



THE MESSENGER

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

On May 31, Salem will engage in Salem United Vision (S.U.V.), a process the Long Range Planning Committee will use to accomplish four things:

- Identify Salem's strengths
- Identify areas of ministry that need to be worked on
- Where does the congregation see itself in 5 years and in 10 years?
- Identify what it would take to achieve those goals

That is the "what," but I would like to address the "why?" I invite you to imagine a wooden ship setting sail for the New World. Imagine the ship has magnificent sails to be unfurled to catch the wind to propel it. The ship is equipped with enough provisions for the four month journey. All safety precautions have been checked and double checked. Each member of the crew is crystal clear of his/her purpose on the ship. The captain has worked hard and feels satisfied that the entire crew is on board (excuse the pun) with the mission. With nervous anticipation, the sails are set, but they do not move. "What is the meaning of this?" the captain bellows. So he, as all good captains do, formed a committee to come up with a solution as to why they are stuck in the port. After hours and hours of conversation, the captain asks, "Has anybody checked the rudder?" When they go check, they find there is no rudder. Nobody remembered to attach the rudder!

This is an example of the church. A church can have a sense of "where it wants to go" and be well equipped with provisions for the journey. There can be all manners of safety precautions in place. However without a rudder, a church cannot go forward.

The purpose of S.U.V. is to determine where we want to go, and equally important, to determine how to get there—our rudder. Just like the ship, we need to periodically check the rudder to ensure we are headed in the right direction. Salem has a long and rich history of checking its rudder.

In the next few months, the Long Range Planning Committee will take all the information shared and report their analysis back to the congregation. Enjoy the journey!

Blessings,

Pastor Jerry



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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 500 persons were in the audience yesterday when Rev. Arby Hosto was ordained as a pastor of the Evangelical Church at Salem Evangelical Church at Alhambra which he attended as a child. What was the gift presented to Rev. Hosto?

- He was given \$105 in gold in connection with the services. Does anyone know the significance of giving him gold? The article was on the front page of the Edwardsville Intelligencer on June 22, 1931.

“Clothed from on High”

(Suggested Readings: Ephesians 6:10-20 and Luke 18:1-8)

We all probably have forgotten something before, such as a meeting or where we placed our car keys. However, it is somewhat ridiculous for us to forget certain things, such as forgetting to get dressed before we leave the house. Surely we remember to put on clothes!

As Christians, we are called to go out into the world covered with the Holy Spirit. We are called to seek God for guidance, even before we may actually need it. How then can we go out into the world without praying to our Father in Heaven any more than we can go out into the world without being clothed with physical clothes? If we consider this simple morning prayer, “Lord, You are my everything. I am nothing apart from You. Thank you for the gift of this day and for the opportunity to serve You. By Your strength, may I glorify You today and every day.” This is a quite generic prayer, and there are many specifics we can add. I do not suppose it best to time prayers, but this prayer may be said from our heart in 30 seconds. How can we leave for anywhere without a greeting to the Lord who watched over us all night? I know there have been times when I have hurried and omitted even the simplest of prayers. All around suffering ensues.

We cannot be all God meant us to be without being clothed from on High. To begin our day without greeting God is surely grievous to God, painful to others, and perilous to ourselves. I have told myself, “If I can remember enough to dress, I can remember to clothe myself with the Holy Spirit before entering the new day.” I pray that we all take some morning time for conversation with God; for once we begin the conversation, it is much easier to keep the blessed relationship going all day long.

Pastor John

EXHALE – YOUTH NEWS

“Great stories happen to those who can tell them.” ~ Ira Glas

Ian McShane has two different meanings for me. For most, this actor may sound familiar, especially if you have seen *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*. This actor portrayed the role of Blackbeard in the movie, along with other various roles throughout his career. The second meaning for me is something completely different. My father used to tell stories. Every year at Conner Prairie in Indiana, my father would dress as a Scottish traveler named Ian McShane and tell all sorts of stories around a campfire, while spectators were on the edge of their seats waiting to hear the ending of his stories. These still are some of my fondest memories of my father, and I am glad that I have them.

