



THE MESSENGER

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

Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

~ Genesis 1:11-14 NRSV

*I see trees of green, red roses too, I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.*

*I see skies of blue and clouds of white, the bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.*

*The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky, are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do, they're really saying I love you.*

*I hear babies crying, I watch them grow, they'll learn much more than I'll never know
And I think to myself what a wonderful world, yes I think to myself what a wonderful world.*

~ "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong

It is easy to believe that our world is out of control. Every day we hear of another atrocity or another tale of cruelty. It is disheartening to begin each day with a new total of the number of homicides in our area. Just when we think we have reached the pinnacle of hate in the world, someone manages to surpass it. We all were shocked to hear of the murder of our brothers and sisters in Charleston, South Carolina. We struggle to make sense of a senseless act. The realization is that we cannot and will not ever understand hate to the extent of taking nine lives. Our hearts and minds are not equipped to handle such evil, and yet it exists in the world.

We have a choice in how we deal with these horrific events. We can wring our hands and worry about the next act of violence or we can refuse to give in to hate and evil and look for the good in humankind. Theologians and philosophers for years have posited that humankind is inherently violent. I disagree; I believe humankind is good but capable of sin. I am not suggesting we hide our "heads in the sand" and pretend it doesn't exist; but rather if we look for the good in humankind, we will find it.

I cited the Genesis text to remind us whose world we live in. I cited Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World" as a reminder to us all of what an amazing place we live in. If we stop and look into the sky and just take it in, we will be awed. If we pause to hear the birds chirping and the frogs croaking, we will be amazed by the intricacy of nature. If we look into the eyes of our loved ones, we will be humbled by love. These are the things that evil will never take from us. Terrorist groups, like ISIS and Al-Qaeda, will never eradicate the good in the world. How do I know this? Because the Bible tells us that God is the creator, and we live in a wonderful world.

Blessings,

Pastor Jerry



MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS WITH PASTOR JERRY

Monday Morning Reflections will continue to meet earlier at 9:30 a.m. on both August 3 and on August 10. Starting on August 17, we will resume the 10:00 a.m. start time. Hope you will come and join us at Maedge's to have a cup of coffee, discuss the sermon, read scripture together, and talk about whatever is on your mind.

DID YOU KNOW?

What were the members of Salem encouraged to do to help Hoyleton Orphans Home in 1945?

- "The fruit jars from Hoyleton Orphans Home have arrived. Anyone desiring to can fruit or vegetables may get cans at the Salem basement parish hall." This was published in the Edwardsville Intelligencer on August 24, 1945, in Alhambra News. This was before our current Parish Hall was built. We still continue to share food thru the food pantry. Remember to bring your donations, especially on the first Sunday of the month.

“Life in Christ”

(Suggested Readings: John 15)

I recently was informed of a problem someone was having with a bird. The bird was frequenting the person's car often, always perching upon the window ledge gazing, pecking, and ogling at his own image in the mirror, as well as the image appearing simultaneously in the window glass. The bird spent enough time at both mirrors to make quite the mess. Besides being a nuisance, the bird was pursuing an illusion. Nothing real could come of it; everything about it was futile.

In the fifteenth chapter in the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks words to us drawing us into reality and casting off illusions, particularly in the ten places where Jesus speaks of "abiding in Him." It means to remain or stay in Him, and Jesus is driving the invitation home again and again. In the weakness of the human frame and the temptations of the world, it is only by the power of God we remain anywhere. We too can struggle with the illusions intriguing the bird. We can be so caught up in our own little world, looking at ourselves from two or more sides at the same time—sadly all of it means nothing. There are so many people talking. It often seems like no one is listening to anything except the sound of their own voice. We can become like people going to a weeklong trade fair. Each of us makes so much of our own wares that at the end of the week everyone returns with the exact things they brought. There is no real exchange. We spent our week looking longingly at ourselves. Life apart from Christ is as a man banging his head against a wall; so full of himself, he imagines if he bangs long and hard enough something will change, but all is futility.

The world is troubled. Christ has overcome the world. To believe in Christ...is to invite Him in, not to visit, but to stay and to live with us, and us with Him, today and forever! The only reality is our life in Christ. A blessed walk with Christ awaits us each day. All we need to do is just show up.

