



# THE MESSENGER

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

*Teach your children well, Their father's hell did slowly go by,  
And feed them on your dreams, The one they pick, the one you'll know by.  
Don't you ever ask them why, if they told you, you will cry, So just look at them and sigh  
And know they love you.*

*Teach Your Children* by Graham Nash

Have you ever experienced this? You go on a two week vacation, disconnected from the world, only to return to reality which is filled with “busyness” and unfinished projects, etc. I suspect that many of you have felt this in some way or another. I would suggest that this is the way of Advent and Christmas. We get so wrapped up with anticipation and excitement about Christmas that we tend to disconnect from the “real world” only to face reality on December 26. While we were preparing for Christmas Day, the world kept turning. Life went on. Politicians provided entertainment (whether it was their intention or not), unspeakable acts of violence were unleashed, babies were born, loved ones were lost, and according to YouTube, cats really can dance!

All of this is to say while we should be “in” the Christmas spirit, we can never forget that we are still part of the world. I recently had a conversation with a friend and the topic was the state of the world—which we agreed was not so good—and the issue of hope. Christmas is a time of love and hope. Our hopes are tied to a baby born in a manger who will grow up to be the savior of the world. I would suggest that our own children are also the hope for the future. Within those minds lie the keys to solving the problems of the world. That same “high octane” boy who seems to never stop will cure cancer one day. That little girl who refuses to wear dresses and play with dolls will be president. The children who think they are invincible will be world leaders who find other ways to resolve differences other than war.

However, none of these things will happen unless we as parents and grandparents teach our children that it is okay to be different, have respect for one another, and that no one needs to be held back because of his or her color, gender, or lifestyle. We are the role models of the future. We need to share our dreams of a violence-free world so our children can continue to bring about change in the world.

Children learn from their parents what is acceptable and what is not. Children learn from their parents about Jesus and the Church. Church will only be important to a child as much as their parents make it important. Our children learn about choices and priorities from their parents.

In a real way, the future of the world rests not only on the shoulders of our children but also on our shoulders. We cannot and should not try to shift the responsibility of the future on to our children. We must acknowledge our complicity for the future. How do we do that? How do we teach our children? Love. Love them; love their friends and their enemies. Show them what it means to love.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Jerry*

## NOTICE OF THE 156TH ANNUAL MEETING

Salem's 156th Annual Meeting will be held on **January 31, 2016**, and NOT on the third Sunday of January. How the third Sunday falls in January prohibits the treasurers' reports from being completed and audited on time to be printed in the Annual Report. In accordance with the Salem Constitution, the Church Council voted and approved to push back the 156th Annual Meeting to Sunday, January 31, 2016, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Which Pastor of Salem sent a Christmas card with a picture of him and his wife to members of Salem?**

- Rev. Robert Kofer, who was pastor from 1932 to 1947, sent this type of Christmas greeting. Check out the Christmas display in the historical cabinet for one of these Christmas cards. It was sent with a 1 ½ cent stamp.

# **“The Way of Christ”**

*(Suggested Readings: Isaiah 30:18-26 & Isaiah 48)*

One warm December morning, I looked to the east for the hope of light of a new day—unspoiled and another opportunity to begin again. On that day, the horizon was a steel gray from end to end and I could not see a hint of light. I waited for a few minutes. Then without fanfare, a small fracture opened and light poured through. My first thought was, "It is just God's wonderful way."

The trials of life can delude us into believing that we have come to a dead end; there are no dead ends in our living Lord. We may have to wait for God, but God does know the way through. He also knows the reason why we sometimes need to wait. God grants us some revelation, without revealing all. As we hunger for the truth, we spend time with the only One who really knows the truth. God has planned it that way, so much time can be spent with His beloved children. If we listen to the world, we may feel frightened, trapped, or desperate. If we listen to our Lord Jesus, He not only makes a way for us, He Himself is the Way. We will not be lost. We are bound for home with safe arrival promised. We are not alone as we journey.

God Bless You!  
*Pastor John*

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## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

For over 14 years, Stephen Ministry has served Salem. It has been there to walk with people who have endured loss, suffered from difficult situations, etc. To ensure its viability, we are seeking out those who have heard God's calling on their lives to serve those in need. We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, January 10, following worship. We hope you will consider coming and getting more information on how you can become a Stephen Minister as we continue this meaningful ministry.