Even though it has been a long time since I have heard my dad tell a story. I would like to think my storytelling abilities have come from him. It has forever been one of my personal favorite things to do. While I avoid the stage for the most part, there is something spiritual about a bunch of friends in any setting telling stories of their adventures. We can credit a lot of our faith to storytelling. The book we base our beliefs on is in fact stories that have been passed down from generation to generation.

As I think about the art of storytelling, I cannot help but think we are quickly coming to a part in human history where great storytellers will become even harder to find, if not faded out completely. You cannot go anywhere without someone quickly pulling out his or her phone or tablet to record something or snap a picture. It is not just teenagers—everyone is guilty of it. We do this because we want to remember what happened a long time from now. Perhaps if you ask someone to tell you their story, they may quickly show you 100 seconds on snapchat of obscure events that have happened in the last 24 hours. We are so quick to document that we actually end up missing it. We do not experience the moment, so we can later tell the story of what happened, but what really went on right then. We are quickly becoming a society experiencing life behind a screen, so everyone else can enjoy it.

I love technology, but sometimes you just have to put the phone down and experience the fireworks with the company you are with while it is happening. Trust me, we do not need to see 100 blurry pictures of something, we have all seen before. But what we do need is to hear the story about what was really happening that night. As the quote above says, great stories happen to those who can tell them. It is very hard to tell a story when you are worried about uploading the moment, so everyone else can experience it.

Love Wins,

Nick Atkins-Harris

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Important Dates for Exhale:

- **June 7:** **No Exhale** (*Vacation Bible School*)
- **June 7-11:** **Vacation Bible School @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
(*If you wish to join the VBS Crew whether for 1 night or all 5 nights, please contact Nick Atkins-Harris. Crew members please be here for VBS @ 5:30 p.m.*)
- **June 14:** **VBS Sunday / Worship @ 9:00 a.m.**
Exhale Mission Meeting after Worship
Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **June 21:** **No Exhale** (*Ecuador Mission Trip*)
- **June 28:** **No Exhale** (*Ecuador Mission Trip*)

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

May 14, 2015

The following members were present: Pastor Jerry Amiri, Dagmar Annable, Gary Boda, Scott Demkey, Ron Mindrup, Dawn Reagan, Ronna Renken, Steve Stille, and Christopher Uhe.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Gary Boda. Pastor Jerry read a devotion from *The Song of the Bird*.

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

Committee Reports were presented with the following highlights:

- **Evangelism/Worship:** 21 damaged hymnals have been removed. Large print song sheets will be used each Sunday, along with the remaining hymnals. The choir is still discussing using chairs versus pews in the choir loft.
- **Long Range Planning:** Committee will hold a Salem United Vision lunch and meeting after worship on Sunday, May 31, to discuss the positive things going on at Salem, identify needs of the church, and set goals.
- **Mission/Stewardship:** Salem has 10 members participating in the Ecuador Mission Trip. They will hold a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on May 27. Dinner can be delivered in Alhambra for an additional fee. (Mary Reinhardt's spaghetti will be served.)
- **Property:** A new water fountain has been installed by the elevator.

Meeting closed by reciting the Lord's Prayer. The next Church Council meeting will be on June 11 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Jeff & Laurie Fulk To Be Honored at Shannondale

Many of us have been to Shannondale and have experienced firsthand Jeff & Laurie Fulk's ministry. Under Jeff's guidance, Shannondale has become an important part of not only the community, but the Missouri Mid-South and Illinois South Conferences as well.

