.95	8,141.59
Professional Expense	142.68	3,661.08
Miscellaneous	120.00	183.00
Worship	2,238.39	4,856.17
Christian Education	0.00	3,141.44
Evangelism	(66.65)	935.33
Stewardship	0.00	429.69
Stephen's Ministry	66.65	167.10
Benevolence Paid	0.00	12,736.45
Total General Fund Expenses	16,945.92	209,017.70
GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 19,002.78	\$ 19,002.78
MEMORIAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	73,759.37	73,216.21
Bequests – Memorial Fund	145.00	11,302.50
Honorariums – Memorial Fund		45.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	177.02
Memorial Fund Expenses:		
Parsonage Steps & Landscaping	0.00	3,008.42
Worship – Music & Visual	0.00	6,405.89
Conference Table – Memorial Parlor	0.00	1,422.05
MEMORIAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 73,904.37	\$ 73,904.37
BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	4,270.65	2,215.65
Building Fund Offering	965.00	6,140.00
Bequests – Building Fund	500.00	1,750.00
Building Fund Expense – Replace Aux. A/C		4,370.00
BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 5,735.65	\$ 5,735.65
SABBATICAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	11,896.12	10,896.12
Contribution from Men's Fellowship		1,000.00
SABBATICAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 11,896.12	\$ 11,896.12
ENDOWMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	60,648.30	58,386.75
Interest Income – Endowment Fund		116.55
Bequests – Endowment Fund	30.00	2,175.00
ENDOWMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 60,678.30	\$ 60,678.30
INVESTMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	188,475.83	183,143.75
Change in Market Value	1,698.67	10,030.75
Scholarships Paid	0.00	(3,000.00)
INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 190,174.50	\$ 190,174.50
MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	127,583.12	133,049.51
Change in Market Value	1,107.52	6,022.13
Mission Match Paid	0.00	(4,681.00)
Donations for Ecuador	0.00	2,488.00
Expenditures for Ecuador Mission Trip	0.00	(8,188.00)
MISSION MATCHING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 128,690.64	\$ 128,690.64
RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	15,073.61	14,929.27
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	13.21	157.55
RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 15,086.82	\$ 15,086.82
SCHOLARSHIP FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	4,275.00	4,275.00
Scholarships Paid	(4,275.00)	(4,275.00)
SCHOLARSHIP FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	3,249.14	2,075.50
Grant Received – Literacy	0.00	1,500.00
Grant Expense – 2012 Grant	200.00	526.36
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 3,049.14	\$ 3,049.14



JANUARY ROTATION: "JESUS IS BAPTIZED"

	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Gathering Room	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
Scribe's Den (Cooking)	Pre-K & K	1st & 2nd	3rd & 4th	5th & 6th
God's Oasis (Drama)	1st & 2nd	Pre-K & K	5th & 6th	3rd & 4th
Faith Island (Games)	3rd & 4th	5th & 6th	Pre-K & K	1st & 2nd
Gathering Room (Music)	5th & 6th	3rd & 4th	1st & 2nd	Pre-K & K
Gathering Room	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

All children will start in the Gathering Room at 8:45 a.m.
 After the opening gathering, the children will be led to their specific workshop by their shepherds.
Please pick up your child in the Gathering Room at 9:50 a.m.

~ Kids For Christ ~

Kids For Christ met on Sunday, December 14, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We had 14 kids and 3 adults who enjoyed our *Polar Express* themed party. The kids watched *Polar Express*, and then they enjoyed eating pizza and playing Christmas Bingo.

Our next KFC meeting will be on Sunday, January 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We will have a *Frozen* themed party. The kids will play games related to the movie, *Frozen*. One of the games the kids will enjoy is building a snowman indoors. Do you want to build a snowman? Come on, let's go and play! If you have any questions, please contact Heather Luitjohan or Emily Uhe.

From the Giving Tree Committee

Thanks to all who either donated money or gifts for the Giving Tree. You helped many have a brighter Christmas! Thanks for your help in making this a special time.

Giving Tree Committee
Paige Basler & Mary Reinhardt



THANK YOU NOTES:

Thank you for all the cards, food, and well wishes after Bob's surgery. We are grateful to have such a thoughtful and loving family at Salem.

*Happy New Year to all!
Bob & Carol Dauderman & Family*

Thanks for all the gifts, cards, and wishes of "Merry Christmas." We are always amazed and grateful for the generosity of Salem. We hope everyone has a joyous, wonderful Christmas and all have a happy, prosperous New Year.

