



THE MESSENGER

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

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. ~ 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again. ~ Luke 24:7-7

I like to read a lot. One of my favorite subjects is the study of world religions. In fact, the Confirmands just finished their group studies on world religions. The reason for this assignment is that in order for us to understand our faith we should be aware of other faith traditions. This is especially true as we approach Easter—the pivotal moment of our faith tradition. All of the major religions share common themes of one God, being charitable in helping out our neighbors, a sense of justice, etc. However, Christianity is the only religion whose base is the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On the surface this might seem obvious. However, we need to be careful to not take that for granted. The death and resurrection is more than just an unfortunate end to a gloried ministry. Like most things, time has afforded us the opportunity to reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It wasn't until Paul began his writing, which eventually became the Epistles, to different churches that the world began to understand the resurrection. Reflection has helped us to put meaning to Jesus' death and resurrection. We have come to understand that because of Jesus' sacrifice, our sins are forgiven.

As wonderful as that is, His resurrection means more than just forgiveness. You see, Jesus asked God for forgiveness of **our** sins when He was on the cross. With that understanding, what does the resurrection mean? The resurrection is an exclamation point to that gloried ministry of which I spoke. It shows the world Jesus was truly divine. I have heard it said that Christians are "Easter People." For some this may be reflected in the popular bumper sticker which reads, "Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven." However, I think a more accurate reflection would be "He lives!"

I am reminded of the chorus of an old Baptist hymn, *He Lives*:

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and He talks with me, Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives;
He lives within my heart.*

I pray your Easter is glorious, and you feel compelled to share the Good News of Easter: **He Lives!**

Blessings,

Pastor Jerry



Don't Forget that Time Changes on Sunday, March 8!



**DAYLIGHT-
SAVING
TIME
BEGINS**

DID YOU KNOW?

Last month we explained the green and purple colors of the liturgical church year. Do you know what the colors white and red represent and when they are used?

- White symbolizes joy in the light of day and is used for Christmas and the following twelve days. It also is used on Maundy Thursday rejoicing in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and from Easter until Pentecost. Salem also uses the white cloths for weddings.
- Red represents fire. The symbol of the Holy Spirit and is used on Palm Sunday and again on Pentecost Sunday.

“Bring Everything to Our Benefactor”

(Suggested Readings: *Philippians 4:4-9 & James 5:7-18*)

Consider the barrage of appeals we are subjected to on a daily basis: television, internet, radio, mail, peer pressure, and more. All appeals come to us with an implication that it is for our benefit. In moments when we have clarity, we know we have but one benefactor. We have a Lord who has created us through love. He loves us, cares for us, is with us, makes a home for us to live with Him forever, and so much more! He sent His only Son, the atonement for our sin, so we not only live forever but live in the freedom of forgiveness and grace!!! Who is our benefactor? We should know the answer no matter where we are and no matter the circumstance. How then do we access this divine benefit? We can access this benefit through prayer and divine communion with God. We can talk with God and listen to God in all things.

I challenge all of us to bring everything to the Lord. Perhaps we do well to deepen the petitions we have been lifting to God by telling God why we seek His way. We also need to listen intently in our heart for His answer. We need to speak to God about everything, including the color of the sky, the breeze, something amusing yet beautiful you see in someone, every anxiety, impatience, and our reluctance to do His will. We need to thank God for the success in the trying days He has brought us through. We need to thank God for the days of ease and the quiet days given to us to reflect on His goodness.

Listen to God in all things, allowing Him to fill the quiet places with His goodness. Bring everything to God—absolutely everything! Receive that which benefits everyone, forever! 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.
(Please Note: There will be no Monday Morning Reflections on March 2.)

EXHALE – YOUTH NEWS

*Don't look down; count on the road being there every time.
The road is yours, so live your lives, against the grain and outside the lights.
~ Black Canyon – Red Wanting Blue*

Faith is extremely personal and a funny thing sometimes. Faith also is exactly what you need it to be. For some, it is a comfort blanket. When things get a little rough, they cuddle up with it, feel its warmth, know it is not going anywhere, and just trust it. For others, they constantly have the blanket with them 24/7. It is a constant in their everyday life. Without it, the feeling we have is similar to when we leave our keys or our cell phone at home, a little lost. But the whole point in faith is to find what works for you and to trust it. Know that whether your faith is constant or pops up on a need to need basis, it's always there.