In honor of Jeff & Laurie Fulk's 20 years of ministry at Shannondale, a Funtime Playground will be built. If you would like to contribute to the funding, please either place your check in the offering plate or mail directly to the church office. Please write "Shannondale" in the memo of your check. I am sure Salem will be generous to help reach the goal of \$11,000.00. ~ Pastor Jerry

PROM DRESSES WANTED

Prom is over and now there is a dress hanging in the closet that you can no longer use. Why not donate it to Hoyleton Ministries Prom Night? Once a year, Hoyleton provides a night that the residents of Hoyleton will never forget, a prom. They will accept any prom dress and offer it to one of the young ladies to wear at the Hoyleton Annual Prom. If you have a dress you would like to donate, please contact Pastor Jerry.

What is SUV?

Salem United Vision (S.U.V.) is a project launched by the Long Range Planning Committee to assess the future needs of Salem Church. The first step is sponsoring an event on May 31, 2015, after worship. We will begin with a light meal, and then be led through a series of questions which will enable Salem Church to:

- Identify Salem's strengths
- Identify areas of ministry that need to be worked on
- Where does the congregation see itself in 5 years and in 10 years?
- Identify what it would take to achieve those goals

The success of this event relies on the congregation's participation. The Long Range Planning Committee is interested in your opinions.

The second step is for the Long Range Planning Committee to take the gathered information and develop a long range plan for Salem.

The third step is to present the plan to the congregation for consideration.

Please mark your calendars to join us on May 31. Your opinion counts, and we want to hear it!

Salem UCC Treasurer's Report

(Month Ending 04/30/2015)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	20,460.71	12,521.25
Offering – Loose	8,704.00	32,105.36
Offering – Envelopes	11,058.00	41,064.00
Facility Use Donations	100.00	3,450.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	(844.99)	1,749.54
Interest Income – General Fund	3.80	11.73
Benevolence Received	1,398.00	6,599.00
Total General Fund Income	20,418.81	84,979.63
Salaries	9,681.16	37,640.14
Employee Benefits	2,046.75	9,292.37
Maintenance/Property Services	497.40	4,370.61
Insurance	0.00	3,084.00
Utilities	1,913.56	7,840.96
Supplies – General	639.94	2,676.57
Professional Expense	327.92	714.81
Miscellaneous	0.00	30.00
Worship	73.05	302.85
Christian Education	716.65	1,060.61
Stewardship	0.00	386.87
Benevolence Paid	0.00	5,118.00
Total General Fund Expenses	15,896.43	72,517.79
GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 24,983.09	\$ 24,983.09
 MEMORIAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 73,282.32	 73,860.94
Memorials Received	215.00	575.00
Memorial Fund Expenses:		
Worship – Music & Visual		791.62
Postage		147.00
MEMORIAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 73,497.32	\$ 73,497.32
 BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 11,130.65	 8,580.65
Building Fund Offering	380.00	2,930.00
BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 11,510.65	\$ 11,510.65
 SABBATICAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 \$ 12,896.12	 \$ 11,896.12
Contribution from Men's Fellowship		1,000.00
SABBATICAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 12,896.12	\$ 12,896.12
 ENDOWMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 59,554.77	 61,748.28
Memorials – Endowment Fund		45.00
Endowment Fund Disbursements:		
Interest Distribution – General Fund		1,118.53
Interest Distribution – Benevolence		1,119.98
ENDOWMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 59,554.77	\$ 59,554.77
 INVESTMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 189,937.51	 189,646.93
Change in Market Value	(70.46)	220.12
INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 189,867.05	\$ 189,867.05
 MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 126,401.26	 127,751.87
Change in Market Value	173.25	2,346.64
Donations for Ecuador	800.00	800.00
Mission Fund Disbursements:		
Mission Match Paid		3,524.00
Expenditures for Ecuador Mission Trip	900.00	900.00
MISSION MATCHING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 126,474.51	\$ 126,474.51
 RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 15,171.89	 15,102.56
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	14.78	84.11
RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 15,186.67	\$ 15,186.67
 OTHER RETRICTED FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 2,249.07	 2,623.93
Other Restricted Expense:		
Grant Expense – 2014 Literacy Grant	0.00	374.86
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 2,249.07	\$ 2,249.07

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!!!