Pastor Jerry & Carol Amiri

We are grateful for all the thoughts, prayers, love, and support that is ever with us at Salem.

*God Bless You All!
Pastor John & Family*

On behalf of Salem Church, I would like to thank the members of the Pictorial Directory Committee for their tireless work on another marvelous pictorial directory. Pictorial Directory Committee members are Shirley Collmann, Lorena Gray, Kris Lynn, Carol Reckman, Devon Reckman, and Terri Templeman. Special thanks to Jennifer Henschen and Patti Reckmann for their assistance.

Pastor Jerry Amiri

ALHAMBRA DRIVERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Please help us continue Meals on Wheels in Alhambra by volunteering to be a driver. We are in desperate need of drivers! Drivers will be responsible for delivering lunches Monday through Friday to Alhambra township residents. The Meals on Wheels program needs Alhambra drivers or the route will be cancelled! Thank you for helping to make Meals on Wheels a success. For more details, please call Jerry Frank at 488-7128 or Elizabeth Loy at 488-2355.

FROM THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WOMEN'S GUILD

Our Golden Agers for January are:

Lorene Uhe on January 10, **Julann Hastings** on January 18,
Bob Dauderman on January 23, & **Hilda Ramach** on January 30.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

SALEM COOKIE EXCHANGE 2014 RECIPE BOOKS

Salem Cookie Exchange 2014 Recipe Books are available on the table outside the church office.

*****Pies and desserts are needed for the Sausage Supper.*****

*****Items also are needed for the Country Store at the Sausage Supper.*****

67th Annual Whole Hog Sausage Supper



SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015

SERVING FROM 2:30 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

MENU:

FRESH HOMEMADE PORK SAUSAGE

Sauerkraut Potatoes Gravy Green Beans Applesauce Bread Dessert Coffee Milk

The ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and carry-outs and \$5.00 for children ages 5 to 10.
Ages 4 and under will be free.

SAUSAGE SALES: Thursday, January 29 → 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 31 → 9:00 a.m. to ?

Sausage Supper Committee Chairs:

Purchasing:	Vernon Uhe	Advertising & Ticket Sales:	
Processing:	Lawrence Henschen Lewis Knackstedt		Laverne Korsmeyer Ron Schmidt
Kitchen:	Rhet Mansholt Dave Renken	Seating:	Justin Bonnell Michael Dauderman Jerry Frank
Dishwashing:	Bev Engelke	Public Relations:	Pastor Jerry Amiri
Fryers & Setup:	Ron Bolen Dennis Conrad Jim Reagan Greg Reinhardt Leon Uhe	Sausage Carriers:	Donal Reagan Christopher Uhe
Sausage Sales:	Charlie Brown Dave Frueh Linda Uhe Vernon Uhe	Elevator:	Mike Hackethal Delmar Korsmeyer Vernon Mindrup Mark Vassier
Carry-Out:	Jim & Dagmar Annable Bill & Carol Reckman	Parking:	Boy Scouts Caine Kelso Joe Reinhardt
Tables:	Vernon Blom Joe Dauderman Mike Hackethal Dean Korsmeyer	Butchering Date:	January 26, 2015
		Processing Dates:	January 28, 2015 January 29, 2015
		Supper Date:	January 31, 2015



Worship Ministry Schedule



Date	Acolytes	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Recorder	Ushers
Jan. 4 (10am)	Ian Grandame Austin Reinhardt	Shirley Collmann	Bill Reckman	Ron Mindrup	Paige Basler / Judy Blom Justin Bonnell / Laura Muench Laverne Korsmeyer
Jan. 11 (10am)	Anna Brase Kara Braundmeier	Fern Scheller	Dagmar Annable	Joe Bolyard	Ken Gehrig Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt Steve Stille / Ken Suhre
Jan. 18 (10am)	Sydney Basler Barbie Meguire	Jim Annable	Carol Reckman	Patti Reckmann	Brian & Connie Duncan Emily Duncan Gene & Terri Templeman
Jan. 25 (10am)	Brienna Bowers Tessa Renken	Gene & Terri Templeman	Lewis Knackstedt	Patti Reckmann	Doug & Nancy Heidbrink Brett Henschen Brenda Schlechte / Jeff Warnke

