



THE MESSENGER

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

*Down in the hole, Lord, it's deep
And the sides are steep
And the nights are long and cold*

~ James Taylor

*I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.*

~ Psalm 40

As I am writing this article, it is a dull and dreary day. The clouds that were promised by the weathercaster to be gone have decided to stick around. It is the kind of day that you wish you could just pull the covers to your chin and not get out of bed. It is difficult to feel excitement or anticipation—the things that contribute to a happy life. We might feel as if we are in a hole with no way out.

Environment affects our attitude and outlook on life. If our environment is dull and dreary, our attitude reflects dull and dreary. If it is a warm, sunny day, our attitude reflects that as well. The same is true for churches. If a church is in a spiritual hole, then it stands to reason that its members will feel as if they are in a hole. On the other hand, if a church is confident in its viability and vibrancy, then that is what is reflected by the congregation.

What is the key to staying out of the hole? I would suggest that you surround yourself with positives and avoid those things that you know will try to drag you down into the hole. If you are tempted to do things you know are sinful, then stay away from those things. If you have a group of friends who seem to always get you in trouble, find new friends. If you have a church that you do not feel the presence of God, then find a new church (of course, I am not talking about Salem).

We have a choice. We can allow others to make decisions for us or we can take responsibility and decide for ourselves. We can say that this or that is causing stress in our lives or we can stop blaming everybody or everything in our lives and choose differently. There are no rules that cover emotions and feelings. No one can deny how he or she should feel about anything. Emotions and feelings are ours, no one else's.

Psalm 40 offers encouragement for those in the hole. It acknowledges that God has the ability to lift us out of the hole and place our feet on solid rock. However, again, this is something we choose. God does not force God's self on us; we choose to invite God into our hearts.

I pray that you choose God. Allow God to lift you from the slimy pit that you may find yourself. It is through God and His Son, Jesus Christ, that we might dare to think we are not confined to our holes forever.

Blessings,
Pastor Jerry



MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS WITH PASTOR JERRY

Come join us at Maedge's on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. to have a cup of coffee, discuss the sermon, read scripture together, and talk about whatever is on your mind.

Did You Know?

Which Pastor of Salem raised the largest family?

- Rev. Christian Bek was married first to Rosine Muenzemaier and later to Pauline Maier. He was the father of 14 children. His 12th child, John Jacob Bek, was born in Alhambra, Illinois, on January 1, 1881.

“Counting the Cost”

(Suggested Readings: Matthew 18:21-35 & Luke 10:30-37)

On a recent trip to the grocery store, I noticed a box marked "free." The box contained several packages of English muffins, which were at the expiration date. I question whether anything is really free. Certainly something can be free to us, yet did not someone pay the price? Consider the English muffins. They were free to those who picked them up, but surely they cost the grocer or food distribution company.

I took in the view of an amazing sunset yesterday that was free to me, but I imagine even the very artistry of nature costs God something. If there was no effort in creation, why would God have rested on the seventh day? If it is true that everything, including the creation of ourselves, our loved ones, each day, and infinitely more, has an associated cost, then we are very indebted to God! A debt that makes all the debt in the secular world nothing! We can be quite adept at considering the cost of things. I rarely take anything to the check-out counter unless I know the cost. Jesus reminds us the cost of discipleship is quite high. The cost is so high that we may be tempted to pick and choose when we will obey God. Jesus invites us to think about the cost of discipleship in some of His parables. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite both considered the cost too great, while the Samaritan paid much and agreed to pay even more. To love Jesus is to obey Him.

We all fall short of perfect obedience, yet how can we ever willingly decide the cost is too high in light of all that the Lord has paid for our salvation, our life today, tomorrow, and forever! We were truly purchased with a price. To attempt to count God's cost is to attempt to see God's love. To obey the Lord despite the cost is to be His love.

God Bless You!
Pastor John

EXHALE – YOUTH NEWS

“A ship in the harbor is a safe ship, but that’s not what a ship is built for.” ~ Unknown

It’s easy to play the safe card in everything we do, such as in our relationships, job decisions, and even the clothes we choose to wear each day. There is very little wrong with playing the safe card and taking the consistency that comes with making most of life’s decisions based on the soul reason of being safe. The risk is not there; it is comfortable.