Addison Korsmeyer, Jordan Lynn, Dakota Reckman, & Darrin Reinhardt



Salem Seekers

Summer Sunday School is ON!!!!

"I don't want to go to Summer Sunday School! I need a break from Sunday School!!" Have you heard that before? Thank goodness God doesn't take a break from us. The good news is it won't feel like school!

After several years, we are having Summer Sunday School again and are excited about the format and hope all children from 3 years old through 6th grade will come.

Here is the plan: We will all **worship together at church starting at 9:00 a.m.** and stay through the Children's Time. Then children who would like to will be dismissed to go to the Salem Parish Hall where we will have games, crafts, drama, and science to celebrate the Ten Commandments and what they mean to us in 2015! Here is the really good part—we will have **doughnuts every Sunday!**

Come worship, learn, and have fun! We are planning carefully to have different activities for younger children and older children, so please come and give it a try!

Dates:

- June 21 & 28
- July 5, 12, 19, & 26
- August 2, 9, 16, & 23

Questions or want to help? Contact Faye Brown, Heather Luitjohan, or Donna Yates.



SAVE THE DATE:

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 7 – 11, 2015
6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. (NIGHTLY)**

JOIN US for the COOLEST Week of SUMMER!

At Everest VBS, kids will embark on the coolest adventure of the summer! Everest VBS is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Team-Building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.

The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for Base Camp Sing & Play and ends at 8:30 p.m. with Summit Celebration, a daily exploration of God's mighty power, you won't want to miss. We invite parents to come around 8:10 p.m. to share in this special nightly closing.

So mark these dates on your calendar: June 7 to June 11, 2015.

Registration forms are available on the table outside the church office. We would appreciate you submitting these in a timely manner, so we may plan accordingly. **Also, please check out the Giving Mountain in the hallway with items needed for VBS.** We appreciate all your help and support and look forward to another successful year!

Everest VBS is for children ages 3 years old to 5th grade.

Children ages 6th grade to high school are encouraged to join our Crew—please contact Nick.

FROM THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WOMEN'S GUILD

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

There will be no meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

The Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild will have their annual **Salem Night Out** on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at 7:05 p.m. at the Grizzlies Stadium.

Sign-up sheet may be found outside the church office. Tickets are \$9.00.

The **Hitz Home Auxiliary Salad Luncheon** will be on Friday, June 5, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00.

June Golden Agers Are:

Lorman Reckmann on June 17 & **Wayne Stille** on June 17

Faithful Attendance for Spring Quarter

March 2015 – May 2015

(Total of 20 Students & Teachers*)

Toddler

Emily Uhe*

1st & 2nd

None

5th & 6th

Elizabeth Brown
Sydney Basler
Richelle Ernst*

8th

Taylor Ernst
Irving Gray*
Jim Reagan*

Adults

Anita Cain
Shirley Collmann
Donna Merkle
Pastor John Mindrup*
Dawn Reagan
Rhonda Schmidt
Ron Schmidt
Jeff Warnke

Pre-K & K

Paige Basler*
Dawn Reinhardt*

3rd & 4th

Blake Ernst

7th

None

Youth &

Young Adults
Donal Reagan
Laura Muench*

Faithful Attendance for the Entire Year of 2015

September 2014 – May 2015

(Total of 17 Students & Teachers*)

Toddler

Emily Uhe*

1st & 2nd

None

5th & 6th

Sydney Basler
Richelle Ernst*

8th

Taylor Ernst
Irving Gray*
Jim Reagan*

Adults

Anita Cain
Shirley Collmann
Pastor John Mindrup*
Dawn Reagan
Rhonda Schmidt
Ron Schmidt
Jeff Warnke