Nursery Schedule

January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Ashley Prott Donita Prott	Sarah Bolyard Tiffany Gillison	Emily Uhe Patty Uhe	Jennifer Henschen Danielle Porter

Worship Schedule

Date	Scripture Readings	Sermon Title	Pastor
January 4 – 10 a.m. Worship with Pew Communion	Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12	<i>An Epiphany of Epiphany</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
January 11 – 10 a.m. Worship	Genesis 1:1-5 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	<i>The Baptism of Jesus</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
January 18 – 10 a.m. Worship	1 Samuel 3:1-10 John 1:43-51	<i>Called by God</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
January 25 – 10 a.m. Praise Sunday	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Mark 1:14-20	<i>Answering God's Call</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
January 25 – 4 p.m. Raya	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	Nick Atkins-Harris

“Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”
Exodus 4:12.

The Lord speaks to all of us in many different ways. Is your heart open to hear what is being said? We want all of you to listen and consider what your heart is saying. We are planning a Region 5 mission trip to Tosagua, which is on the coast of Ecuador, June 20-29, 2015. This is a different location than the February 2014 trip. The build site is located about 60 miles from the Pacific Ocean, southeast of Manta. We will be building a masonry and block home in the Manabi province in Ecuador. There will be an orientation meeting on May 5 and June 3 at Salem. No experience is required, just a valid passport. There may be many obstacles and challenges running through your mind, which may be deterring you from going. We encourage you to put those obstacles in God's hands.

*“Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the **LORD** your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.”*
Joshua 23:14

There is no obstacle or challenge that can't be overcome with God. Please contact the Mission/Stewardship Committee if you have obstacles and/or challenges keeping you from answering God's call. There is help available for anyone who has the desire to go. We want all who are willing to make this journey to have the chance to go.

Mission/Stewardship Committee



If you are sad or struggling inside, do not suffer alone. Ask for help. We have a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It is confidential too!) Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders listed below. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Rev. Jerry Amiri: (O) 618-488-3215 / (C) 636-328-3332
Pastor John Mindrup: (C) 618-409-3941 / Betty Imboden: (C) 618-973-0572

Prayer List

Cancer Concerns:

Wayne Gentry / Richard Bunte / Sam Merkel

Health Concerns:

Pastor Jerry Amiri / Quintin Byrne (Cousin of Lisa Reinhardt)

Vickie Conrad / Diana Donohoo

Betty Imboden / Thomas Kinnett

Lorene Knackstedt / Marie Mindrup

Vernon Mindrup / Fred Monk (Son-in-Law of Bob Mindrup)

Freddie Riepshoff / Melvin Roberts

Carol Ruehrup

Alhambra Care Center:

Velma Henkhaus

Eden Village:

Hilbert & Verna Klenke

Lawrence & Hilda Ramach

Faith Countryside Homes/Apartments:

Dorothy Knabel

Highland Home:

Anita Suhre

Hitz Memorial Home:

Orlean Hosto / Electa Leitch / Herb Schmidt

Legacy Place:

Al & Betty Volz

Our Servicemen & Servicewomen:

Lt. Col. Derek Bright / Thomas Eyman

Airman Dustin Garner / Jason Schlechte

Kenny Randle / Jared Thiems / Kyle Thornton

January Anniversaries

01/11/1991 Greg & Dawn Reinhardt

01/25/1964 Vernon & Judy Blom

01/29/1960 Charley & Tolly Vassier

01/29/1992 Gene & Terri Templeman

Baptism

Elyza June Faires was baptized on Sunday, December 21, 2014, at Salem UCC by Rev. Jerry Amiri. Elyza was born on October 8, 2014, to Alex & Kiley Faires. Her grandparents are Tom & Lisa Faires and Ron & Gale Bolen. Her great-grandparents are Denny & Vivian Faires. Her godparents are Adrienne Branger and Neil Patel.

Our Sympathies To The Family Of:

Theresa Gundlach

(Mother of Terri Templeman)

Who died on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.