Does it ever make you wonder what is going on outside of your box if you are constantly confining yourself to your box only? What wonderful amazing things could you do if you just dared a little, making yourself a little uncomfortable and taking just the slightest risk? No doubt it is a gamble. Sometimes you will walk away happy you rolled the dice, and other times you will look back and say, “That just wasn’t very smart.” It is the fact that you pushed yourself to a level that is maybe a little foreign to you.

Sometimes I feel that in our faith lives we get stuck in this rut, our comfort zones, and we are very content with it. We don’t go out and do something radical because it is scary, new, and not safe. I don’t remember reading where Jesus said, “get comfortable and wait until I come back.” Christianity is a verb; it is something you do. It is making “love” a verb. It is that idea of having the courage to step out of what is comfortable and what has always been done to what can actually be done. Because you trust that in the end, no matter the risk, you will be fine, and your plan will play out exactly how it is supposed to.

Love Wins,
Nick Atkins-Harris
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR EXHALE:

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| ▪ Saturday, April 2: | Exhale Youth Trivia Night @ 6:30 p.m. |
| ▪ Sunday, April 3: | Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. |
| ▪ Wednesday, April 6: | Exhale Bible Study & Hangout @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| ▪ Sunday, April 10: | Exhale Roller-Skating at Meyer YMCA @ 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
<i>Cost is \$3. Meet there or meet at church at 12:30 p.m. to carpool.</i> |
| ▪ Wednesday, April 13: | Exhale Bible Study & Hangout @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| ▪ Sunday, April 17: | Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. |
| ▪ Wednesday, April 20: | Exhale Bible Study & Hangout @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| ▪ Sunday, April 24: | Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. |
| ▪ Wednesday, April 27: | Exhale Bible Study & Hangout @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |

EXHALE YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT:

The Exhale Youth Trivia Night will be on Saturday, April 2. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and trivia will start at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$100 per table, and each table can have up to 10 players. We also will have heads or tails, 50/50 drawing, and a silent auction. All proceeds raised from our trivia night will help support our mission trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This trivia night will be centered on youth oriented questions. Youth are encouraged to invite their friends and family to join in on the fun. Water will be provided, and everyone is encouraged to bring snacks to share with their table. If you are interested in reserving your table or providing a basket for the silent auction, please contact Nick Atkins-Harris via email at hoosierdrummer60@gmail.com or with a call or text at 812-589-1918.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

March 10, 2016

The March 10, 2016, meeting was called to order by Church Council President Steve Stille with nine Church Council members and Pastor Jerry Amiri present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- The February Church Council Meeting Minutes, Congregational Meeting Minutes (03/06/16), and Special Church Council Meeting Minutes (03/06/16) were all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The Men's Fellowship contributed \$1,000 to the Sabbatical Fund.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.
- A motion to pay the bills was made and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **BOCE** –
 - No additions to the BOCE report.
- **Evangelism/Worship** –
 - Salem will host a Meet and Greet on April 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the new Conference Minister.
 - Salem has pre-ordered 60 flowers for Easter.
 - We'll have recognition for Nick Atkins-Harris this summer.
- **Mission/Stewardship** –
 - Heard from 3-4 people who are interested in going to Ecuador this summer.
 - Gideons International will be here to do a presentation on Mission Fest Sunday, May 1.
- **Property** –
 - Passageway Project: Jerry Frank will order the windows and get started. Rick Porter will help Laverne Korsmeyer to take the stained glass windows out and find a place to store them, so they won't be damaged.
 - One of the Parish Hall's coffee makers wasn't automatically shutting off. It would be costly (several hundred) to have a repair call; we will get a new coffeemaker through Farmer's Coffee.
 - Received price from Sloan Implement for a new mower John Deere Model 394, which is slightly over \$5,000. Discussion over the \$5,000 limit – even if we take donations or move funds, this should be taken to the congregation for approval (transparency). Motion to call this meeting on Sunday, April 3, was approved.
 - Brenda Schlechte, Memorial Committee Chair, came to the meeting to discuss painting the exterior siding of the Parish Hall and doing some work on the courtyard and Memorial Parlor.
- **Personnel** –
 - Will not meet until the end of March.
- **Safe Church** –
 - Will meet on Monday.
- **Youth Director Search** –
 - Process has been started. The job has been posted on the Weekly Connection, at SIUE, etc.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Facilities Use Policy – A proposed change was made to the Facilities Use Policy to add item 15: "Use of facilities will not be permitted on Saturdays prior to 1:00 p.m." A motion was made and approved to accept the proposed change.
- Facebook Options – Church Council discussed options to create a Facebook group or page for Salem. Motion was made and approved to create a Salem UCC Facebook page.
- Pastor Vacation – April 11-17