God Bless You!
Pastor John

EXHALE – YOUTH NEWS

“We wrote the rules of the game, and the rules are the first to go.” ~ Josh Ritter

When I was younger, I was involved pretty heavily in dance. I did all sorts of different types of dance; tap was my favorite. I also did some dancing in a metaphorical sense. Growing up, I always was one to dance along the line of what was within the rules of whatever I was doing. I never let the rules restrict my friends or I from having a good time, but I also was respectful of the people who were in charge. I constantly danced that fine line between following the rules, and maybe pushing it just a tad further to see if I could get away with it, especially if it meant a good story or memory as a result.

This life style, at first, doesn't seem to be one that too many people would choose to follow, but I will say upfront, there is very little I regret in life, even with all the discipline that came with waltzing that line. I actually think sometimes we need someone like that to push us out of our comfort zone. We tend to get stuck in ruts in everything we do. We go through the motions, stand up, sit down, sing, pray, give, sing, drive home, watch football. Eventually we become so numb to what we are doing because it is habit and not a conscience decision that we forget the meaning of what it is we are doing. People who dance this line are the ones who shake us up. They remind us that sometimes the best thing we can do is something we have never done before. In a way, they keep us honest and give us the opportunity to remember why we are there.

Next time you see someone do something that may not be “acceptable” or a little bit out of the ordinary, be happy there is someone to remind you to not do that same thing over and over again. Be happy there is someone who pushes you beyond what is comfortable and in turn causes every single one of us to grow.

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

Important Dates for Exhale:

- **August 1:** Confirmation Orientation @ 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- **August 2:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **August 9:** Exhale Kick-Off @ 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **August 16:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **August 23:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **August 30:** Confirmation @ 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Exhale Kick-Off:

Our Exhale Kick-Off will be on Sunday, August 9, starting at 4:00 p.m. and ending around 7:00 p.m. Come join us for some food, games, karaoke, and an inflatable surprise! Our Exhale Kick-Off will take place here at Salem with both the Staunton and Salem youth groups coming together to have some fun and to kick off the year right! Parents are invited to come as well! Hope to see you there!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

July 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Frank with 12 Church Council members present and 2 guests present. Pastor Jerry led the group in prayer and read the devotion "True Reverence."

The Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were both accepted.

Guests Carol Reckman and Lisa Uhe spoke with the Church Council about concerns on the Mission Fund and how the By-Laws address use of funds and when the approval of the congregation is needed in regards to the church missions.

Committee Reports were presented with the following highlights:

- **Property:** Committee is reviewing bids for the non-working A/C unit in the 8th grade Sunday School room. The new Parish Hall doors have been ordered. The new doors will be paid by donations.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jerry will switch pulpits with Pastor Christy Eckert from Hamel on Sunday, July 26. Region 5 Hitz Home Workday will be on Saturday, July 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Workers are needed!

Meeting closed by reciting the Lord's Prayer. Next Church Council meeting will be on August 13 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

Bible Trivia

With all the rain we have been having, this seemed an appropriate trivia question:

What was the Ark made of?

Gopher Wood

FROM THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WOMEN'S GUILD

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

Corn Roast on Thursday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Guild "Fun Day" at Hitz Memorial Home on Tuesday, August 18, at 2:00 p.m.

August Golden Ager:

Nina Volz on August 16

Ecuador Mission Trip

The 2015 Ecuador Mission Team received the call to help our brothers and sisters in Tosagua, Ecuador. Our eyes and hearts were open to receive the many amazing gifts the Ecuadorian people showed us while we were there. We were there to help them, yet they gave us so much more in return. We want to thank the congregation for supporting us with your love and prayers. Through your spiritual and fundraising participation, we all were the hands and feet of Jesus.