January Birthdays



January 1

Lorena Gray

January 2

Bev Gibson
Trevor Henkhaus

January 3

Lisa Reinhardt
Krista Mansholt
Amanda Brase

January 4

Eva Babic
Tim Stille
Scott Trauernicht
Jake Esmon

January 5

Theresa Reinhardt

January 6

Barb Randle
Deanna Dauderman
Amber Koch
Bradey McKinley

January 9

Craig Henschen
Allison Semanisin
Mindy Suhre
Ian Grandame

January 10

Lorene Uhe
Linda Uhe
Rick Allen
Dede Donohoo

January 11

Bill Prott
Neal Parker
Caitlyn Burton

January 12

Lisa Semanisin
Ronna Renken
Kyle Frank

January 13

Kay Koch
Dianne Price
Joni Sanders

January 14

Roger Reilson
Natalie Rinderer

January 15

Jeff Gibbons
Tom Eyman
Ryan Boxell
Shyana Reckmann

January 17

Kenneth Suhre

January 18

Julann Hastings
Ed Layher
Jerry Reckmann
Barbara Dugan
Joseph McGee
Justin Gibbons

January 19

Jack Nihiser
Sheryl Cecco
Craig Nihiser
Greg Nihiser
Lauren Bolen

January 20

Bryan Wernle
Jordan Tillerson

January 21

Trent Otto

January 22

Ashley Knackstedt

January 23

Bob Dauderman
Carol Erbin
Brian Debatin
Brett Henschen

January 24

Patty Allen

January 26

Fern Scheller
Gale Bolen
Scott Demkey

January 27

Elizabeth Brown

January 28

Lorna McGee
Lonnie Reckmann
Dawn Reagan
Carrie Torti

January 29

Dorothy Knabel

January 30

Hilda Ramach

January 31

Greg Reinhardt
Richard Porter Jr.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Jan. 4	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers Worship with Communion BOCE Meeting after Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Jan. 5	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflection at Maedge's
		7:00pm	Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	Jan. 6	6:30pm	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Jan. 7	6:00pm	Salem Chimes
		6:30pm	Confirmation
		6:30pm	Salem Ringers
		7:30pm	Salem Chancel Choir
Thursday	Jan. 8	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday	Jan. 11	8:45am	Salem Seekers
		10:00am	Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	KFC <i>Frozen</i> Party
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Jan. 12	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	Jan. 13	1:00pm	Senior Citizens
Wednesday	Jan. 14	6:00pm	Salem Chimes
		6:30pm	Confirmation
		6:30pm	Salem Ringers
		7:30pm	Salem Chancel Choir
Thursday	Jan. 15	7:00pm	Guild & Brotherhood Meeting
Friday	Jan. 16	9:00am	February Messenger Articles Due
Sunday	Jan. 18	8:45am	Salem Seekers
		10:00am	Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Jan. 19	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	Jan. 20	9:00am	Historical Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Jan. 21	6:00pm	Salem Chimes
		6:30pm	Confirmation
		6:30pm	Salem Ringers
		7:30pm	Salem Chancel Choir
Sunday	Jan. 25	8:45am	Salem Seekers
		10:00am	Praise Worship
		4:00pm	155th Annual Meeting following Worship Raya
			Exhale following Raya (until 5:30 p.m.)
Monday	Jan. 26	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
			Butchering Day at Korte Processing
Wednesday	Jan. 28		Processing Day at Korte Processing
Thursday	Jan. 29		Processing Day at Korte Processing
		12:00-6:00pm	Meat Sales
Saturday	Jan. 31	9:00am	Meat Sales
		2:30-8:00pm	67th Annual Whole Hog Sausage Supper

The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee

The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee (PPPRC) is always ready to hear ideas and suggestions. PPPRC members are: Dennis Conrad, Irving Gray, Susi Miller, Kathy Porter, Ken Suhre, and Linda Uhe.

The Salem Wire

There is a lot that happens from Sunday to Sunday—deaths, births, weddings, etc. Wouldn't it be nice to know these things sooner than later? The *Salem Wire* is an email message delivery system where you would receive notice of events and happenings in the church. To sign up for the *Salem Wire*, please email the church office at salemucalh@gmail.com.

The Salem E-Messenger

Would you rather receive *The Messenger* by email? The *Salem E-Messenger* is a delivery system where you would receive *The Messenger* and all committee meeting minutes by email instead of regular mail. To sign up for the *Salem E-Messenger*, please email the church office at salemucalh@gmail.com.

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Pastor Jerry's Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(Available for Walk-Ins and Appointments)

Youth Director's Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Office Coordinator's Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



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**Would You Like
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If you would like or know of someone who would like home communion or a visit from Pastor Jerry in your home for conversation and prayer, please contact him to schedule a time.

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