Pre-K & K

Dawn Reinhardt*

3rd & 4th

Blake Ernst

7th

None

Youth &

Young Adults
Donal Reagan
Laura Muench*

2014-2015 Shepherds/Teachers

Toddler

Gale Bolen
Emily Uhe

1st & 2nd

Tammy Burton
Denise Grandame

5th & 6th

Richelle Ernst
Connie Duncan

8th

Irving Gray
Jim Reagan

Adults

Pastor John Mindrup

Pre-K & K

Paige Basler
Dawn Reinhardt

3rd & 4th

Kris Lynn
Katie Quade

7th

Justin Bonnell
Melanie Bonnell

Youth &

Young Adults
Laura Muench

Monitor

Leon Uhe

Thank You!!!

We would like to thank Pastor Jerry for all of his guidance and Jennifer Henschen for all her help in the office. We also would like to thank the Salem Seekers Task Force and the curriculum committees—Faye Brown, the curriculum leader, Paige Basler, Irving Gray, Heather Luitjohan, Emily Uhe, and Donna Yates for serving on the committees.

This was our fifth year of Salem Seekers, and it was a success!!! Thank you everyone!!! We could not have done it without you—the parents for bringing your children and the teachers/shepherds. You all hold a special place in all of our hearts. Thank you also to Salem congregation for all your support throughout the year. We don't say thank you enough.

Thanks again to everyone!!!

Patty L. Uhe
Salem Seekers Director

Blessings in Blocks

Ten people from Salem are travelling to Tosagua, Manabi, in Ecuador on June 20- 29, 2015, to build another home. We would like to take several hundred blessings cards with us to place inside the blocks that we will use to build the walls. We also need resources to help pay for the materials we will be using to build the house. We have included more than 200 of these cards in the walls of each of the houses we have built during recent years. This process seems to be very meaningful to the families who are buying these homes from Habitat Ecuador.



Each trip includes a fund raising effort to find \$6,300 to purchase the materials we use while building.

During February of 2006 one of our Ecuador Habitat Brigades was building in Santo Domingo, Ecuador. One of the participants was a UCC pastor named Calvin Bloesch. During the week, he was looking at the blocks which contain two or three interior cavities and came up with the idea of writing a blessing for the home buyer family on a piece of paper and putting it inside a block prior to cementing the block in place. He cut up some paper that he had acquired from the hotel office and asked participants to write a blessing for the family to be placed in the blocks during the next day.

Since then, this has become a standard practice (i.e. tradition) with the Ecuador building teams. We usually ask the members of the family who are buying these homes from Habitat Ecuador to help us place the cards inside of the blocks. We translate some of the cards for the family, and it touches them deeply that we do this while building their home. We also would like to expand this process to include many more people from the Illinois South Conference.

Perhaps it is impractical for you to go on one of these building trips. However, there is a way you can have a very specific role in the success of this ministry. There will be a display in the Narthex in which you may write a blessing on a 3 x 5 card, along with a contribution for building materials (if possible). You also may send your blessing and/or donation directly to the church at:

**Blessings in Blocks
Salem UCC
1117 W. North Street
Alhambra, IL 62001**

We will take these 3 x 5 cards with us to the building site. During the course of several days, we will insert them one at a time into the cavities of the blocks that you can see in the photo above. The blocks are placed into the wall with the cavity side down. If we place the card under the cavity and push up on the center of the card, it will bow and slide up into the cavity. The tension in the card will be springy enough to maintain its position above the wet mortar. If the card happens to drop to the bottom of the cavity after the mortar dries, it is not a problem for the card is not going anywhere. If we put these cards in the interior walls where they will always be dry and if they are written using a ball point or felt tip pen, there is a great possibility they will remain legible for 100 to 200 years.

We believe these blessings make a very powerful statement to the families buying these homes. These blessings let them know that there are hundreds of brothers and sisters in Christ who they do not even know and probably will never meet until the next life, but who care enough about them to send these blessing cards. Also, consider the impact on the workmen a century later, who repair a section of the walls after an eventual earthquake and find these 3 x 5 cards.

