



THE MESSENGER

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

Summertime and the livin' is easy; Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high. Oh your daddy's rich and your mom is good lookin'. So hush little baby, don't you cry. One of these mornin's you gonna rise up singin'. Spread your wings and you'll take the sky. Until that mornin' there's a nothin' can harm you. With Mommy and Daddy standin' by, hey! Oh hush little baby, don't you cry; Hush little baby, don't you cry. Hush little baby, don't you cry; Hush little baby, don't you cry.

~ "Summertime" from *Porgy and Bess* by Gershwin

As we prepare to plunge into summer, "Summertime" from *Porgy and Bess* popped into my head. In the opera, this song is sung as a lullaby. As all lullabies do, it is intended to lure a person into a sense of safety and calm. The words invoke a sense of relaxation and remembrance of peaceful times. I draw attention to this because as we, the church, enter into summer, there are certain things that occur:

1. **Decline in Attendance** – Because people are on vacation. Of course, it is important for everyone to "get away." However, I want to point out that there is no "getting away" from God. Let's be clear about the intentions of vacations: reflection and relaxation. If anything, vacation is a time to appreciate more fully what God has done and is still doing.
2. **Decline in Offering** – Obviously, this is a direct result of the first. However, it need not be. For instance, do you not pay your utilities or mortgage when you are away? I am not suggesting that giving should be viewed as a "bill to be paid." I am saying I urge you to think of it as **more** than just a bill or an obligation. Offering is a fulfillment of a promise that was made at our annual meeting when we adopted a budget. Offering also is a way for us to show our gratitude to God for the blessings God has bestowed.
3. There is a misconception that everything slows down in the summer. Let me assure you that for the church, summer is a time for planning and preparing for the rest of the year. There is no "slow" time in the church. It is ironic how on the church calendar there are seasons referred to as "ordinary"—the seasons that fall between Christmas and Lent and also between Easter and Advent. My experience is that this time is anything but ordinary!

My prayer for you is that you are able to find time for rest, relaxation, and reflection. In those times, I invite you into a time of prayer—thanking God for the many ways God has blessed you.

Blessings,
Pastor Jerry

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!!!

September 2016 – August 2017

Acolytes, Greeters, Liturgists, Nursery Attendants, & Ushers Needed!!!

Salem UCC needs your help! We are in need of acolytes, greeters, liturgists, nursery attendants, and ushers for the September 2016 – August 2017 Schedule. Please sign up on the table outside the church office if you can help with one, two, or more of these ministries.



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 person who was being considered to serve as Pastor of Salem requested full payment of his moving expenses and an additional \$300 in the annual salary offered?

- Rev. Thomas G. Haller requested the above reimbursement and additional salary. Agreement was reached and Rev. Haller moved from New York and served Salem from 1922 to 1926.

“Made to Move”

(Suggested Reading: Isaiah Chapters 1-4)

I sometimes wonder how superficial and hollow we would be if left to our own devices. If things went the way we planned without any trial, we would be a mere shadow of who we now are. We need not unduly concern ourselves about this, as the circumstances of our world brings us trials. Worldly gains may be apparent as we go through any struggle, but the only real gain comes as we walk with the Lord through the trials. We can be quite resistant to moving in some areas of life. It is in these areas the Lord will allow the pressure to be increased.

Suppose we had a nut and bolt rusted together, and we needed the nut removed. After the first attempt, we lay aside the small wrench in favor of one with a much longer handle—perhaps we even stress the wrench by adding a pipe for even more leverage. If that doesn't work, we try heating the nut to a glowing red and applying liberal amounts of penetrating oil. Something will finally give when we are determined. Thanks be to God for not leaving us stuck where we are! Surely we can't thank God enough! God could have left us in the same place day after day, like the stuck nut on the bolt. The Lord could have left us in our sin and death, but no! God sent Jesus to save us! God challenges each of us to grow daily.