If you haven't found your blanket yet, do not worry. It comes at different times and in different forms for everyone! But know as the song lyrics above states, do not be afraid to look forward for the road is always going to be there; and your faith, regardless of how you view it, will lead you to exactly where you need to go.

Love Wins,
Nick Atkins-Harris
Email: hoosierdrummer60@gmail.com / Cell: 812-589-1918 / Facebook: ExhaleSalemUCC

Important Dates for Exhale:

- **March 1:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **March 8:** Exhale Roller Skating at the YMCA in Edwardsville
Meet at Church to Carpool at 12:30 p.m. (Return around 3:30 p.m.)
- **March 15:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **March 22:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **March 28:** Exhale Trivia Night @ 6:30 p.m.
- **March 29:** Confirmation Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.
No Exhale

Exhale Youth Trivia Night:

Exhale Youth Trivia Night will be on Saturday, March 28. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and trivia will start at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$100 per table, and each table can have up to 10 players. We also will have heads or tails, 50/50 drawing, and a silent auction.

All proceeds raised from our trivia night will help support our mission trips to New Orleans, Louisiana, and Merom Conference Center this summer!

If you are interested in reserving your table or providing a basket for the silent auction, please contact Nick Atkins-Harris via email at hoosierdrummer60@gmail.com or with a call or text at 812-589-1918.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

February 12, 2015

The following members were present: Pastor Jerry Amiri, Dagmar Annable, Gary Boda, Scott Demkey, Bobby Frank, Shirley Gall, Ron Mindrup, Donita Prott, Dawn Reagan, Ronna Renken, Steve Stille, Tim Stille, and Christopher Uhe. Guests present were Kara Braundmeier, Irving Gray, Ben Hoeft, Tori Lynn, Wyatt Reckman, Austin Reinhardt, and Catlyn Thomas.

The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Frank. Pastor Jerry read an excerpt from Brian McLaren's book, "Naked Spirituality," and led the group in prayer. The Church Council had communion together.

Ben Hoeft spoke about the Portfolio performance.

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

Committee Reports were presented with the following highlights:

- **Evangelism/Worship:** All new Salem members will receive an anniversary book.
- **Property:** The sanctuary's pew cushions will be professionally cleaned on February 14, 2015.

Both the Funeral Policy and Wedding Policy have been updated.

We welcomed new Church Council members: Ron Mindrup, Ronna Renken, Steve Stille, and Christopher Uhe.

2015 Church Council Officers are: President Bobby Frank, Vice-President Gary Boda, Secretary Donita Prott, Treasurer Scott Demkey, and Financial Secretary Dawn Reagan.

The meeting closed by reciting the Lord's Prayer. The next Church Council meeting will be on March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**We are pleased to announce Lisa Uhe has accepted the position of Financial Coordinator.
We thank Lisa and look forward to her service.**

Salem Church Council

LIVESTREAM

Have you ever had one of those days that for whatever reason you cannot make it to church? Fear not! Salem Church now uses Livestream to broadcast our worship services. Here are four easy steps to watch the worship service online:

1. Go to Livestream.com
2. Click on "Watch."
3. In the search box (top left), type "Salem UCC."
4. Click on the black and white picture of the church, and you will either see the live broadcast of the worship service or you can look for archived services.

This will enable people who live out of town (including college students) and people who are searching for a church to stay/be connected to the church. Of course, nothing replaces being in worship together; however, Livestream does provide the opportunity to be the church.

The Illinois South Conference & DuBois Center present:

50 Years of Faith & Fun on May 3, 2015, at the Gateway Grizzlies Stadium

Here's the pitch!

Join the family and friends of the Illinois South Conference & DuBois Center
For a day of celebration filled with fun!!!

There will be the following:

Homerun Derby	Gaga Pit	Bounce House	Concession Food
Kickball Tournament	Washers	Tricycle Races	Available
Bag Toss	Bocce Ball	Historical Revue	T-Shirts
Horseshoes	9-Square in the Air	Music	Duck Pond

Advance cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family (Ticket price includes games, not food & drinks.)
Go to www.iscucc.org to register online or go to the church office to purchase your advance tickets.

