



# THE MESSENGER

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

It has been a year since I had open-heart surgery. Those of you who have gone through it know that the one year anniversary gives us pause to reflect over the previous year. It is almost as if you get a reset on your life. The wrongs you have done—be penitent. Those who have wronged you—forgive them. With reflection comes (or may come) the realization of how loved ones have been taken for granted. You literally take stock of your life; and in some instances, hope you get a second chance.

Recently, at the Region 5 concert at St. Paul U.C.C. in Staunton, Illinois, a men's group started to sing. Near the end of the song, the accompanist and the men's group somehow got out of sync. Then suddenly the accompanist said, "We are better than that!" They did the song again—all in sync. I observed it was appropriate that we had "do-overs" in church.

I thought of that time during my reflections and realized every day, whether we have heart surgery or not, is a "do-over" day. I heard a woman say that when she went to bed each night she prayed that she hoped she brought honor and glory to God that day. I suggested that when we wake up we pray that we *will* bring honor and glory to God that day.

Because of Jesus, we get second and third chances. Matthew 28:21-22 says: "Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'"

Our God is a God of "do-overs." Our God is a God of second chances. That is the Good News! God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to show us how to live in obedience to God. By Jesus' death and resurrection, we are assured of the "do-overs" and second chances. Knowing this, how can we not give God praise and worship? How can we take God's love for granted?

All of us have the opportunity to treat each day as a gift and to make the most of it. To not do so tells God we are not grateful for His gift. Deuteronomy 19b-20a says: "Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him."

In the movie, "Dead Poets Society," teacher John Keating (portrayed by Robin Williams) encourages the students by saying, "Carpe diem; seize the day, boys. Make your lives extraordinary." That is what God urges us to do—seize the day and make our lives extraordinary by bringing glory and honor to God.

Carpe Diem  
*Pastor Jerry*

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## 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.

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## LIVESTREAM

Have you ever had one of those days that for whatever reason you cannot make it to church? Fear not! Salem Church 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.

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# “Being a Child”

(Suggested Readings: Luke 18:15-17)

We often may consider what we should be for God, especially in the context of this darkened world. We may feel that we have in some way neglected using the gifts God gave us. We certainly are called to be obedient to the ways in which God calls us to go. However, there is a great simplicity in the great calling of God.

Above anything we do, God deeply desires the simplicity of us being His children. In all our struggles, surely being His child should not be difficult. We can easily get tangled by the way of the world with our vision clouded by demands of life and satisfaction with ourselves. We need to reset our lives to that child likeness. We need to quit pretending we can do that which the Lord didn't call us to do and further that which God has called us to do. In this digital electronic age in which we live, programs can become nonsense; and when they do, there is no use in pressing on. We have learned to power down, pause, and then restart. Our lives need to come to that daily, continual reset, so we may find ourselves in the wondrous trust and love of child.

Powering down can be as simple as observing our natural world. Looking upon trees and asking ourselves how many of those leaves you put there; and when the breeze moves the leaves, asking ourselves, what did we do to make that movement happen? It is said a child is built low to the ground, so as not to be injured when the fall comes. It also is a place of humility and neediness. All who are found there will not be lost.

Live, love, & be His child.

*Pastor John*

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## EXHALE – YOUTH NEWS

“Castles and Cathedrals Crumble”

~ Brett Dennen

All throughout history churches have spent time, money, energy, and put a lot of thought into what the church or sanctuary should look like. We build glamorous buildings full of wonderful architecture, giant archways, and/or gothic designed walls in order to show our love for God. Regardless of what is in your sanctuary, what happens outside those four walls is actually what lasts. Time will fade, and the buildings we worship in will diminish. However, the love spread, the hope given, and the community shown will live on for much longer.

Sanctuary comes with us, in everything we do. It reaches farther than just what happens on Sunday morning and is a harder challenge than just singing the hymns and going through the motions. It is a commitment to live a selfless life, to live for the person next to you, and to make sure everyone receives the love and grace we experience here in this place.

Sundays serve as a wonderful reminder of what love is. It is a chance to renew us for the upcoming week and a great way to end the previous week. Do not be settled with just the Sunday worship. Our legacy is bigger than Sunday worship, and our foundation, the foundation of love, is stronger than any buildings! LOVE will last for generations!