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## **EXHALE – YOUTH NEWS**

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

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

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

### **Important Dates for Exhale:**

- **January 3:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **January 10:** Exhale @ 2:30 p.m. – Meet at Church to Carpool for Bowling at SIUE
- **January 17:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **January 24:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **January 30:** Exhale – Sausage Supper Coat Check
- **January 31:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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## **~ FROM THE OFFICE COORDINATOR ~**

**New 2016 calendars are available in the Narthex and outside the church office.**

Calendars are compliments of Dauderman Mortuary.

### **Annual Reports**

If you have not yet submitted your committee's annual report, please do so as soon as possible. Attention All Treasurers: Please submit your treasurer's reports to the church office as soon as you have them done and audited. Final deadline for all treasurers' reports is Monday, January 18, by 9:00 a.m. Thanks!  
Annual Reports will be available on Sunday, January 24.

### **2016 Salem U.C.C. Phone Directory**

The 2016 Salem U.C.C. Phone Directory will be available for pick up by Sunday, January 31, on the table outside of the church office.

*Jennifer Henschen*

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

December 10, 2015

President Bobby Frank called the meeting to order with 9 Church Council members and 2 guests present.

Pastor Jerry read the devotion, *This Year Will Be Different*, from *Kneeling in Bethlehem*.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The budget is currently doing well. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried. A motion was made to pay the monthly bills. The motion carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

- **BOCE:** The Salem Seekers store has been revised. Preparations are being made for the Children's Christmas Eve program.
- **Mission/Stewardship:** A Winter BBQ will be held February 20, 2016.
- **Property:** The committee repaired a drainage tile. The committee requested for locks to be placed on the thermostats in the church. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pass this request.

**Pastor's Report:** Five new members will join Salem on December 13. The Highland High School Madrigal Singers will perform on Sunday, January 3, during worship.

**Old Business:** Nominations are coming along. A motion was made to present a spending limitation and member's expectation proposal to the congregation. The proposal will be read during a church service, printed in *The Messenger* (see below), and presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

**New Business:** The Salem U.C.C. 156th Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next Church Council meeting will be on January 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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## **BY-LAWS, ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP (PROPOSED):**

### **B. FAITHFUL MEMBERS**

Faithful Members are those over the age of Confirmation who have been baptized and take an active part in the life of the congregation. Faithful members are received into full communion with Salem by:

1. Baptism into the Christian faith.  
AND
2. Confirmation, letter of transfer, or profession of faith.

### **EXPECTATIONS FOR FAITHFUL MEMBERS**

Faithful Members shall take an active part in the life and work of Salem, including but not limited to:

1. Attend worship at least once per calendar year.  
(Members for reasons of health or other unusual circumstance may be excused from this requirement.)
2. Partake of Holy Communion at least once per calendar year.
3. Provide financial support and/or participate in the mission of Salem and its ministries.
4. Respect Salem's established law and authority.
5. **All members, committees, and the Church Council will communicate with transparency and with truth in love.**

Failure to fulfill the expectations of the preceding paragraph is cause for the Church Council, in consultation with the Pastor and the member in question, to review the situation and with Church Council approval may be designated to be an Inactive Member.

## **BY-LAWS, ARTICLE II. GOVERNANCE (CURRENT):**

2. Establish a process for approval of all bills before payment. The Church Council may authorize any extraordinary expense up to \$5,000. Any expense exceeding \$5,000 must be approved by the congregation. However, emergency repairs approved by the Church Council are excluded from this \$5,000 limit.