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Illinois South Conference sent Pastor John Mindrup's license renewal. This will be taken care of.

NEXT MEETING:

- The next meeting will be Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Salem UCC Treasurer's Report

(Month Ending 02/29/2016)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	23,799.78	14,948.86
Offering – Loose	7,298.00	17,149.75
Offering – Envelopes	9,092.00	20,067.00
Facility Use Donations	3,350.00	3,350.00
Interest Income – General Fund	3.65	6.42
Benevolence Received	428.55	1,915.55
Total General Fund Income	20,172.20	42,488.72
Salaries	10,222.62	19,390.45
Employee Benefits	2,259.48	2,707.02
Maintenance/Property Services	735.35	1,363.04
Insurance	0.00	143.00
Utilities	2,161.19	4,258.13
Supplies – General	813.86	1,403.86
Professional Expense	257.14	290.65
Miscellaneous	20.00	20.00
Worship	80.27	326.68
Christian Education	458.08	570.76
Evangelism	45.67	45.67
Stewardship	373.25	373.25
Total General Fund Expenses	17,426.91	30,892.51
GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 26,545.07	\$ 26,545.07
MEMORIAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	22,384.51	83,466.78
Memorials Received	370.00	545.00
Honorariums Received	150.00	150.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	20.00
Memorial Fund Expenses:		
Transfer to Building Fund		(40,852.27)
Transfer to Reserve Fund		(20,425.00)
MEMORIAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 22,904.51	\$ 22,904.51
BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	54,912.92	13,465.65
Building Fund Offering	620.00	1,215.00
Memorials – Building Fund	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Memorial Fund		40,852.27
BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 55,532.92	\$ 55,532.92
SABBATICAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	12,896.12	12,896.12
Contribution from Men's Fellowship	1,000.00	1,000.00
SABBATICAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 13,896.12	\$ 13,896.12
ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCE	\$ 61,173.76	\$ 61,173.76
<i>(No Activity)</i>		
INVESTMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	166,422.50	174,008.22
Change in Market Value	1,424.78	(6,160.94)
INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 167,847.28	\$ 167,847.28
MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	101,069.54	106,836.61
Change in Market Value	(180.43)	(5,947.50)
Donations for Ecuador 2016	1,479.62	1,479.62
MISSION MATCHING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 102,368.73	\$ 102,368.73
RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	30,748.15	10,307.70
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	16.65	32.10
Transfer from Memorial Fund		20,425.00
RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 30,764.80	\$ 30,764.80
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,554.11	\$ 1,554.11
<i>(No Activity)</i>		

Salem UCC Scholarship

Deadline: Sunday, May 1, 2016

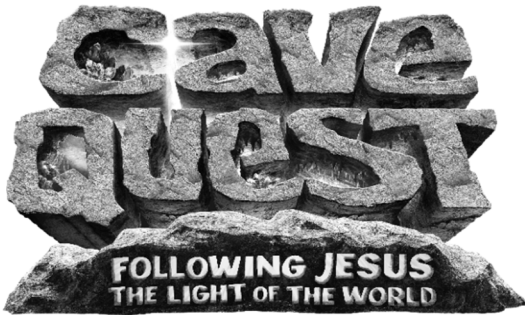
Salem UCC scholarship applications may be picked up
in the church office or on the table outside the church office.