Love Wins,

Nick Atkins-Harris

Email: [hoosierdrummer60@gmail.com](mailto:hoosierdrummer60@gmail.com) / Cell: 812-589-1918 / Facebook: ExhaleSalemUCC

### Important Dates for Exhale:

- **November 1:** TurkeyFest following 10:00 a.m. Worship  
Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **November 8:** No Exhale
- **November 15:** Senior High Mission Trip Meeting following 10:00 a.m. Worship  
Confirmation @ 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **November 22:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **November 29:** No Exhale

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Exhale's Annual TurkeyFest**

**Sunday, November 1, 2015 – Following Worship**



The Exhale Youth's annual TurkeyFest will be on Sunday, November 1, after the worship service. There will be turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, bread, and desserts. There also will be Bingo afterwards! Tickets are \$8.00 for Adults (11 & Up), \$5.00 for Kids (10 & Under), and FREE for 3 & under. For tickets see any member of Exhale. (Tickets will be available the day of the TurkeyFest for the price of \$10.00 for adults, 10 & under will still be \$5.00, and 3 & under will still eat for free.)

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

October 8, 2015

President Bobby Frank called the meeting to order with 11 Church Council members present.

Pastor Jerry read the devotion, "Reckless Words," from Our Daily Bread.

**Secretary's Report:** The previous month's minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Accounts Payable saw an increase due to insurance premiums and monthly bills. Part of the increase was due to the budget billing for the electric. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

## **Committee Reports:**

- **BOCE:** KFC will meet on October 11 for a hayride, pumpkin painting, & bonfire. KFC also will host their annual Trunk-or-Treat on October 25. Shirts will be ordered for KFC kids. Curriculum Team will meet on October 21. Exhale youth will host their annual TurkeyFest after worship on November 1.
- **Evangelism/Worship:** The committee reviewed the stain glass window brochure. Harvest Home Sundays will be on November 1 and November 8. Totenfest will be on November 22.
- **Long Range Planning:** No Report.
- **Mission/Stewardship:** On October 21, a Mission-To-Go fundraiser will be held.
- **Property:** The new Parish Hall doors will be installed on October 8. The bench in honor of veterans has been placed.

**Pastor's Report:** The Safe Church Committee met, and they are reviewing websites with safe church policies. The annual meeting is coming up, and Rev. Sheldon Culver will retire as Conference Minister. Pastor and the Church Council are reviewing the wording in the By-Laws in regards to spending. Nominating Committee needs to be filled.

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next Church Council meeting will be on November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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

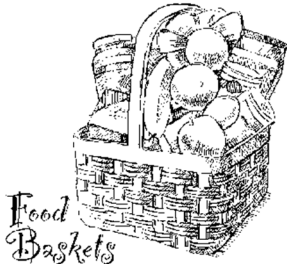
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## *Friends of the Conference*

*Friends of the Conference* is a second-mile giving program offering individuals, groups, and congregations the opportunity to make special gifts, over and above their regular OCWM giving, in support of the mission and ministries of the Illinois South Conference. Gifts received will become part of the Conference Operating Fund. They will NOT be reserved for special projects, nor will they be apportioned to DuBois Center, as DuBois has its own fund-raising programs.

Despite efforts to move to a balanced budget, the Conference has continued to run a deficit. It is hoped that *Friends of the Conference* will help offset these operating losses. Please consider contributing to *Friends of the Conference*. Please make your check payable to "Salem UCC" and write "Friends of the Conference" on the memo line. The Men's Fellowship will match the first \$500.00 donated. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jerry.

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### **From the Food Basket Committee**

The Food Basket Committee is putting together a list of people who need help feeding themselves and their families. If you know of someone or of a family who needs a little bit of help, please call Mary Reinhardt at (618) 488-7745.

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Donations are needed for the Holiday Food Baskets given at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Food Basket Committee does use "The Boy Scouts' Scouting for Food" (collected in November) but needs additional items.