Salem UCC Treasurer's Report

(Month Ending 01/31/2015)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	12,521.25	12,521.25
Offering – Loose	6,281.00	6,281.00
Offering – Envelopes	8,943.00	8,943.00
Facility Use Donations	50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,118.53	1,118.53
Interest Income – General Fund	1.98	1.98
Benevolence Received	4,371.00	4,371.00
Total General Fund Income	20,765.51	20,765.51
Salaries	8,904.08	8,904.08
Employee Benefits	433.78	433.78
Maintenance/Property Services	1,230.80	1,230.80
Utilities	1,995.04	1,995.04
Supplies – General	709.00	709.00
Professional Expense	88.00	88.00
Worship	60.00	60.00
Christian Education	121.57	121.57
Total General Fund Expenses	13,542.27	13,542.27
GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 19,744.49	\$ 19,744.49
MEMORIAL FUND BALANCE	(No Activity)	\$ 73,860.94
BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	8,580.65	8,580.65
Building Fund Offering	300.00	300.00
BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 8,880.65	\$ 8,880.65
SABBATICAL FUND BALANCE	(No Activity)	\$ 11,896.12
ENDOWMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	61,748.28	61,748.28
Endowment Fund Disbursements:		
Interest Distribution – General Fund	1,118.53	1,118.53
Interest Distribution – Benevolence	1,119.98	1,119.98
ENDOWMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 59,509.77	\$ 59,509.77
INVESTMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	189,646.93	189,646.93
Change in Market Value	(6,216.19)	(6,216.19)
INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 183,430.74	\$ 183,430.74
MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	127,751.87	127,751.87
Change in Market Value	(1,939.88)	(1,939.88)
Donations for Ecuador		
Mission Fund Disbursements:		
Mission Match Paid	3,524.00	3,524.00
MISSION MATCHING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 122,287.99	\$ 122,287.99
RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	15,102.56	15,102.56
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	14.57	14.57
RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 15,117.13	\$ 15,117.13
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	2,623.93	2,623.93
Other Restricted Expense:		
Grant Expense – 2014 Literacy Grant	100.17	100.17
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 2,523.76	\$ 2,523.76

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing special offering channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster emergencies. One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be collected on **Sunday, March 8**. The offering envelopes for this special offering may be found in the Sunday, March 1, bulletin.

Ecuador Mission Trip

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. No experience is required, just a valid passport. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, March 1, after worship at Salem.

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. There is no obstacle or challenge that cannot 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.



Salem Seekers News

“Easter People”	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
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.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
God’s Oasis (Storytelling)	Pre-K & K	1st & 2nd	3rd & 4th	5th & 6th	ALL: Pre-K – 6th Special Palm Sunday Presentation
Scribe’s Den (Arts/Crafts)	1st & 2nd	Pre-K & K	5th & 6th	3rd & 4th	
Gathering Room (Music)	3rd & 4th	5th & 6th	Pre-K & K	1st & 2nd	
Disciples’ Dune (Cooking with Science)	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.	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 (KFC) ~

In February, seven kids met and assembled Valentines to send to Kindercottage. Thank you to the Uhe family for delivering them. We also broke open a piñata and shared a treat with Exhale. On Sunday, March 8, we will roller skate at the Edwardsville YMCA. We will meet at the YMCA Meyer Center, and skate from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The total cost of skating is only \$3.00 per person. Food and drink are available to purchase for an additional cost. A sign-up sheet will be on the table outside the church office so we know how many people to expect. Feel free to bring a friend for this fun event!

Save the Date for the Easter Egg Hunt!!!

Mark your calendar for the 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt!!! The 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at Salem UCC rain or shine on Saturday, April 4, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. All youth from newborns to those in the 5th grade are invited to come hunt for eggs! The youth will search for eggs in age appropriate groups. We will have donuts, muffins, and fruit afterwards. Please bring an item for the food pantry to be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a special prize! Hope to see you there!



Your Help Is Needed to Fill the Easter Eggs!!!

We need your help with filling the Easter eggs. Plastic Easter eggs will be available soon on the table in the Educational Building. Please pick some up and fill them up with Easter goodies and return them by Friday, April 3. Suggested items to fill the eggs are individual wrapped candy, mini bottles of bubbles, stickers, coins, and any other Easter goodies. We appreciate your support!!!

THANK YOU NOTES:

I would like to thank Pastor Jerry and Pastor John for the prayers and visits while I was at several hospitals. Thanks to all who sent cards and food. Thanks for the phone calls and prayers. I am slowly getting strength again.

 God Bless You All,
 Marie Mindrup

Highland Area Christian Service Ministry
Thanks Salem UCC for the donation of \$363.

Hitz Memorial Home
Thanks Salem UCC for the donation of \$559.99.