Salem Seekers

<i>Jonah Rotation</i>	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Gathering Room	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
God's Oasis (Storytelling)	5th & 6th	3rd & 4th	Pre-K & K 1st & 2nd	_____
Gathering Room (Media)	3rd & 4th	5th & 6th	_____	Pre-K & K 1st & 2nd
Scribe's Den (Arts & Crafts)	1st & 2nd	Pre-K & K	5th & 6th	3rd & 4th
Faith Island (Games)	Pre-K & K	1st & 2nd	3rd & 4th	5th & 6th
Gathering Room	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

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.



DuBois Center Camp Funding Policy

If a parent selects *Actual Cost* as described in the *2016 Summer Schedule Tiered Pricing*, then the Board of Christian Education will pay 1/3 of the *Actual Cost*, the Men's Fellowship will pay 1/3 of the *Actual Cost*, and the parent will be responsible for 1/3 of the *Actual Cost*.

If the parent has a concern with their portion of the *Actual Cost*, then they should see Pastor Jerry Amiri in confidence. Please provide a copy of the registration to the Salem UCC church office for processing, so that the Board of Christian Education knows how many children are going to camp at DuBois Center.

Thanks,
Board of Christian Education

SAVE THE DATE:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 5 – 9, 2016
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Nightly)

~ Kids For Christ (KFC) ~

Thank you to all who helped to make the Easter Egg Hunt successful!

On Sunday, April 10, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., KFC and Exhale will roller-skate at the Edwardsville YMCA. KFC will be meet at the YMCA. The cost is \$3 per person for admission and skate rental.

FROM THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WOMEN'S GUILD

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

The next Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild meeting will be on Thursday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m.
 This meeting will be Bunco Night, so please bring snacks to share.

Family Night:

Family Night was on Saturday, March 5. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal catered by Sundae Best and fun, educational entertainment provided by TreeHouse Wildlife Center. Thank you to all who came!!!

April Golden Agers Are:

Bob Mindrup on April 13 & Elinor Stille on April 19

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, April 3,
to bring before the congregation the purchase
of a new lawnmower and considerations for the Parish Hall siding.

THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS OF SALEM UCC

You may pick up a copy of the recently revised Constitution & By-Laws
on the table outside the church office.

~ Meet and Greet ~

Salem is hosting a "Meet and Greet" with our new Conference Minister, Rev. Shana Johnson, on Saturday, April 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Salem is one of three churches hosting a "Meet and Greet." Regions 3, 4, and 5 are invited to come, but everyone is welcome. Let us show the conference what "Extravagant Welcome" truly means.

Hitz Memorial Home Blessings Benefit Concert

The Hitz Memorial Home Blessings Benefit Concert will be at Salem UCC on Sunday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m. Performances will be from area churches and Hitz residents. A Blessing Offering will be taken to help fund the update of the kitchen/activity area that is used by the residents daily. This concert is sponsored by the Hitz Auxiliary Board.

Ecuador Mission Trip 2016

The next mission trip to Ecuador will be Friday, July 1, through Monday, July 11. This year the trip will be to Catamayo in the Province of Loja which is north of Peru. The cost is \$2,100.00 per person. The Mission/Stewardship Committee is sponsoring fundraisers to assist with the cost of the trip. If you are interested or have questions, please see a member of the Mission/Stewardship Committee or contact Pastor Jerry.

LOOKING FOR ALL GRADUATES...

If you are or know someone who is graduating from high school, college, trade school, or graduate school this year, please contact the church office at 488-3215 or salemuccalh@gmail.com by Sunday, May 1. Graduates will be recognized at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 22. There will be a reception honoring the graduates following the worship service in the upstairs Parish Hall.

The church office also would like a picture of graduate and a short paragraph on graduate consisting of full name (including middle), name of parents, name of school graduating from, date of graduation (at least month and year), if from college the degree graduating with, and future plans such as further education or career. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Henschen in the church office. Thank you.