#### **Some Needed Items Are:**

Any kind of Diabetic Food (jelly or canned fruit in juice, not heavy syrup)

Canned Meat (other than tuna or mackerel, we get plenty from the Scouting for Food)

Baking Soda	Flour	Powdered Sugar	Light Bulbs	Mouthwash
Beef Stew	Granulated Sugar	Rice	Paper Towels	Shampoo
Brown Sugar	Instant Potatoes	Cleaning Products	Tissues	Toothbrushes
Cereal	Kool-Aid with Sugar	Detergent	Toilet Paper	Toothpaste
Chicken & Dumplings	Peanut Butter	Dish Soap	Bar Soap	
Coffee (Small)	Plain Pasta		Hair Conditioner	

If you do not want to do the shopping, monetary donations will be accepted and will be used to purchase the items needed. We can use about anything. If you have any questions contact Paige Basler or Mary Reinhardt. We thank you for all of your help in making the Holidays wonderful for others. Items are needed on or before Wednesday, November 18.

# Salem UCC Treasurer's Report

(Month Ending 09/30/2015)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
<b>GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>21,138.38</b>	<b>12,521.25</b>
Offering – Loose	6,956.37	67,308.53
Offering – Envelopes	8,509.00	86,299.00
Facility Use Donations	0.00	3,495.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	600.00	2,327.05
Interest Income – General Fund	3.09	29.61
Benevolence Received	659.00	11,961.25
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>16,727.46</b>	<b>171,420.44</b>
Salaries	9,912.52	85,243.41
Employee Benefits	4,994.76	23,602.77
Maintenance/Property Services	1,010.37	9,971.61
Insurance	4,809.00	10,977.00
Utilities	1,851.54	17,338.27
Supplies – General	559.80	6,065.93
Professional Expense	673.08	2,450.29
Miscellaneous	53.95	232.95
Worship	54.70	1,884.77
Christian Education	305.85	3,041.58
Evangelism	301.40	665.12
Stewardship	0.00	386.87
Benevolence Paid	2,220.00	10,962.25
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>26,746.97</b>	<b>172,822.82</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 11,118.87</b>	<b>\$ 11,118.87</b>
<b>MEMORIAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>82,581.32</b>	<b>73,860.94</b>
Memorials Received	1,035.00	4,290.00
Honorariums Received		2,780.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		10,175.00
<b>Memorial Fund Expenses:</b>		
Worship – Music & Visual		(2,802.62)
Other Memorial Projects		(4,687.00)
<b>MEMORIAL FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 83,616.32</b>	<b>\$ 83,616.32</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>14,055.65</b>	<b>8,580.65</b>
Building Fund Offering	1,050.00	5,925.00
Memorials – Building Fund	0.00	600.00
<b>Building Fund Expense:</b>		
Educational Building A/C	(3,800.00)	(3,800.00)
<b>BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 11,305.65</b>	<b>\$ 11,305.65</b>
<b>SABBATICAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>12,896.12</b>	<b>11,896.12</b>
Contribution from Men's Fellowship		1,000.00
<b>SABBATICAL FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 12,896.12</b>	<b>\$ 12,896.12</b>
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>59,604.77</b>	<b>61,748.28</b>
Memorials – Endowment Fund	15.00	110.00
<b>Endowment Fund Disbursements:</b>		
Interest Distribution – General Fund		(1,118.53)
Interest Distribution – Benevolence		(1,119.98)
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 59,619.77</b>	<b>\$ 59,619.77</b>
<b>INVESTMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>175,930.27</b>	<b>189,646.93</b>
Change in Market Value	(3,734.85)	(13,451.51)
Scholarships Paid	0.00	(4,000.00)
<b>INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 172,195.42</b>	<b>\$ 172,195.42</b>
<b>MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>104,316.31</b>	<b>127,751.87</b>
Change in Market Value	(3,000.09)	(7,203.54)
Donations for Ecuador	25.00	10,516.89
<b>Mission Fund Disbursements:</b>		
Mission Match Paid		(3,524.00)
Expenditures for Ecuador Mission Trip		(26,200.00)
<b>MISSION MATCHING FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 101,341.22</b>	<b>\$ 101,341.22</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>15,242.52</b>	<b>15,102.56</b>
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	16.00	155.96
<b>RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 15,258.52</b>	<b>\$ 15,258.52</b>
<b>OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>1,903.77</b>	<b>2,623.93</b>
<b>Other Restricted Expense:</b>		
Grant Expense – 2014 Literacy Grant		(720.16)
<b>OTHER RESTRICTED FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 1,903.77</b>	<b>\$ 1,903.77</b>

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## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE DESIGNATION

In November, any funds received in the "Thanksgiving" envelopes will be donated to Emmaus Homes. This faith-based mission of families, staff, and volunteers, work together to provide compassionate care to adults with developmental disabilities in the St. Louis metropolitan area.