Thank You Notes Received By:

- **Global Ministries (Child Sponsorship)** for \$630.00 donation received given by Salem UCC
- **Hoyleton Ministries** for \$261.00 donation received given by Salem UCC

I wish to send out a Big Thank You to everyone who has helped make our services special this past year by sharing your musical talents. From the youngest to the oldest, from vocalists to instrumentalist, from the choirs to the solos, I thank all of you for your time and talent. It has been a wonderful choir season. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to provide special music this summer, and we still have some Sundays open for anyone who would be willing to share their talents with us this summer.

~ Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director

BIRTHS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

Isla Marie Stille was born on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. to Patrick & Emily Stille.
She weighed 8 pounds & 1 ounce, and she was 21 inches long.
Proud grandparents are Tim & Kathy Stille.
Proud great-grandparents are Wayne & Alice Stille

Makenna Joan Quade was born on Monday, April 27, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. to Barry & Kelsey Quade.
She weighed 6 pounds & 13 ounces, and she was 20 1/2 inches long.
Makenna's proud older brother is Sheldon Quade.
Proud grandparents are Doug & Nancy Heidbrink.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS!!!

Mary Rose Reagan & Eric John Andrew Starr
were married at Salem UCC
on Saturday, April 25, 2015, by Rev. Jerry Amiri & Pastor John Mindrup.

Kelsey Rae Schumacher & Robert Joseph Dauderman
were married at Salem UCC
on Saturday, May 9, 2015, by Rev. Jerry Amiri.

SALEM'S GRADUATES

The following Salem graduates were recognized during the Sunday, May 17, 2015, worship service:

Addison Anne Korsmeyer is the daughter of Dean & Sherri Korsmeyer. Addison graduated from Highland High School on May 17, 2015. She plans to attend University of Missouri in Columbia in the fall and major in Chemical Engineering.

Jordan Nicole Louise Lynn is the daughter of Steve & Kris Lynn and sister of Tori. Jordan graduated with Honors from Highland High School on May 17, 2015. She plans to attend Missouri University of Science & Technology at Rolla to study Chemical Engineering in the fall.

Dakota Pierce Reckman is the son of Collin & Devon Reckman. Dakota graduated from Edwardsville High School on May 23, 2015. Dakota played football all four years of high school, played summer league baseball, and was an active member in National Honors Society. He received the Tiger Tough award in football, was named third team all-conference defensive lineman, and was an all-conference scholar athlete. He also has been on honor roll. Dakota plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University in the fall where he plans to pursue a degree in Agribusiness: Animal Science.

Darrin Leroy Reinhardt is the son of Greg & Dawn Reinhardt. Darrin graduated from Highland High School on May 17, 2015. While in high school, Darrin was a member of the Marching Bulldogs, Symphonic & Concert Bands, Acappella Choir, and was a Madrigal singer. He was a member of the National Honor Society, President of the Model UN and served as junior advisor to the Middle School Model UN. Darrin also was a member of the Alhambra Morning Glories 4-H club where he has held the offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer. He acted in the school musicals, fall play, and with the Hard Road Theater group in Highland. He plans to attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in the fall where he has received a 4 year Dean's Scholarship and major in Agribusiness Economics.

Krista Jo Miller is the daughter of Kenny & Susi Miller. Krista graduated on May 16, 2015, from Southeast Missouri University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Krista graduated with Honors earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a specialization in Graphic Design and a minor in Marketing. Krista was recently honored with the Department of Art 2015 Outstanding Student Award in recognition of outstanding academic achievement 4.0 and exemplary service to student and faculty. Krista plans to pursue her Graphic Design career beginning May 26 by accepting a summer paid internship with Aspect Digital in St. Charles, Missouri.

Nicole Lee Mindrup is the daughter of Pastor John & Merilee Mindrup. Nicole graduated from the pharmacy school at SIUE on May 9, 2015. She will be living in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and has accepted a pharmacist position in Maulden, Missouri.