I would like to thank Pastor Jerry and Pastor John for their visit with me while I was recuperating from my surgery. I would like to thank my family for all their time taking me to the doctors and to therapy. Thanks to all for the get well cards and for the prayers. It all was greatly appreciated, and may God bless all of you.

 Vernon Mindrup

I would like to thank the Salem UCC community for the scholarship I received. The scholarship will help me as I continue on my path of becoming an educator. It means a lot to have such a supporting, loving church community behind me. I would not be where I am today without God and the support I have received from Salem UCC.

 Thank You,
 Shane Stille

Salem UCC Scholarship

Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2015

Salem UCC scholarship applications may be picked up in the church office or on the table outside the church office.

FROM THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WOMEN'S GUILD

Next Meeting of the Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild:

Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Jerry Amiri will have the devotion.

FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night will be on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Please sign up for Family Night in the passageway.
Tickets are \$7.00 for ages 5 & up (ages 4 & under are free).

The caterer is Sundae Best, and the entertainment is Chris Moreland, who will entertain us with a four person musical geared towards both adults and children.

We hope you can join us!



67th Annual Whole Hog Sausage Supper Report:

The week began on Monday, January 26, 2015, at Korte Meat Processors when we slaughtered 50 hogs (13,460 lbs. live weight at 52.75 cents/lb → 9,679 lbs. dressed weight). On Wednesday, January 28, 28 men cut up 28 hogs and made sausage for the meat sales on Thursday. On Thursday, January 29, 29 men cut up the remaining hogs—making a combined total of 7,314 pounds of sausage. On Saturday, January 31, the weather was good and 30-40 degrees most of the day for the Sausage Supper. We served a total of 2,347 dinners with 1,062 of them being carry-outs. We had another successful year!

Thanks again to all who helped in any way!!!

March Golden Agers Are:

Vernon Blom on March 4, **Gloria Henschen** on March 9, **Al Volz** on March 15,
Helen Dugan on March 18, & **Ginny Schuerman** on March 19

EASTER FLOWERS

Do you want to give flowers in memory or in honor of your loved one(s)? The cost is \$16.00 per Easter Lily and \$12.50 per Hyacinth or Tulip. **Orders must be placed no later than Sunday, March 8.** Order forms may be picked up in the Narthex or outside the church office. Please make checks payable to Salem UCC and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Please turn in your order form along with a check to the church office, or you may drop your order form and check in the offering tray. Thank you.

Please Share Your Music Talents...

We would like to showcase all the different instruments and talents of our members during Salem's worship services! We could use young people who are just learning to play an instrument or adults who have been looking for an opportunity to get their instrument out of the case again. Please contact Dawn Reinhardt if you'd like to share your talent and let her know what instrument you play. We also are looking for more people to join our Salem Chancel Choir. Please come join us on Wednesday nights!

DAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Day of Discipleship will be on Saturday, March 7, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. John Evangelical UCC in Collinsville, Illinois. The keynote speakers are Rev. Starsky Wilson, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, and Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell. A schedule of workshops offered is posted on the bulletin board in the passageway or may be viewed on the Illinois Conference website: www.isucc.org.



Worship Ministry Schedule



Date	Acolytes	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Recorder	Ushers
Mar. 1 (10am)	Lexi Gibbons Catlyn Thomas	Larry & Lorna McGee	Patty Uhe	Ron Mindrup	Paige Basler / Judy Blom Justin Bonnell / Laura Muench Laverne Korsmeyer
Mar. 4 (7pm)	_____	Larry & Lorna McGee	_____	Ron Mindrup	Paige Basler / Judy Blom Justin Bonnell / Laura Muench Laverne Korsmeyer
Mar. 8 (10am)	Ian Grandame Austin Reinhardt	Jim Annable	Dagmar Annable	Joe Bolyard	Amy Henschen / Gena Hodapp Krista Miller Chad & Tara Schuster
Mar. 11 (7pm)	_____	Jim Annable	_____	Joe Bolyard	Amy Henschen / Gena Hodapp Krista Miller Chad & Tara Schuster
Mar. 15 (10am)	Anna Brase Kara Braundmeier	Fern Scheller	Kathy Porter	Ron Mindrup	Brian & Connie Duncan Emily Duncan / Katelyn Duncan Gene & Terri Templeman
Mar. 18 (7pm)	_____	Fern Scheller	_____	Ron Mindrup	Brian & Connie Duncan Emily Duncan / Katelyn Duncan Gene & Terri Templeman
Mar. 22 (10am)	Sydney Basler Barbie Meguire	Ronna Renken	Ronna Renken	Patti Reckmann	Ken Gehrig Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt Steve Stille / Ken Suhre
Mar. 25 (7pm)	_____	Ronna Renken	_____	Patti Reckmann	Ken Gehrig Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt Steve Stille / Ken Suhre
Mar. 29 (10am)	Brienna Bowers Tessa Renken	Shirley Collmann	Irving Gray	Larry McGee	Gale Bolen / Richelle Braundmeier Cindy Henschen / Susi Miller Kathy Porter