# Salem Seekers

“Daniel in the Lion’s Den”	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22
<b>Gathering Room</b>	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.
<b>God’s Oasis</b> (Puppets)	5th & 6th	3rd & 4th	1st & 2nd	Pre-K & K
<b>Gathering Room</b> (Music)	3rd & 4th	5th & 6th	Pre-K & K	1st & 2nd
<b>Faith Island</b> (Games)	1st & 2nd	Pre-K & K	5th & 6th	3rd & 4th
<b>Disciples’ Dunes</b> (Cooking)	Pre-K & K	1st & 2nd	3rd & 4th	5th & 6th
<b>Gathering Room</b>	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.**

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## ~ Kids For Christ (KFC) ~

KFC had a busy month. We started off with a hayride, pumpkin painting, and a bonfire for roasting hotdogs and making s’mores. We had a total of thirteen kids in attendance. The kids all had a lot of fun! We also had our Trunk-or-Treating event. Thank you for all those who had trunks and donated treats, to the Men’s Fellowship for paying for the hot dogs and chili, and to the Women’s Guild for serving the food. Everyone had a wonderful time!

On November 8, KFC will be going to the Korte Rec Center in Highland to swim. We will meet in the lobby of the Rec Center to swim from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Salem will cover the cost of this event. Please note a parent or guardian must be in the water with any children under the age of eight, and a parent or guardian must be in the building for anyone under the age of thirteen. This is the Korte Rec Center policy. We hope to have a wonderful turnout for this family event!

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## SALEM’S 8TH ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped in any way and to all who participated in the fun at Salem’s 8th Annual Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 25. Special thanks to all who entered their trunks in the Trunk-or-Treat and to those who helped prepare and serve the meal! Thank you to the following for donations consisting of time, money, gift certificates for prizes, drinks, & treats: Salem UCC’s Supporters (Board of Christian Education, Exhale Youth, Men’s Fellowship, Women’s Guild), Alhambra-Grantfork Communications, Highland Wal-Mart Supercenter, Hitz Memorial Home, Jim’s IGA, Maedge’s Mini Mart, and National Bank.

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## Confirmation Field Trip to Central Reform Congregation

On Friday, November 6, the Confirmation class will attend a Jewish Shabbat service at Central Reform Congregation in St. Louis, Missouri. Everyone is invited to come and experience the Shabbat service. We will gather at the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. to carpool to Central Reform Congregation. We will go on a tour of the facility prior to the service. Please sign up outside the church office so we may let our hosts know how many to expect. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jerry.

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## CONFIRMATION REMINDER

Confirmation Class will be on Sunday, November 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## Thank You Notes...

- **Highland Area Christian Service Ministry** thanks Salem UCC for the \$448.00 donation received for the food pantry.
- **Hitz Memorial Home** thanks Salem UCC for the \$50.00 donation received.
- **Salem’s Mission/Stewardship Committee** thanks all who supported Mission-To-Go and especially thanks Mary Reinhardt.
- **Salem’s 7th Grade Confirmation Class** thanks Salem UCC for all their support & donations for their Highland Food Pantry mission project. Donations will be delivered on Sunday, November 1.

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## FROM THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WOMEN'S GUILD

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

Thursday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m.

### November Golden Agers:

**Edith Ruehrup** on November 2, **Ken Gehrig** on November 19,  
**Herb Schmidt** on November 24, & **Shirley Olsen** on November 24

### Nuts to You!

There are still some pecan halves & pecan pieces available at \$10 a bag.  
A sign-up sheet may be found in the Narthex and outside the church office.

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## Save the Date(s) for Hanging of the Greens

Fa, la, la, la, la...it's beginning to look a lot like...it's time to book Hanging of the Greens on your calendar!

**Sunday, November 22, 1:30 p.m.**

We need all those willing and able to carry big boxes up from the basement. We need your muscle!!!

**Monday-Wednesday, November 23-25, 6:30 p.m.**

All hands on deck for unpacking, fluffing wreaths, checking lights, & generally preparing for

**Saturday, November 28, 8:00 a.m.**

Hanging of the Greens! Decorate the church for the reason for the season is...Jesus!!!