Mary Rose Reagan is the daughter of James & Dawn Reagan. Mary graduated in December 2014 from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. She and her husband, Eric Starr, live in California and enjoy working as civilians for the Department of the Navy.



Worship Ministry Schedule



Date	Acolytes	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Recorder	Ushers
June 7 (9am)	_____	Gale Bolen	Ronna Renken	Patti Reckmann	Scott Demkey / Brett Henschen Jessica Ketcham Krista Mansholt / Lisa Uhe
June 14 (9am)	_____	Jim Annable	Dagmar Annable	Ron Mindrup	Paige Basler / Judy Blom Justin Bonnell / Laura Muench Laverne Korsmeyer
June 21 (9am)	_____	Shirley Collmann	Brett Henschen	Ron Mindrup	Cindy Henschen / Gena Hodapp Krista Miller Chad & Tara Schuster
June 28 (9am)	_____	Ken Gehrig	Irving Gray	Larry McGee	Brian & Connie Duncan Emily & Katelyn Duncan Gene & Terri Templeman

Please Note:

- There will be no acolytes or nursery attendants scheduled for the summer (June – August).
- There will be no Praise Worship during the summer (June – August).

Worship Schedule

Date	Scripture Readings	Sermon Title	Pastor
June 7 – 9 a.m. Worship with Communion	1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15) Mark 3:20-35	<i>Choosing a King</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
June 14 – 9 a.m. VBS Sunday / Worship	_____	_____	VBS Sunday
June 21 – 9 a.m. Father's Day / Worship	Job 38:1-11 Mark 4:35-41	<i>Peace in the Storm</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
June 28 – 9 a.m. Worship	Mark 5:21-43 2 Corinthians 8:7-15	<i>Healing Faith</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri

Communion Schedule for Hitz Home

June 7 – 9 a.m.	Cindy Henschen
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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

SALEM CONFIRMATION HOMECOMING

Mark your calendars for Salem's 3rd Annual Confirmation Homecoming on Sunday, August 2, 2015. This special event is for all Salem Confirmands. Special attention will be given to the following Confirmation classes: 1945, 1955, 1965 (50th Anniversary), 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005, and 2015. This special worship service will be at 9:00 a.m. and a brunch & fellowship will follow. Remember this is an event for all Salem Confirmands and will be a special way to get reconnected with Salem. Please plan to join us on this special day!

~ Evangelism/Worship Committee & Historical Committee

Prayer List

Cancer Concerns:

Wayne Gentry / Richard Bunte / Sam Merkel

Health Concerns:

Quintin Byrne (Cousin of Lisa Reinhardt)
Vickie Conrad / Diana Donohoo
Jack Frandsen / Lester Gentry
Thomas Kinnett / Marie Mindrup
Fred Monk (Son-in-Law of Bob Mindrup)
Melvin Roberts

Alhambra Care Center:

Velma Henkhaus

Eden Village:

Hilbert & Verna Klenke
Lawrence Ramach

Faith Countryside Homes/Apartments:

Dorothy Knabel

Four Fountains:

Carol Ruehrup

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

June Anniversaries

06/01/1963	Laverne & Marilyn Korsmeyer
06/01/1985	Joe & Deanna Dauderman
06/01/1991	Steve & Jayne Roper
06/01/2002	Marcus & Sarah Doubet
06/02/1979	Michael & JoBeth Winet
06/02/2001	Karl & Rita Smith
06/07/1986	Bruce & Dawn Schmidt
06/08/1991	Randy & Tina Koch
06/10/2000	Jim & Dagmar Annable
06/11/2011	Brian & Karolyn Cooperider
06/14/1997	Bill & Donita Prott
06/16/1946	Al & Betty Volz
06/17/1999	Ron & Connie Duft
06/17/2000	Chad & Richelle Ernst
06/19/1965	William & Carol Reckman
06/19/1993	Joe & Lisa Reinhardt
06/28/2014	Michael & Carolyn Hackethal
06/29/1952	Bob & Carol Dauderman
06/29/1952	Ken & Ginger Gehrig

The Baptism of Isla Marie Stille

Isla Marie Stille

was baptized at Salem UCC
on Sunday, May 24, 2015, by Rev. Jerry Amiri.