## **BY-LAWS, ARTICLE II. GOVERNANCE (PROPOSED):**

2. Establish a process for approval of all bills before payment. The Church Council may authorize any extraordinary expense up to \$5,000. Any **All** expenses exceeding \$5,000 must be approved by the congregation. The only exceptions are:

- Emergency repairs approved by the Church Council.
- **Scholarships**
- **Monies raised by fundraiser(s) or donation(s) for a specific project with Church Council approval.**

# Salem UCC Treasurer's Report

(Month Ending 11/30/2015)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
<b>GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>9,523.40</b>	<b>12,521.25</b>
Offering – Loose	9,232.26	84,558.79
Offering – Envelopes	13,667.00	108,421.00
Facility Use Donations	450.00	3,945.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.01	2,375.06
Interest Income – General Fund	2.03	32.98
Benevolence Received	1,299.00	14,015.25
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>24,650.30</b>	<b>213,348.08</b>
Salaries	9,464.26	104,128.55
Employee Benefits	470.21	26,099.84
Maintenance/Property Services	699.55	11,516.49
Insurance	0.00	10,977.00
Utilities	2,489.47	23,411.63
Supplies – General	586.59	7,940.65
Professional Expense	547.80	3,460.13
Miscellaneous	45.00	277.95
Worship	533.88	2,775.75
Christian Education	87.00	3,732.09
Evangelism	0.00	950.19
Stewardship	0.00	386.87
Benevolence Paid	829.00	11,791.25
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>15,752.76</b>	<b>207,448.39</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 18,420.94</b>	<b>\$ 18,420.94</b>
<b>MEMORIAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>82,725.32</b>	<b>73,860.94</b>
Memorials Received	295.90	4,635.90
Honorariums Received		2,780.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		10,175.00
<b>Memorial Fund Expense:</b>		
Worship – Music & Visual	(80.90)	(3,688.52)
Other Memorial Projects	(2,633.54)	(7,456.54)
<b>MEMORIAL FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 80,306.78</b>	<b>\$ 80,306.78</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>11,765.65</b>	<b>8,580.65</b>
Building Fund Offering	1,000.00	7,385.00
Memorials – Building Fund	200.00	800.00
<b>Building Fund Expense:</b>		
Educational Building A/C	0.00	(3,800.00)
<b>BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 12,965.65</b>	<b>\$ 12,965.65</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>59,619.77</b>	<b>61,748.28</b>
Memorials – Endowment Fund	855.00	965.00
<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>\$ 60,474.77</b>	<b>\$ 60,474.77</b>
<b>INVESTMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>179,748.23</b>	<b>189,646.93</b>
Change in Market Value	294.37	(5,604.33)
Scholarships Paid	0.00	(4,000.00)
<b>INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 180,042.60</b>	<b>\$ 180,042.60</b>
<b>MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>107,192.59</b>	<b>127,751.87</b>
Change in Market Value	242.67	(1,588.50)
Donations for Ecuador 2015	0.00	10,995.89
Donations for Ecuador 2016	1,730.69	1,730.69
<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>\$ 109,165.95</b>	<b>\$ 109,165.95</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>15,274.49</b>	<b>15,102.56</b>
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	16.72	188.65
<b>RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 15,291.21</b>	<b>\$ 15,291.21</b>
<b>OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>1,607.77</b>	<b>2,623.93</b>
<b>Other Restricted Expense:</b>		
Grant Expense – 2012 Wellness Grant		(296.00)
Grant Expense – 2014 Literacy Grant		(720.16)
<b>OTHER RESTRICTED FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 1,607.77</b>	<b>\$ 1,607.77</b>

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## **2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Be sure to check the passageway for your 2016 offering envelopes. Please contact the church office: If there are no envelopes with your name on them, and you wish to receive the envelopes; if you would like your envelopes mailed out to you; if you no longer wish to receive the envelopes. Thank you!



# Salem Seekers

<i>Jesus &amp; the Children</i>	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
<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.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
<b>God's Oasis</b> (Storytelling)	<b>ALL: Children (Pre-K – 6th) Will Meet in the Gathering Room for a Movie</b>	<b>5th &amp; 6th</b>	<b>3rd &amp; 4th</b>	<b>1st &amp; 2nd</b>	<b>Pre-K &amp; K</b>
<b>Scribe's Den</b> (Arts & Crafts)		<b>3rd &amp; 4th</b>	<b>5th &amp; 6th</b>	<b>Pre-K &amp; K</b>	<b>1st &amp; 2nd</b>
<b>Faith Island</b> (Games)		<b>1st &amp; 2nd</b>	<b>Pre-K &amp; K</b>	<b>5th &amp; 6th</b>	<b>3rd &amp; 4th</b>
<b>Gathering Room</b> (Music)		<b>Pre-K &amp; K</b>	<b>1st &amp; 2nd</b>	<b>3rd &amp; 4th</b>	<b>5th &amp; 6th</b>
<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.	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) ~

In December, the kids made cards to show appreciation for our servicemen and servicewomen and to brighten the holiday for those who could use some extra cheer this holiday season. The kids played minute to win it games, such as Snowman Stack, Around the Clock, Snow Shovel, Pin the Nose on Rudolph, and Would You Rather. They also enjoyed pizza, punch, and cupcakes.