The more we get done during the week, the faster and more smoothly Saturday will be!!!

~ Evangelism/Worship Committee

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## **SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE**

**Sunday, December 6, 2015, after Worship Service**

Bring 6 dozen tasty treats, we will share one dozen and you will return home with five dozen new treats!

Light refreshments also will be served.

Please email or drop off a copy of your recipe to the church office by Friday, November 20. Email is preferred.

Copies of the recipes will be available at the Christmas Cookie Exchange.

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## *Save the Date: Christmas Caroling at Hitz Memorial Home on December 6*

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## **HERE WE GROW!**

The Bread of Life Food Pantry located on the campus of the New Life Christian Fellowship in Hamel, Illinois, became part of the ministry of the Alhambra-Hamel Ministerial Alliance (AHMA) in 2012. It serves Alhambra, Hamel, and Worden, plus other small, local communities in northeastern Madison County, Illinois. Member congregations of the Alliance, community organizations, and individuals support the pantry with food drives and volunteers. Since 2012, the number of families served has grown by 40%. With this increase, it has become necessary to expand our storage space. Bread of Life Food Pantry needs to raise \$7,000 to purchase a new building to continue to serve the community.

Please consider making a cash donation in order to raise the funds necessary. Bread of Life Food Pantry is a non-profit organization. Therefore, all donations are considered tax deductible. Please make your check payable to either Bread of Life Food Pantry or AHMA. On the check's memo line, please write "Building Fund." Please mail all contributions to: **AHMA, 1117 W. North Street, Alhambra, IL 62001.**

The pantry is open every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. It is closed on holidays and when schools are closed due to weather. If you need help or would like to volunteer, please contact Sharilyn Moehle at 618-633-2413 or Dave Kalish at 618-656-4828. For emergency help, please contact Charlie Martin at 618-444-6747.

### **Deer Meat Needed:**

Bread of Life Food Pantry supporters: If you know of anyone wanting to donate deer meat to the pantry, Grantfork Meat Market will process the meat for the food pantry at no charge. You will need to contact Kirby Knackstedt at the meat market. If you need assistance reaching him, please contact Dave Kalish.

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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



# Worship Ministry Schedule



Date	Acolytes	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Recorder	Ushers
<b>Nov. 1 (10am)</b>	Sydney Basler Barbara Meguire	Jim Annable	Dagmar Annable	Patti Reckmann	Gale Bolen / Richelle Braundmeier Cindy Henschen Susi Miller / Kathy Porter
<b>Nov. 8 (10am)</b>	Elizabeth Brown Grace Ouart	Elinor Stille	Lisa Uhe	Ron Mindrup	Larry & Lorna McGee Alice Stille / Jeff Warnke
<b>Nov. 15 (10am)</b>	Anna Brase Kara Braundmeier	Shirley Collmann	Faye Brown	Ron Mindrup	Bill & Carol Reckman Laura Renken / Tessa Renken Dave & Ronna Renken
<b>Nov. 22 (10am)</b>	Brienna Bowers Tessa Renken	Wilma Blom	Laura Muench	Larry McGee	Scott Demkey / Brett Henschen Jessie Ketcham / Krista Mansholt Lisa Uhe
<b>Nov. 25 (7pm)</b>	_____	Jeff Warnke	Krista Mansholt	Patti Reckmann	Scott Demkey / Brett Henschen Jessie Ketcham / Krista Mansholt Lisa Uhe
<b>Nov. 29 (10am)</b>	Shayden Hogg Sayde Hogg	Gale Bolen	Doris Driscoll	Larry McGee	Paige Basler / Judy Blom Justin Bonnell / Laura Muench Laverne Korsmeyer

## Nursery Schedule

November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Camie Ernst Richelle Ernst Laura Renken	Gale Bolen Tammy Burton	Emily Uhe Patty Uhe	Amanda Brase Jennifer Hunsche	Heather Henkhaus Jessie Ketcham