In Christ Love,
The Ecuador Mission Team

Salem UCC Treasurer's Report

(Month Ending 06/30/2015)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	28,537.94	12,521.25
Offering – Loose	9,221.00	47,611.36
Offering – Envelopes	7,892.00	59,231.00
Facility Use Donations	30.00	3,495.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		1,727.05
Interest Income – General Fund	4.54	20.10
Benevolence Received	1,672.77	8,746.77
Total General Fund Income	18,820.31	120,831.28
Salaries	9,934.21	56,720.49
Employee Benefits	6,393.71	16,131.96
Maintenance/Property Services	2,734.27	7,233.42
Insurance	3,084.00	6,168.00
Utilities	1,950.38	11,813.40
Supplies – General	782.74	3,939.31
Professional Expense	74.75	1,264.14
Miscellaneous	0.00	30.00
Worship	52.04	705.19
Christian Education	1,191.81	2,681.41
Stewardship	0.00	386.87
Benevolence Paid	1,425.77	6,543.77
Total General Fund Expenses	27,902.74	113,897.02
GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 19,455.51	\$ 19,455.51
MEMORIAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	68,328.82	73,860.94
Memorials Received	800.00	1,805.00
Honorariums Received	2,630.00	2,630.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		25.00
Memorial Fund Expense:		
Worship – Music & Visual		2,802.62
Other Memorial Projects	927.50	4,687.00
MEMORIAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 70,831.32	\$ 70,831.32
BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	11,905.65	8,580.65
Building Fund Offering	640.00	3,965.00
Memorials – Building Fund	100.00	100.00
BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 12,645.65	\$ 12,645.65
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	171,968.76	189,646.93
Change in Market Value	(4,078.66)	(2,756.83)
Repay Cash Transfer from Mission	19,000.00 **	0.00
INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 186,890.10	\$ 186,890.10
MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	147,334.24	127,751.87
Change in Market Value	(2,417.66)	188.71
Donations for Ecuador	6,726.89	9,126.89
Repay Cash Transfer to Investment Fund	(19,000.00)**	0.00
Mission Fund Disbursements:		
Mission Match Paid		3,524.00
Expenditures for Ecuador Mission Trip	25,300.00	26,200.00
MISSION MATCHING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 107,343.47	\$ 107,343.47
RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	15,201.02	15,102.56
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	13.96	112.42
RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 15,214.98	\$ 15,214.98
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	1,903.77	2,623.93
Other Restricted Expense:		
Grant Expense – 2014 Literacy Grant		720.16
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 1,903.77	\$ 1,903.77

**** A matured investment in the Investment Fund was transferred in error by LPL to the Mission Fund. This transaction was reversed in June as shown above.**

Ecuador Mission Trip – June 2015

Mission Trip Donations	900.00
Attendee Deposits	2,300.00
Mission to Go (Net of Expense)	3,001.15
Blessings in Blocks	1,115.00
Memorials	2,310.74
Total Donations	9,626.89

Illinois South Conference – Registration for 9:	900.00
Illinois South Conference – Balance Due for 10:	19,000.00
Illinois South Conference – Build Materials:	6,300.00
	26,200.00

Net Donations: (16,573.11)

(Funds Available in Mission Investment Account)

The cost payable to the conference was \$2,000 per participant. The donation required for building materials was \$6,300 as published in several bulletins and The Messenger. Funds were available and within the guidelines of the Mission Fund policy. Since there were restricted funds available to be used for the intended purpose, we committed to our participation in the mission.

The interpretation of the By-Laws concerning expenditures over \$5,000 requiring congregational approval where restricted and designated funds are involved has come under question. Per request, the By-Laws will be reviewed by the Church Council. If this is in any way seen as a misstep or violation of the Council's covenant with the congregation, then we sincerely apologize.

Salem's 3rd Annual 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 recognition 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. Please stop by the historical cabinet in the passageway to see pictures of these special Confirmation classes to be honored. 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!

Confirmation Classes Being Recognized:

(*Denotes those who are deceased)

CLASS OF 1945

Rev. Robert Kofer, Pastor

*Marvin W. Braundmeier
*Ramon L. Hosto
*Doris C. Knabel
*Clarence H. Reckmann
Orville A. Sander
Darrel G. Suhre
Eugene E. Wild

CLASS OF 1955

Rev. Guy Moyer, Pastor

Judith A. Dauderman
*Kenneth E. Diesselhorst
*Judith M. Ernst
LaVerne B. Greear
Robert L. Greear
*Alonzo E. Harris
Wayne J. Highley
*Roy M. Hosto
Janelle L. Knabel
Ruth R. Korsmeyer
*Elmer C. Long
*Ruby Long
*Robert J. Marinko
Marilyn J. Mollett
Doris M. Sander
Jean A. Sander