May we ever be content with all things but one. May we never be fully satisfied in our relationship with the Lord. I'm not saying that our relationship with the Lord doesn't satisfy, but only every day is a day to grow closer in our walk with our Lord. Coming nearer to the Lord requires movement of the heart. We are created to grow in spirit forever. The Lord wants to move us in ways that bring Him glory. The prophet of Isaiah records how God used leverage of the Assyrians and the Babylonians to move His people. God doesn't stop there. It is almost laughable to think there is something even more stubborn than our own heart. God can out stubborn us all with His mercy, love, and righteousness. We will do well to let Him win; we do best to win with Him! To be His disciples today, may we be willing to move so much so that just the slightest touch of the Master hand will move us to glorify God!

God Bless You!
Pastor John



There will be no Sunday School during the summer.
(May 29, 2016 – September 4, 2016)

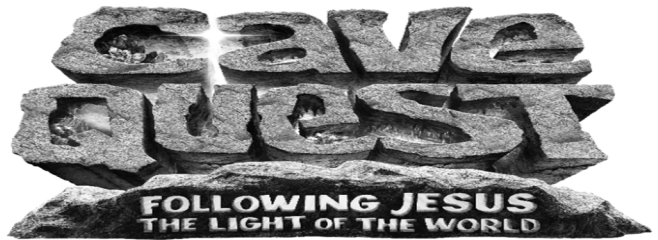
The 2016-2017 Sunday School year will begin
on September 11, 2016, on Rally Day (Worship in the Park) at Alhambra Park.

SAVE THE DATE:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 5 – 9, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Nightly)



At Cave Quest VBS, kids will explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.

The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for Sing & Play Rock and ends at 8:30 p.m. with Cave Quest Closing, which gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. We invite parents to come around 8:10 p.m. to share in this special nightly closing. So mark these dates on your calendar: June 5 to June 9, 2016!

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

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

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

KOINS FOR KIDZ

You are challenged this summer to help us fill a jar here at Salem with coins.

All money collected will be sent to Kindercottage.

So, please bring your spare change, pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and more and place it in the jar. Let's watch our change quickly add up together, and let's see if we can reach our goal of filling the jar!!!

EXHALE – YOUTH NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR EXHALE:

- **Sunday, June 5:** **No Exhale** (*Vacation Bible School*)
- **(Sun-Thurs) June 5-9:** **Vacation Bible School @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
(If you wish to join the VBS Crew whether for 1 night or all 5 nights, please contact Nick Atkins-Harris.)
**** Crew members please be here for VBS @ 5:30 p.m. ****
- **Sunday, June 12:** **VBS Sunday / Worship @ 9:00 a.m.**
Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, June 15:** **Exhale Bible Study & Hangout @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Staunton)**
- **Sunday, June 19:** **Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, June 21:** **Exhale Summer Movie @ 10:00 a.m. (Movie Title To Be Determined)**
- **Wednesday, June 22:** **Exhale Bible Study & Hangout @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Salem)**
- **Sunday, June 26:** **Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, June 28:** **Exhale Summer Movie @ 10:00 a.m. (Movie Title To Be Determined)**
- **Wednesday, June 29:** **Exhale Bible Study & Hangout @ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Staunton)**

~ KIDS FOR CHRIST (KFC) ~

There will be no KFC meeting in June, July, or August. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Salem Confirmation Homecoming

Mark your calendars for Salem’s 4th Annual Confirmation Homecoming on Sunday, August 7, 2016. This special event is for all Salem Confirmands. Special attention will be given to the following Confirmation classes: 1946, 1956, 1966 (50th Anniversary), 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, and 2016. This special worship service will be at 9:00 a.m. and a brunch and fellowship will follow. Remember this is an event for all Salem Confirmands and will be a special way to get reconnected with Salem. Please plan to join us on this special day!