## Worship Schedule

Date	Scripture Readings	Sermon Title	Pastor
November 1 – 10 a.m. Worship with Communion	John 11:32-44 Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>Lazarus – Dead Man Walking</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
November 8 – 10 a.m. Worship	Mark 12:38-44 Hebrews 9:24-28	<i>Giving Everything</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
November 15 – 10 a.m. Worship	1 Samuel 2:1-10 1 Samuel 1:4-18 Mark 13:1-8	<i>Hannah's Prayer</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
November 22 – 10 a.m. Totenfest	John 18:33-37 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Revelation 1:4b-8	<i>Testifying to Truth</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
November 25 – 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve	Psalms 100 Luke 17:11-19	<i>The Beauty of a Thankful Heart</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
November 29 – 10 a.m. First Sunday of Advent / Worship	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Luke 21:25-36	<i>The Coming of the Lord</i>	Pastor John Mindrup

## Communion Schedule for Hitz Home

November 1 – 10 a.m.	Cindy Henschen
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### HARVEST HOME SUNDAYS

Harvest Home Sundays are a time to thank God for the harvest season in the fall. On Sunday, November 1, and Sunday, November 8, you are encouraged to bring food donations to help Salem Church say thank you for the harvest season.

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## Totenfest: A Service of Remembrance

On Sunday, November 22, we will celebrate Totenfest at our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Totenfest is the day on which we pause to remember those who have died in the last year.

You all are invited to remember these friends and family:

**Roger E. Stumpf**  
**Msgt. Earl H. Schuerman**  
**Hilda M. Ramach**  
**Kenneth E. "Ken" Mindrup**

**Betty A. Volz**  
**Alfred L. "Al" Volz**  
**Lawrence Ramach**

**Maxine M. Wernle**  
**Donald R. "Butch" Litton**  
**Elnora M. "Eleanor" Hamann**  
**Keith T. Vosholler**

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## Prayer List

### Cancer Concerns:

Vickie Conrad / Elmer Frank / Jack Frandsen  
Wayne Gentry / Sam Merkel / Ginger Krieshof

### Health Concerns:

Connie Abert (Niece-in-Law of Fern Scheller) / Macie Becker  
Quintin Byrne (Cousin of Lisa Reinhardt) / Diana Donohoo  
Ginny Gehrig / Lester Gentry / Gloria Henschen  
Thomas Kinnett / Marie Mindrup / Melvin Roberts

### Alhambra Care Center:

Velma Henkhaus

### Eden Village:

Hilbert & Verna Klenke

### Faith Countryside Homes/Apartments:

Dorothy Knabel

### Four Fountains:

Carol Ruehrup

### Highland Home:

Anita Suhre

### Hitz Memorial Home:

Orlean Hosto / Electa Leitch / Herb Schmidt

### 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:

#### **Donald "Butch" Litton**

(Husband of Bonadell Litton)

Who died on Thursday, October 1, 2015

#### **Elnora "Eleanor" Hamann**

(Aunt of Patti Reckmann)

Who died on Friday, October 9, 2015

#### **Keith Vosholler**

(Husband of Laurie Vosholler)

Who died on Monday, October 19, 2015



## November Anniversaries

11/02/1984	Jim & Dawn Reagan
11/04/1983	Darrel & Karen Landolt
11/06/2004	Peter & Mary Babic
11/07/2009	Bryan & Becky Becker
11/11/1995	Mark & Kris Nagel
11/15/1974	Mark & Janelle Gelly
11/15/1996	Brian & Jill Verson
11/19/1982	Ralph & Kandy Buzick
11/19/1983	Jim & Melanie Tillerson
11/22/1956	Bob & Ruth Hosto
11/22/2003	Trevor & Heather Henkhaus
11/23/1996	Chad & Tammy Burton
11/24/2012	Patrick & Emily Stille
11/27/1971	Lawrence & Judy Henschen
11/27/1976	Dave & Jerri Riechmann

## A Birth In Our Church Family:

**Sullivan Law Wright** was born on Monday, October 12, 2015, at 11:19 a.m. to Courtney & Craig Wright. He weighed 7 pounds & 1 ounce, and he was 18.5 inches long. Proud big brother is Jackson Wright. Proud grandparents are Steve & Patti Reckmann. Proud great-grandpa is Lorman Reckmann.

## Baptism

**Macie Ann Becker** was baptized on Sunday, October 4, 2015, at Salem UCC by Rev. Jerry Amiri. **Macie** was born on May 30, 2015, to Bryan & Rebecca Becker. Macie is the younger sister of Jakob Becker. Her grandparents are Judy Becker & the late Richard Becker and Kenny & Susan Mueller. Her godparents are Kurt Carpenter, Shannon Good, Shannon Hogg, and Brennen Webb.