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
Apr. 3 (10am)	Syler Hogg Need 1 Volunteer	Jim Annable	Dagmar Annable	Patti Reckmann	Larry & Lorna McGee Alice Stille / Jeff Warnke
Apr. 10 (10am)	Kylie Ketcham Riley Mansholt	Wilma Blom	Jessie Ketcham	Ron Mindrup	Bill & Carol Reckman Laura Renken / Tessa Renken Dave & Ronna Renken
Apr. 17 (10am)	Ian Grandame Kody Quart	Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt	Patti Reckmann	Ron Mindrup	Scott Demkey / Brett Henschen Jessie Ketcham Krista Mansholt / Lisa Uhe
Apr. 24 (10am)	Sydney Basler Barbara Meguire	Sharon Hanes	Laura Muench	Larry McGee	Justin & Melanie Bonnell Judy Blom / Laverne Korsmeyer Laura Muench

Nursery Schedule

April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Gale Bolen Tammy Burton	Emily Uhe Patty Uhe	Amanda Brase Jennifer Hunsche	Heather Henkhaus Jessie Ketcham

Worship Schedule

Date	Scripture Readings	Sermon Title	Pastor
April 3 – 10 a.m. Worship with Communion	John 20:19-31 Acts 5:27-32	<i>Witness</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
April 10 – 10 a.m. Worship	Acts 9:1-20 Revelation 5:11-14	<i>Shifting Gears</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
April 17 – 10 a.m. Worship	Psalm 23 John 10:22-30	<i>In the Hand of God</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
April 24 – 10 a.m. Praise Worship	John 13:31-35 Acts 11:1-18	<i>The Most Difficult Commandment</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri

Communion Schedule for Hitz Home

April 3 – 10 a.m.	Justin & Melanie Bonnell
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CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!!!

Confirmation was on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016. This year's Confirmands were Anna Brase, Kara Braundmeier, & Ian Grandame. They took their first communion at the Maundy Thursday Worship Service on March 24, 2016.



Mission Fest Sunday

On Mission Fest Sunday, May 1, a representative from Gideons International will be here to give us updates of the ministry of the Gideons. The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. A potluck luncheon will immediately follow worship. Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share for the potluck luncheon. Meat will be provided by the Men's Fellowship.

BIRTHS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Tegan Adelle Driscoll was born on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, to Ryan & Valerie Driscoll. She weighed 7 pounds & 11 ounces, and she was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Mike & Doris Driscoll. Proud great-grandma is Velma Henkhaus.

Wyatt Robert Dauderman was born on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, to Bobby & Kelsey Dauderman. He weighed 8 pounds & 8 ounces and he was 21.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Joe & Deanna Dauderman and Tracey Schumacher. Proud great-grandpa is Bob Dauderman.



Prayer List

Cancer Concerns:

Vickie Conrad / Elmer Frank / Jack Frandsen
Wayne Gentry / Pat Hinton

Health Concerns:

Connie Abert (Niece-in-Law of Fern Scheller)
Quintin Byrne (Cousin of Lisa Reinhardt) / Diana Donohoo
Helen Dugan / Ginny Gehrig / Lester Gentry
Irving Gray / Hilbert Klenke
Marie Mindrup / Melvin Roberts

Alhambra Care Center:

Velma Henkhaus

Eden Village:

Hilbert & Verna Klenke

Faith Countryside Homes/Apartments:

Dorothy Knabel

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



April Anniversaries

04/01/2005	Jeff & Alicia McGee
04/07/2007	Adam & Megan Mollet
04/08/1973	Mike & Mary Stumpf
04/09/1994	Jeff & Julia Hobbs
04/12/1997	Kirby & Laura Knackstedt
04/15/1972	Ron & Janet Hunsche
04/16/1977	Ron & Rhonda Schmidt
04/22/1983	Doug & Nancy Heidbrink
04/22/1994	Mitch & Sharyn Giesecking
04/24/1949	Hilbert & Verna Klenke
04/24/1965	Tom & Marjorie Glassmaker
04/25/2015	Eric & Mary Starr
04/27/2012	Craig & Courtney Wright

Our Sympathies to the Family of:

Jacob Casper
(Son of Lonnie Casper)
Who died on Saturday, March 5, 2016.