Isla was born on April 16, 2015,
to Patrick & Emily Stille.

Her grandparents are
Timothy & Kathy Stille, the late Lisa Stille,
and Timothy & Kimberly Vincent.

Her great-grandparents are
Wayne & Alice Stille, Ray & Pat Korte,
Sue Richardson, and Charlotte Vincent.

Her godparents are Tiffany Gillison and Jesse Vincent.



June Birthdays



June 1

Gayle Cruthis
Kirby Knackstedt
John Sanders

June 6

Kent Knackstedt

June 14

Kevin Gibbons
Dennie Mortensen
Carolyn Hackethal

June 19

Dave Riechmann

June 26

Carol Amiri
Marcus Price
Sheldon Quade

June 2

Joe Dauderman
Sandy Ahlmeyer
Blake Ernst

June 7

Danielle Porter

June 15

Shane Schmidt
Lucas Reding

June 20

Kim Shimkus
Richelle Braundmeier

June 27

Dean Korsmeyer
Tyler Mindrup

June 3

Randy Horner

June 11

Connie Duft

June 17

Wayne Stille
Lorman Reckmann
Mike Driscoll
Chad Burton
Kristin Geschwend
Robert Ellis

June 21

JoAnn Demkey
Hayden Payne

June 28

Dennis Conrad

June 4

Ember Brosin

June 12

Christopher Horton

June 18

Shannon Hogg
Austin Reckmann

June 22

Lee Schmidt
Kristin Payne
Jessica Rinderer

June 29

Ryan Goodwin

June 5

Camille Rakers
Wade Bruhn

June 13

Jackson Wright

June 23

Sasha Hosto

June 30

Brandon Lackey
Scott McKinley
Josh Capstick



JUNE CALENDAR



Monday	June 1	10:00am 7:00pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	June 2	6:30pm	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday	June 4	7:00pm	BOCE Meeting
Friday	June 5		Alhambra Homecoming
Saturday	June 6		Alhambra Homecoming
Sunday	June 7	9:00am	Worship with Communion Food Collection for the Local Food Pantries No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Fellowship Hour after Worship No Exhale
		6:00-8:30pm	VBS – Vacation Bible School
Monday	June 8	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
		6:00-8:30pm	VBS – Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	June 9	1:00pm	Senior Citizens
		6:00-8:30pm	VBS – Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	June 10	6:00-8:30pm	VBS – Vacation Bible School
Thursday	June 11	6:00-8:30pm	VBS – Vacation Bible School
		7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday	June 14	9:00am	Worship / VBS Sunday No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Fellowship Hour after Worship Exhale Mission Trip Meeting after Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	June 15	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	June 16	9:00am	July Messenger Articles Due
Thursday	June 18		No Guild & Brotherhood Meeting
Sat.-Mon.	June 20-29		Ecuador Mission Trip
Saturday	June 20	7:05 pm	Guild & Brotherhood Salem Night Out at Grizzlies Game
Sunday	June 21	9:00am	Worship / Father's Day Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Fellowship Hour after Worship No Exhale
Monday	June 22	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Thursday	June 25	6:00pm	Memorial Committee Meeting
Sunday	June 28	9:00am	Worship Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Fellowship Hour after Worship No Exhale
Monday	June 29	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 salemucalh@gmail.com.

The Salem E-Messenger

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2015 SALEM CHURCH COUNCIL:

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 Treasurer Scott Demkey
 Financial Secretary Dawn Reagan
 Dagmar Annable
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 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.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



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Patti Reckmann, Custodian



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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