## November Birthdays



### November 1

Steve Roper  
Chase McGee

### November 2

Edith Ruehrup  
Randy Olive  
Zach Schlechte  
Kiley Faires  
Cassidy Cecco

### November 3

Shanna Uhe

### November 4

Matt Reckmann  
Tonia Bowers  
Zach Giesecking  
Darrin Reinhardt

### November 5

Lonnie Casper  
Kathy Brink  
Debbie Reckmann

### November 6

Gene Lienemann  
Gary Boda  
Debra Goestenkor  
Jed Schlechte

### November 7

Pastor John Mindrup  
Fred Stumpf

### November 8

Denise Grandame

### November 9

Dave Frueh

### November 11

Danny Whitworth  
Madison Frank  
Jakob Becker

### November 12

Lisa Uhe  
Cooper Eyman

### November 13

Neal Henschen  
Aaron Trauernicht  
Crystal Uhe  
Natalie Henschen

### November 14

Brandy Soens  
Melissa Glassmaker-Becker

### November 15

Brian Duncan  
Melanie Bonnell

### November 16

Sharon Payne  
Annabelle Doubet

### November 17

Daniel Reckmann

### November 18

Mike Donohoo  
Piper Collmann

### November 19

Ken Gehrig  
Ross Abert  
Brett Bruhn

### November 21

Kevin Wernle

### November 22

Kerry Ketcham  
Caitlyn Westfall  
Catlyn Thomas

### November 24

Herb Schmidt  
Shirley Olsen  
Keith Miller  
Joye Brase  
Nash Suhre

### November 25

Marilyn Eyman  
Phillip Reiman

### November 26

Serena Everett

### November 28

David Poggemoeller

### November 29

Nancy Zweck

### November 30

Dustin Gall  
Richelle Ernst  
Joe Bolyard





# NOVEMBER CALENDAR



Sunday	Nov. 1	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship with Communion – Harvest Home Sunday TurkeyFest following Worship Children’s Choir Practice after Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Nov. 2	6:30pm 10:00am	Praise Team Practice Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge’s
		7:00pm	Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	Nov. 3	6:30pm	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Nov. 4	6:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Salem Chimes Practice Salem Ringers Practice Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Nov. 5		No BOCE Meeting
Friday	Nov. 6	6:00pm	Confirmation Trip to Central Reform Congregation
Sunday	Nov. 8	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship – Harvest Home Sunday Children’s Choir Practice after Worship BOCE Meeting following Worship
		3:00-5:00pm	KFC Meets at Korte Rec Center (Highland) to Swim No Exhale
		6:30pm	Praise Team Practice
Monday	Nov. 9	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge’s
Wednesday	Nov. 11	6:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Salem Chimes Practice Salem Ringers Practice Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Nov. 12	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday	Nov. 14	8:30am	AHMA Meeting at Salem
Sunday	Nov. 15	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Children’s Choir Practice after Worship Exhale Senior High Mission Trip Meeting No Historical Committee Meeting
		1:00-4:00pm	Confirmation
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
		6:30pm	Praise Team Practice
Monday	Nov. 16	9:00am 10:00am	December Messenger Articles Due Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge’s
Tuesday	Nov. 17	1:00pm	Senior Citizens
Wednesday	Nov. 18	6:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Salem Chimes Practice Salem Ringers Practice Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Nov. 19	7:00pm	Guild & Brotherhood Meeting
Sunday	Nov. 22	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Totenfest Worship Children’s Choir Practice after Worship
		1:30pm	Hanging of the Greens – Prep Work
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
		6:30pm	Praise Team Practice
Monday	Nov. 23	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge’s
Mon.-Wed.	Nov. 23-25	6:30pm	Hanging of the Greens – Prep Work
Wednesday	Nov. 25		No Bells or Choir Practices Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Thurs.-Fri.	Nov. 26-27	7:00pm	Church Office Closed
Saturday	Nov. 28	8:00am	Hanging of the Greens
Sunday	Nov. 29	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Praise Worship / First Sunday of Advent Children’s Choir Practice after Worship No Exhale
Monday	Nov. 30	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections

### 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](mailto:salemucalh@gmail.com).

### The Salem E-Messenger

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### 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: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 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. – 11:30 a.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Wednesday: 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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