April Birthdays



April 1 Donal Reagan	April 6 Alexander Dugan	April 12 Linda Korsmeyer Jim Annable Barry Quade Caroline Bolyard	April 18 Joe Reinhardt Richard Harper	April 24 June Lienemann Matt Collmann
April 2 Donna Miller Chad Schuster	April 7 Sarah Randle	April 13 Bob Mindrup James Burton	April 19 Elinor Stille Colby Hosto	April 25 Joseph Whitworth Lacey Buzick
April 3 Steve Stille Larry Bloemker Tyler Reinhardt	April 8 Andy Miller	April 14 Keith Greear Kieran Mettler Bethany Reckmann Riley Mansholt	April 20 Steve Lynn Logan Duffin	April 26 Collin Reckman Joseph Sanders
April 4 Justin Stumpf	April 9 Brian Suhre Heath Follwell	April 16 Isla Stille	April 21 LaDonna Utley Casey Cornejo Destiny Odle	April 27 Jean Wirz Makenna Quade
April 5 Ginny Gehrig Rick Porter Sr. Michael Dauderman	April 10 Ron Mindrup Jessica Mills Derek Ahlmeyer	April 17 Eugene Froman	April 22 Kevin Brink Sarah Doubet	April 28 David Poggemoeller
	April 11 Joyce Adesanya Erin Brown		April 23 Jenna Boxell	April 29 Peter Babic Jeremy Schmidt Bianca Valsecchi

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.



APRIL CALENDAR



Saturday	Apr. 2	6:30pm	Exhale Youth Trivia Night
Sunday	Apr. 3	8:45am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00am	Worship with Communion
		4:00-5:30pm	Children's Choir Practice after Worship
		6:30pm	Exhale
Monday	Apr. 4	10:00am	Praise Team Practice
		7:00pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	Apr. 5	6:30pm	Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Apr. 6	6:00pm	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
		6:00-8:00pm	Salem Chimes Practice
		6:30pm	Exhale Bible Study & Hangout
		7:30pm	Salem Ringers Practice
Thursday	Apr. 7	7:00pm	Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Saturday	Apr. 9	1:00-3:00pm	BOCE Meeting
Sunday	Apr. 10	8:45am	ISC – Meet & Greet with New Conference Minister
		10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
			Worship
		1:00-3:00pm	Children's Choir Practice after Worship
		3:00pm	KFC & Exhale Roller-Skating at Meyer YMCA
			Hitz Memorial Home Blessings Benefit Concert
			No Praise Team Practice
Monday	Apr. 11	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Wednesday	Apr. 13	6:00pm	Salem Chimes Practice
		6:00-8:00pm	Exhale Bible Study & Hangout
		6:30pm	Salem Ringers Practice
		7:30pm	Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Apr. 14	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday	Apr. 15	9:00am	May Messenger Articles Due
Sunday	Apr. 17	8:45am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00am	Worship
			Children's Choir Practice after Worship
			Historical Committee Meeting after Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
		6:30pm	Praise Team Practice
Monday	Apr. 18	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
		6:00pm	Salem Seekers Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday	Apr. 19	1:00pm	Senior Citizens
Wednesday	Apr. 20		No Salem Chimes Practice
		6:00-8:00pm	Exhale Bible Study & Hangout
		6:30pm	Salem Ringers Practice
		7:30pm	Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Apr. 21	6:30pm	Guild & Brotherhood Meeting & Bunco Night
Sunday	Apr. 24	8:45am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00am	Praise Worship
			Children's Choir Practice after Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Exhale
			No Praise Team Practice
Monday	Apr. 25	10:00am	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
		5:30pm	Memorial Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Apr. 27		No Salem Chimes Practice
		6:00-8:00pm	Exhale Bible Study & Hangout
		6:30pm	Salem Ringers Practice
		7:30pm	Salem Chancel Choir Practice

The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee

The Pastor/Parish/Personnel Relations Committee (PPPRC) is always ready to hear ideas and suggestions. 2016 PPPRC members are: Dennis Conrad, Krista Mansholt, Kathy Porter, Jerri Riechmann, Ken Suhre, and Lisa Uhe.

The Salem Wire

There is a lot that happens from Sunday to Sunday—deaths, births, weddings, etc. Wouldn't it be nice to know these things sooner than later? The *Salem Wire* is an email message delivery system where you would receive notice of events and happenings in the church. To sign up for the *Salem Wire*, please email the church office at salemucalh@gmail.com.

The Salem E-Messenger

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- Patrick Stille
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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:

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Monday – Thursday: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 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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