Nursery Schedule

March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Gale Bolen Tammy Burton	Richelle Ernst Jill Verson	Emily Uhe Patty Uhe	Jennifer Henschen Danielle Porter	Heather Luitjohan Laura Renken

Worship Schedule

Date	Scripture Readings	Sermon Title	Pastor
March 1 – 10 a.m. Worship with Pew Communion	Genesis 17:1-7 Mark 8:31-38	<i>Following Jesus</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
March 4 – 7 p.m. Wednesday Night Lenten Worship	Acts 6:1-7 / Acts 8:9-40 Acts 9:1-31 / Acts 10:1-48		Pastor John Mindrup
March 8 – 10 a.m. Worship	Exodus 20:1-17	<i>God's Foolishness</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
March 11 – 7 p.m. Wednesday Night Lenten Worship	Acts 12:1-24 / Acts 15:1-41 Acts 16:16-40		Rev. Jerry Amiri
March 15 – 10 a.m. Worship / Presentation Sunday	Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	<i>Confirmation Essays Part 1</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
March 18 – 7 p.m. Wednesday Night Lenten Worship	Acts 17:16-34 Acts 19:1-20 Acts 20:17-38		Rev. Jerry Amiri
March 22 – 10 a.m. Praise Worship / Presentation Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34 John 12:20-33	<i>Confirmation Essays Part 2</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
March 25 – 7 p.m. Wednesday Night Lenten Worship	Acts 25:1-12 Acts 26		Rev. Jerry Amiri
March 29 – 10 a.m. Confirmation/Palm Sunday	Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11	<i>Extravagant Welcome</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri



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:

Quintin Byrne (Cousin of Lisa Reinhardt)
 Vickie Conrad / Diana Donohoo
 Betty Imboden / Thomas Kinnett
 Laverne Korsmeyer / 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

March Anniversaries

03/01/1980	Mike & Carol Henschen
03/05/1994	Mike & Sandy Ahlmeyer
03/11/1989	Leon & Patty Uhe
03/13/1981	Bill & Karen French
03/14/1986	Jerry & Ann Frank
03/20/1981	Lonnie & Jeanne Reckmann
03/21/1992	Bobby & Sherry Frank
03/24/2012	Zach & Erika Schlechte
03/29/2008	Carsten & Casey Western

The Baptism of Nash Kenton Suhre

Nash Kenton Suhre was baptized at Salem UCC on February 15, 2015, by Rev. Jerry Amiri. Nash was born on November 24, 2014, to Jason & Mindy Suhre.

His grandparents are Brent Suhre, Vicki Suhre, the late Danny Cruthis, and Gayle Cruthis.

His great-grandparents are Rich & Dot Suhre, Glen Riechmann, and the late Joyce Riechmann.

His godparents are Monica Cruthis and Jordan Suhre.

Our Sympathies to the Families of:

William D. "Willie" Harris

(Father of Barry Harris)

Who died on February 6, 2015

Richard W. Boeker

(Brother-in-Law to Linda Abert, Verna Abert, Helen Beshears, Shirley Olsen, & Fern Scheller)

Who died on February 8, 2015



March Birthdays



March 1

Tom Glassmaker

March 2

Sharon Hanes

March 3

Sarah Bolyard
 Ryan Reckmann
 Allison Snider
 Beckett Ash

March 4

Vernon Blom
 Katelyn Stewart

March 5

Nathan Mettler
 Noah Karpan

March 6

Devon Reckman
 Damien Bolen
 Dillon Diesselhorst

March 7

Marcus Korsmeyer
 Michelle Warford
 Janeice White

March 9

Gloria Henschen
 Larry Kaufman

March 10

Brenda Schlechte

March 11

Piper Duffin

March 12

Verdella Brink

March 13

Faye Brown
 Justin Bonnell
 April Becker
 Tyler Verson
 Austin Reinhardt
 Tenley Henkhaus