Our January event will be bowling on January 10. We will meet at the Cougar Lanes bowling alley at SIUE at 3:00 p.m. Shoe rental is \$1.75 and bowling is \$2.75. Exhale also will be attending.

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## **COMING SOON: NEW DISPLAY IN THE HISTORICAL CABINET!!!**

Through December, the "Christmas" display will be showcased in the historical cabinet in the passageway. In January, be on the lookout for the new "Sausage Supper" display in the historical cabinet. This new display will feature pictures of past sausage suppers at Salem and will showcase the process of the sausage supper from start to finish!

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## **Thank You Notes...**

### **Emmaus Homes**

*thanks Salem UCC for the \$170.00 donation.*

### **Global Ministries (Child Sponsorship)**

*thanks Salem UCC for the \$305.00 donation.*

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

*To Our Salem Family,*

*Ron and I want to thank all of you for your kind words, cards, hugs, and prayers for the loss of our mothers. We know they are at peace and in God's arms. Our memories of them will keep us going until we see them again! Thank you again! You are all blessings to us!*  
 ~ Ron & Gale Bolen

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

*Dear Salem Church Family,*

*Thank you for all your comforting words, prayers, cards, flowers, food, memorials, and many acts of kindness these past few months as Gloria was in the hospital and after her passing. Thank you to Pastor Jerry and Pastor John for a beautiful service celebrating Gloria's life and to the Women's Guild for serving a wonderful luncheon. All was greatly appreciated, and we are truly blessed to have such loving friends. We are grateful for Gloria's long life and the many ways she touched our lives and the lives of others. Thanks again for all your love, support, and compassion.*

*~ The Family of Gloria 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

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

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

Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m.  
(Safety Program)

## January Golden Agers:

Lorene Uhe on January 10, Julann Hastings on January 18, & Bob Dauderman on January 23.

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

**\*\*\*Items also are needed for the Country Store at the Sausage Supper.\*\*\***  
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## 68th Annual Whole Hog Sausage Supper



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2016**

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

### **MENU:**

**FRESH HOMEMADE PORK SAUSAGE**

**Sauerkraut Potatoes Gravy Green Beans Applesauce Bread Dessert Coffee Milk**

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

## **Sausage Supper Committee Chairs:**

Purchasing:	Vernon Uhe	Advertising & Ticket Sales:	
Processing:	Lawrence Henschen Lewis Knackstedt		Laverne Korsmeyer Ron Schmidt
Kitchen:	Joe Bolyard Rhet Mansholt Dave Renken	Seating:	Justin Bonnell Michael Dauderman Jerry Frank
Dishwashing:	Laura Muench	Public Relations:	Pastor Jerry Amiri
Fryers & Setup:	Ron Bolen Dennis Conrad Jim Reagan Greg Reinhardt Leon Uhe	Carrier (Thursday):	Gene Templeman
Sausage Sales:	Charlie Brown Dave Frueh Michael Hackethal Vernon & Linda Uhe	Sausage Carriers:	Donal Reagan Christopher Uhe
Carry-Out:	Jim & Dagmar Annable Bill & Carol Reckman	Elevator:	Delmar Korsmeyer Ron Mindrup Mark Vassier
Tables:	Joe Dauderman Dean Korsmeyer	Parking:	Boy Scouts Caine Kelso Joe Reinhardt
		Butchering Date:	January 25, 2016
		Processing Dates:	January 27, 2016 January 28, 2016
		Supper Date:	January 30, 2016

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**SAUSAGE SALES: Thursday, January 28 → 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, January 30 → 9:00 a.m. to ?**  
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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.