CLASS OF 1965

Rev. Arnold Bizer, Pastor

James R. Abert
Carol A. Henschen
Gary D. Henschen
Gerry E. Klenke
Clifford R. Mueller
Bobbie L. Reckman
Leonard D. Suhre
Alan E. Tipword

CLASS OF 1975

Rev. Arnold Bizer, Pastor

Barbara J. Bizer
Marla K. Blom
Joseph R. Dauderman
Kent A. Dauderman
Lori L. Greear
Michael R. Henschen
*Kenneth E. Mindrup
Judy L. Olive
Jane J. Ruehrup
Brenda L. Sander
Nancy L. Sander
Jed D. Schlechte
James L. Schoen
Brent R. Suhre
Randy L. Suhre

CLASS OF 1985

Rev. Arnold Bizer, Pastor

Karl D. Abert
Michael L. Gingerich
Christie F. Hampton
Rachelle L. Mansholt
Nathan C. Mettler
Craig A. Nihiser
Gregory L. Nihiser
Stacy J. Price
Collin J. Reckman
Matthew D. Reckmann
Robert M. Ruehrup
Rita L. Stevenson
Roxy S. Zobrist

CLASS OF 1995

Rev. Mark Buck, Pastor

Sarah B. Brown
Jonathon C. Gray
Brent M. Henschen
Craig A. Henschen
Crystal R. Knackstedt
Christopher A. Lackey
Dustin L. Riechmann
Chad D. Ross
Lisa M. Schroeder
Chad M. Schuster
Deanna M. Townzen

CLASS OF 2005

Rev. Gladys Herzog, Pastor

Travis D. Horner
Bradley R. Stumpf
Elizabeth M. Stumpf

CLASS OF 2015

Rev. Jerry Amiri, Pastor

Taylor A. Ernst
Lexi A. Gibbons
Tori G. Lynn
Wyatt C. Reckman
Catlyn A. Thomas
Cameron P. Verson



Salem Seekers

Summer Sunday School will continue every Sunday through August 23 for all children from 3 years old through 6th grade. 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 go to Summer Sunday School will be dismissed. 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! Questions or want to help? Contact Faye Brown, Heather Luitjohan, or Donna Yates.

~ Kids For Christ (KFC) ~

KFC will kick off this year's activities with a pool party at Bill & Carol Reckman's home on Sunday, August 9, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We hope to see many of you there before you head back to school!

ACOLYTE TRAINING

There will be an acolyte training session on Sunday, August 9, following the worship service. If you are going to be in the 3rd grade or higher, you are invited to become an acolyte. If you are going to be in the 7th grade or 8th grade, you are required to be an acolyte as part of your Confirmation. Please contact the church office at salemuccalh@gmail.com or 488-3215, if you cannot attend this training session or have any questions or concerns. Please note that the 2015-2016 acolyte schedule will not begin until Sunday, September 20, 2015.

Confirmation Reminder

Confirmation Orientation will be on Saturday, August 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
First Confirmation Class will be on Sunday, August 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Please contact the church office with your college bound child's mailing address and email address. This way we may send them their own monthly Messenger and any other important mailings. Thank you in advance for helping us stay in touch with our college bound members.

FREE SACK LUNCH

The Alhambra-Hamel Ministerial Alliance in association with the Reading Wagon will offer free sack lunches. The lunch will consist of a peanut butter & jelly sandwich or bologna & cheese sandwich, chips, cookies, a piece of fruit, and bottled water.