March 14

Dagmar Annable
 Todd Hunsche
 Taylor Ernst

March 15

Al Volz
 Terry Jakel

March 16

Nicole Hosto

March 17

Kelsey Reding

March 18

Helen Dugan
 Stacey McDonough
 Shannon Suhre

March 19

Virginia Schuerman
 Marjorie Glassmaker
 Beau Hodapp

March 20

Alicia McGee

March 21

Dennis Reckmann
 Amy Henschen

March 22

Trent Rakers

March 25

Donna Yates

March 26

Donna Merkle
 Wanda Bruhn
 Rhett Reckmann
 Tyson Bruhn
 Cameron Verson

March 27

Aimee Goodwin
 Megan Frank
 Alexander Price

March 28

Becky Froman
 Jayne Roper

March 29

Don Price
 Jerri Riechmann
 Amanda Mize

March 30

Berlyn Fitterer

March 31

Jennifer Hunsche
 Derik Payne
 Krista Miller
 Katie Frank
 Nolan Luitjohan



MARCH CALENDAR



Sunday	Mar. 1	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers Worship with Communion Food Collection for Local Food Pantries
		4:00-5:30pm	Ecuador Informational Meeting after Worship Exhale
Monday	Mar. 2	7:00pm	No Monday Morning Reflection at Maedge's Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	Mar. 3	6:30pm	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Mar. 4	5:45pm 6:00pm 6:15pm 7:00pm	Salem Chimes Confirmation Salem Ringers Wednesday Night Lenten Worship Salem Chancel Choir after Worship
Thursday	Mar. 5	7:00pm	BOCE Meeting
Saturday	Mar. 7		Day of Discipleship in Collinsville
Sunday	Mar. 8	8:45am 10:00am 1:00-3:00pm 12:30pm	Salem Seekers Worship KFC – Roller Skating at the YMCA in Edwardsville Exhale – Meet at Church to Carpool for Roller Skating at the YMCA in Edwardsville
Monday	Mar. 9	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	Mar. 10	1:00pm	Senior Citizens
Wednesday	Mar. 11	5:45pm 6:00pm 6:15pm 7:00pm	Salem Chimes Confirmation Salem Ringers Wednesday Night Lenten Worship Salem Chancel Choir after Worship
Thursday	Mar. 12	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday	Mar. 15	8:45am 10:00am 4:00-5:30pm	Salem Seekers Worship / Presentation Sunday Exhale
Monday	Mar. 16	9:00am 10:00am	April Messenger Articles Due Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Wednesday	Mar. 18	5:45pm 6:00pm 6:15pm 7:00pm	Salem Chimes Confirmation Salem Ringers Wednesday Night Lenten Worship Salem Chancel Choir after Worship
Thursday	Mar. 19	7:00pm	Guild & Brotherhood Meeting
Saturday	Mar. 21	6:30pm	Guild & Brotherhood Family Night
Sunday	Mar. 22	8:45am 10:00am 4:00-5:30pm	Salem Seekers Praise Worship / Presentation Sunday Historical Meeting after Worship Exhale
Monday	Mar. 23	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Wednesday	Mar. 25	5:45pm 6:00pm 6:15pm 7:00pm	Salem Chimes Confirmation Salem Ringers Wednesday Night Lenten Worship Salem Chancel Choir after Worship
Saturday	Mar. 28	6:30pm	Exhale Trivia Night
Sunday	Mar. 29	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers Worship – Confirmation/Palm Sunday No Exhale
Monday	Mar. 30	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's

The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee

The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee (PPPRC) is always ready to hear ideas and suggestions. 2015 PPPRC members are: Dennis Conrad, Krista Mansholt, Kathy Porter, Ken Suhre, Linda Uhe, and Lisa 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 salemuccalh@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 salemuccalh@gmail.com.

2015 SALEM CHURCH COUNCIL:

- President Bobby Frank
- Vice-President Gary Boda
- Secretary Donita Prott
- Treasurer Scott Demkey
- Financial Secretary Dawn Reagan
- Dagmar Annable
- Shirley Gall
- Ron Mindrup
- Ronna Renken
- Steve Stille
- Tim Stille
- Christopher Uhe

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.
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THE MESSENGER

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**Would You Like
Home Communion or a Visit
From Pastor Jerry?**

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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