## Worship Ministry Schedule



Date	Acolytes	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Recorder	Ushers
<b>Jan. 3 (10am)</b>	Elizabeth Brown Grace Quart	Jim Annable	Dagmar Annable	Patti Reckmann	Scott Demkey / Brett Henschen Jessie Ketcham Krista Mansholt / Lisa Uhe
<b>Jan. 10 (10am)</b>	Anna Brase Kara Braundmeier	Verna Gilley	Laura Muench	Ron Mindrup	Paige Basler / Judy Blom Justin Bonnell / Laverne Korsmeyer Laura Muench
<b>Jan. 17 (10am)</b>	Brienna Bowers Tessa Renken	Shirley Collmann	Laura Muench	Ron Mindrup	Amy Henschen /Gena Hodapp Krista Miller Chad & Tara Schuster
<b>Jan. 24 (10am)</b>	Shayden Hogg Sayde Hogg	Fern Scheller	Lewis Knackstedt	Larry McGee	Brian & Connie Duncan Emily Duncan / Katelyn Duncan Gene & Terri Templeman
<b>Jan. 31 (10am)</b>	Syler Hogg Bradey McKinley	Sharon Hanes	Laura Muench	Larry McGee	Ken Gehrig Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt Steve Stille / Ken Suhre

## Nursery Schedule

January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Kristin Payne Danielle Porter	Camie Ernst Richelle Ernst Laura Renken	Gale Bolen Tammy Burton	Emily Uhe Patty Uhe	Amanda Brase Jennifer Hunsche

## Worship Schedule

Date	Scripture Readings	Sermon Title	Pastor
January 3 – 10 a.m. Worship with Communion	Isaiah 60:1-6	<i>HHS Madrigal Singers</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
January 10 – 10 a.m. Worship	Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	<i>Cleansing Water</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
January 17 – 10 a.m. Worship	1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	<i>God Given Power</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
January 24 – 10 a.m. Worship	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Luke 4:14-21	<i>Reading Scripture</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
January 31 – 10 a.m. Praise Worship	Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	<i>The Cost of Truth</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri

## Communion Schedule for Hitz Home

January 3 – 10 a.m.	Cindy Henschen
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On Sunday, January 3, the Highland High School Madrigal Singers will perform for us during our 10:00 a.m. worship service. We look forward to having them join us.

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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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## Prayer List

### Cancer Concerns:

Vickie Conrad / Elmer Frank / Jack Frandsen  
Wayne Gentry / Pat Hinton  
Sam Merkel / Merna Robinson

### Health Concerns:

Connie Abert (Niece-in-Law of Fern Scheller)  
Quintin Byrne (Cousin of Lisa Reinhardt) / Diana Donohoo  
Helen Dugan / Ginny Gehrig / Lester Gentry  
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

### 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:

#### **Francis Buroker**

(Mother of Gale Bolen)

Who died on Tuesday, November 24, 2015

#### **Gloria M. Henschen**

(Mother of Rick Philippi & Step-Mother of  
Carol Lacey & Lawrence Henschen)

Who died on Saturday, December 5, 2015

#### **Robert "Bob" M. Hosto**

(Husband of Ruth Hosto)

Who died on Friday, December 18, 2015



## January Anniversaries

01/11/1991	Greg & Dawn Reinhardt
01/25/1964	Vernon & Judy Blom
01/29/1960	Charley & Tolly Vassier
01/29/1992	Gene & Terri Templeman

## A Birth In Our Church Family...

### **Bryce Kevin Barrett**

was born on November 29, 2015, at 10:02 p.m.  
to Laura Reckmann & Zach Barrett.

He weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces.

He was 19 inches long.

His grandparents are

Deb Reckmann & the late Kevin Reckmann.

His great-grandpa is Lorman Reckmann.