- Where: Alhambra Township Center by the Reading Wagon
- When: Mondays (August 3 & August 10)
- Time: 11:00 a.m. – Noon (or until we run out of lunches)
- Cost: FREE



FREE LUNCH

Thank You Notes Received From:

- **Alhambra-Hamel Ministerial Alliance (AHMA)** for all who supported the AHMA's 6th Annual Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser at Immanuel UCC in Hamel and for the continued support enabling the AHMA to continue to offer emergency help to those in need as well as the operation the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Hamel
- **Eden Theological Seminary** for donation received given by Salem UCC
- **Hoyleton Ministries** for \$244.60 donation received given by Salem UCC
- **Make-A-Wish** for \$45.00 donation received given by Salem UCC
- **Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma** for \$56.00 donation received given by Salem UCC
- **Region 5 & Hitz Memorial Home** for all who came and helped at the workday at Hitz Memorial Home



Worship Ministry Schedule



Date	Acolytes	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Recorder	Ushers
Aug. 2 (9am)	_____	Jim Annable	Dagmar Annable	Patti Reckmann	Scott Demkey / Brett Henschen Jessie Ketcham / Krista Mansholt Lisa Uhe
Aug. 9 (9am)	_____	Gale Bolen	Laura Muench	Ron Mindrup	Paige Basler / Judy Blom Justin Bonnell / Laura Muench Laverne Korsmeyer
Aug. 16 (9am)	_____	Shirley Collmann	Bill Reckman	Ron Mindrup	Amy Henschen / Gena Hodapp Krista Miller Chad & Tara Schuster
Aug. 23 (9am)	_____	Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt	Laura Muench	Larry McGee	Brian & Connie Duncan Emily Duncan / Katelyn Duncan Gene & Terri Templeman
Aug. 30 (9am)	_____	LaVerne Bloemker	Carol Amiri	Larry McGee	Bill & Carol Reckman Dave & Ronna Renken Laura Renken / Tessa Renken

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
August 2 – 9 a.m. Worship with Communion Confirmation Homecoming	John 6:24-25 Ephesians 4:1-16	<i>Bread from Heaven</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
August 9 – 9 a.m. Worship	John 6:35, 41-51 Ephesians 4:25-5:2	<i>Bread of Life</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
August 16 – 9 a.m. Worship	John 6:51-58 Psalm 111	<i>Living Bread</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
August 23 – 9 a.m. Worship	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 John 6:56-69	<i>Serving the Lord</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
August 30 – 9 a.m. Worship	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 James 1:17-27	<i>Dirty Hands, Dirty Minds</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri

Communion Schedule for Hitz Home

August 2 – 9 a.m.	Ron & Rhonda Schmidt
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New Musical Opportunity!

We would like to start a new children's choir this fall. There will be singing as well as playing our boom whackers. If you have children in grades kindergarten through 8th grade who are interested in joining our children's choir, please see Dawn Reinhardt. We would like to find a practice time that will be convenient for most families.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT SHANNONDALE

Friday, September 4 - Monday, September 7, 2015

Due to Jeff & Laurie Fulk's 20 years of ministry at Shannondale being celebrated over Labor Day weekend, lodging may be harder to attain as a group this year. You are more than welcome to go to Shannondale over Labor Day weekend, but just know this year it will not be an organized Salem weekend retreat. There will be a planned retreat for next year, and we look forward to having you join us!



Prayer List

Cancer Concerns:

Wayne Gentry / Eleanor Hamann
Sam Merkel / Ginger Krieshof

Health Concerns:

Connie Abert (Niece-in-Law of Fern Scheller)
Quintin Byrne (Cousin of Lisa Reinhardt)
Vickie Conrad / Diana Donohoo
Jack Frandsen / Lester Gentry
Thomas Kinnett / Marie Mindrup
Melvin Roberts / Maxine Wernle

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:

Eleanor Hamann / 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

Our Sympathies to the Families of:

Michael Follwell

(Husband of Jennifer (Hosto) Follwell)
Who died on June 22, 2015.

Fred Monk

(Son-in-Law of Bob Mindrup, Brother-in-Law of Pastor John Mindrup & Dale Mindrup, Husband of Ruth (Mindrup) Monk)
Who died on July 6, 2015.