## Welcome New Members

### **Joyce Adesanya**

P.O. Box 512

Greenville, IL 62246

### **Becky Martin**

P.O. Box 354

Alhambra, IL 62001

### **Jacob & Katie Menendez**

111 Southeast Street

Alhambra, IL 62001

### **Emily Stille**

2427 W. Lake Drive

Highland, IL 62249



## January Birthdays



### January 1

Lorena Gray

### January 2

Bev Gibson  
Trevor Henkhaus

### January 3

Lisa Reinhardt  
Krista Mansholt  
Amanda Brase

### January 4

Eva Babic  
Tim Stille  
Scott Trauernicht  
Jake Esmon

### January 5

Theresa Reinhardt

### January 6

Barb Randle  
Deanna Dauderman  
Amber Koch

### January 6

Bradey McKinley

### January 9

Craig Henschen  
Allison Semanisin  
Mindy Suhre  
Ian Grandame

### January 10

Lorene Uhe  
Linda Uhe  
Rick Allen  
Dede Donohoo

### January 11

Bill Prott  
Neal Parker  
Caitlyn Burton

### January 12

Lisa Paur  
Ronna Renken  
Kyle Frank

### January 13

Kay Koch  
Dianne Price  
Joni Sanders

### January 14

Roger Reilson  
Natalie Rinderer  
Logan Schlechte

### January 15

Jeff Gibbons  
Tom Eyman  
Ryan Boxell  
Shyana Reckmann

### January 17

Kenneth Suhre

### January 18

Julann Hastings  
Ed Layer  
Jerry Reckmann  
Barbara Dugan

### January 18

Joseph McGee  
Justin Gibbons

### January 19

Jack Nihiser  
Sheryl Cecco  
Craig Nihiser  
Greg Nihiser  
Lauren Bolen

### January 20

Bryan Wernle  
Jordan Tillerson

### January 21

Trent Otto

### January 22

Ashley Knackstedt

### January 23

Bob Dauderman  
Carol Erbin  
Brian Debatin  
Brett Henschen

### January 24

Patty Allen

### January 26

Fern Scheller  
Gale Bolen  
Scott Demkey

### January 27

Elizabeth Brown

### January 28

Lorna McGee  
Lonnie Reckmann  
Dawn Reagan  
Carrie Torti

### January 29

Dorothy Knabel

### January 31

Greg Reinhardt  
Richard Porter Jr.



# JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Jan. 3	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship with Communion & HHS Madrigal Singers Children's Choir Practice after Worship Historical Committee following Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Jan. 4	6:30pm 10:00am	Praise Team Practice Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
		7:00pm	Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	Jan. 5	6:30pm	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Jan. 6	6:00pm	Salem Chimes Practice
		6:30pm	Salem Ringers Practice
		7:30pm	Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Jan. 7	7:00pm	BOCE Meeting
Sunday	Jan. 10	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Children's Choir Practice after Worship Stephen Ministry Informational Mtg. after Worship
		2:30pm	Exhale Meet at Church to Carpool for Bowling
		3:00pm	Kids For Christ & Exhale Bowling at SIUE
		6:30pm	Praise Team Practice
Monday	Jan. 11	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Wednesday	Jan. 13	6:00pm	Salem Chimes Practice
		6:30pm	Salem Ringers Practice
		7:30pm	Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Jan. 14	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday	Jan. 17	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Children's Choir Practice after Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Jan. 18	6:30pm 9:00am	Praise Team Practice February Messenger Articles Due
		10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	Jan. 19	1:00pm	Senior Citizens
Wednesday	Jan. 20	6:00pm	Salem Chimes Practice
		6:30pm	Salem Ringers Practice
		7:30pm	Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Jan. 21	7:00pm	Guild & Brotherhood Meeting & Safety Program
Sunday	Jan. 24	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Children's Choir Practice after Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
		6:30pm	Praise Team Practice
Monday	Jan. 25	TBD 10:00am	Butchering at Korte for Sausage Supper Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Wednesday	Jan. 27	TBD 6:00pm	Processing at Korte for Sausage Supper Salem Chimes Practice
		6:30pm	Salem Ringers Practice
		7:30pm	Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Jan. 28	TBD	Processing at Korte for Sausage Supper
		12:00-6:00pm	Sausage Supper Meat Sales
Saturday	Jan. 30	9:00am	Sausage Supper Meat Sales
		2:30-8:00pm	68th Annual Whole Hog Sausage Supper
Sunday	Jan. 31	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Praise Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	<b>156th Annual Meeting following Worship</b> Exhale No Praise Team Practice

## The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee

The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee (PPPRC) is always ready to hear ideas and suggestions. PPPRC members are: Dennis Conrad, 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](mailto:salemuccalh@gmail.com).

## The Salem E-Messenger

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## 2015 SALEM CHURCH COUNCIL:

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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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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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