August Anniversaries

08/02/1997	Justin & Melanie Bonnell
08/02/2007	Josh & Tiffany Gillison
08/02/2014	Sam & Liz Field
08/03/2002	Kerry & Jessie Ketcham
08/05/2000	Jared & Jill Frueh
08/06/1994	Michael & Sherry Warren
08/07/1982	Kenneth & Susi Miller
08/08/1998	Paul & Richelle Braundmeier
08/09/1958	Ed & Annette Layher
08/11/1973	Ron & Gale Bolen
08/11/2001	Clayton & Kim Moore
08/12/1967	Don & Dianne Price
08/12/1972	Leonard & Donna Suhre
08/12/1978	Dean & Debra Reckmann
08/14/2010	Ryan & Jenna Boxell
08/16/2003	Todd & Jennifer Hunsche
08/20/1994	Steve & Kris Lynn
08/22/1981	Rick & Kathy Porter Sr.
08/27/1950	Wayne & Alice Stille
08/27/1982	Mike & Doris Driscoll
08/28/1993	Brian & Connie Duncan

A Birth in Our Church Family:

Alexis Marie Porter was born on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, to Richard & Danielle Porter. She weighed 9 pounds & 14 ounces, and she was 20 inches long. Proud big brother is Carson Porter. Proud grandparents are Rick & Kathy Porter. Proud great-grandma is Elinor Stille.

Cradle Roll

Sheldon Lee Quade was born on June 26, 2012, to Barry & Kelsey Quade. Sheldon received his cradle roll during the July 12, 2015, worship service.



August Birthdays



August 1

Bruce Layher
Sherri Korsmeyer
Bret Hosto
Brittany Miller

August 2

Sharon Capstick

August 3

Rhonda Schmidt
Kyle Washburn

August 4

Rita Smith

August 5

Maureen Frueh
Ron Bolen
Jerry Frank
Donita Prott
Becky Becker

August 5

Gena Hodapp
Emily Gehrig

August 6

Charlie Brown III
Amber Wendler
Adam Allen
Cheyenne Reckman

August 7

Ralph Buzick
Lilyanna Gillison

August 8

Ashley Gibbons

August 9

Kenneth Miller

August 10

Steven Abert

August 11

Addy Goodwin
Ella Cooperider

August 12

Gail Stevenson
Barb Reiman

August 13

Tolly Vassier
Erica Schoen
Siarra Price
Emily Duncan

August 14

Dawn Reinhardt
Michelle Fitterer
Jeff McGee

August 16

Nina Volz
Penny Hosto

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Chaz Reeves
Kylee Hediger

August 17

Helen Beshears
Francis Tracy

August 19

Dondee Rex
Travis Horner

August 20

Brent Henschen
Lexy Riechmann

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Garrett Schmidt

August 22

Doug Heidbrink
Lindsey Duffin

August 23

Larry Mriscin

August 24

Aaron Uhe
Katelyn Duncan
Brianna Follwell

August 25

Mitch Giesecking

August 26

Chad Ross

August 27

Dale Mindrup
Camie Ernst
Reed Wendler

August 29

Anita Cain
Brien Bowers
Mary Starr

AUGUST CALENDAR

Saturday	Aug. 1	10:00-11:30am	Confirmation Orientation
Sunday	Aug. 2	9:00am	Worship with Communion Third Annual Confirmation Homecoming Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Food Collection for the Local Food Pantries Potluck Brunch & Fellowship after Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Aug. 3	9:30am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
		6:30pm	Mission/Stewardship Committee Meeting
		7:00pm	Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	Aug. 4	6:30pm	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday	Aug. 6	7:00pm	BOCE Meeting
Sunday	Aug. 9	9:00am	Worship Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Fellowship Hour after Worship Acolyte Training after Worship
		3:00-5:00pm	KFC Pool Party At Bill & Carol Reckman's Home
		4:00-7:30pm	Exhale Kick-Off
Monday	Aug. 10	9:30am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	Aug. 11	1:00pm	Senior Citizens
Thursday	Aug. 13	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday	Aug. 16	9:00am	Worship Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Fellowship Hour after Worship No Historical Committee Meeting
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Aug. 17	9:00am	September Messenger Articles Due
		10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	Aug. 18	2:00pm	Women's Guild "Fun Day" at Hitz Home
Thursday	Aug. 20	6:30pm	Guild & Brotherhood's Annual Corn Roast
Sunday	Aug. 23	9:00am	Worship Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Fellowship Hour after Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Aug. 24	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Thursday	Aug. 27	6:00pm	Memorial Committee Meeting
Sunday	Aug. 30	9:00am	Worship Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Fellowship Hour after Worship
		1:00-4:00pm	Confirmation
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Aug. 31	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's



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!

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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

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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.

Custodian's Hours:

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
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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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