~ Evangelism/Worship Committee & Historical Committee

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

May 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order with Pastor Jerry and 10 Church Council members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- The minutes from the April 14, 2016, meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The Treasurer's Report was approved. A motion to pay the bills was passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **BOCE** –
 - VBS plans are underway. Next year Sunday School rotations will cover Kindergarten-5th, Pre-K will go back with the 3-year-old class, and 6th graders will have a pre-Confirmation class.
- **Evangelism/Worship** –
 - Everything is going well; discussed Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc.
- **Mission/Stewardship** –
 - Carol Amiri is the new committee chair; no one is planning on going to Ecuador this year.
- **Property** –
 - Stained glass windows/passageway windows have been installed. Bids came in under budget. We don't have the exact figure yet.
 - There are still problems with the west passageway door; replacement would be approximately \$600. The single door at the west end (facing south) of the Parish Hall also needs to be replaced. Motion was made and passed to look into replacing both of these doors with a maximum cost of \$2,000 (total).
 - The AC in the Parish Hall is down. Dan Reinhardt has looked into it; will do temporary repair for now, but we may need to replace the unit in the future.
 - Paint bids: We have three bids, but they are very far apart; will follow up on just what the difference is before proceeding.
 - Choir Pew – Most of the Property Committee is not in agreement with the removal of the pew. Pastor Jerry will form a committee to investigate options—may not be pew removal, but may be other options for space usage.
- **Long Range Planning** –
 - The committee may look into getting a consultant to consider what our needs are and what our needs may be in the future. Pastor Jerry is looking into what this might cost.
- **Personnel** –
 - Will meet with staff members this month for their semi-annual check in.
- **Safe Church** –
 - No meeting this month; the final write-up has been submitted.
- **Youth Director Search** –
 - No applications have been received to date. We could possibly host a Contextual Education student through Eden Seminary. The expectation would be 15-20 hours a week (Eden requires at least 10), and this would probably also fall below our budget. Eden needs a decision (to proceed or not) by tomorrow. Pastor Jerry would be responsible for supervision of a Contextual Ed student, and he is willing to do this. Motion was made to proceed and carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- June 5 Communion at 9:00 a.m. – Kris & Richelle will prepare.
 - Servers: Kris, Richelle, Steve, Jill, Ron, Scott, & Patrick
- June Counting Schedule – Kris, Ronna, Ron, & Steve

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Pastor Jerry will be on vacation June 11-20.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Steve Stille has been approached by a number of people who don't like using the Nicene Creed rather than the Apostles' Creed. Pastor Jerry explained the history of the creeds and his rationale for using the Nicene Creed. In June, we will switch to a different creed, and we will likely continue to rotate creeds periodically.

NEXT MEETING:

- Next meeting will be Thursday, June 9, 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.

FROM THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WOMEN'S GUILD

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

There is no scheduled meeting in June or July for the Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild. There will be a Salem Night Out on Saturday, July 16, to the Gateway Grizzlies Game. Please sign up on the table outside the church office or in the Narthex. Thank you!

June Golden Agers Are:

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

Salem UCC Treasurer's Report

(Month Ending 04/30/2016)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	27,646.54	14,948.86
Offering – Loose	7,192.00	33,699.25
Offering – Envelopes	7,864.00	38,517.00
Facility Use Donations	0.00	3,350.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	758.00
Interest Income – General Fund	4.10	15.00
Benevolence Received	862.00	3,963.55
Total General Fund Income	15,922.10	80,302.80
Salaries	9,533.64	38,656.04
Employee Benefits	2,210.77	9,875.19
Maintenance/Property Services	781.17	2,144.21
Insurance	442.00	3,549.25
Utilities	2,047.82	8,385.64
Supplies – General	629.08	2,521.09
Professional Expense	225.60	745.03
Miscellaneous	(12.50)	65.00
Worship	133.60	502.27
Christian Education	0.00	811.56
Evangelism	33.18	78.85
Stewardship	0.00	373.25
Benevolence Paid	2,686.55	2,686.55
Total General Fund Expenses	18,710.91	70,393.93
GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 24,857.73	\$ 24,857.73
MEMORIAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	23,684.80	83,466.78
Memorials Received	345.00	2,025.00
Honorariums Received	-	150.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	-	20.00
Memorial Fund Expenses:		
Transfer to Building Fund		(40,852.27)
Transfer to Reserve Fund		(20,425.00)
Choir Folders; Book Lights	0.00	(354.71)
MEMORIAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 24,029.80	\$ 24,029.80
BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	56,552.92	13,465.65
Building Fund Offering	400.00	2,635.00
Misc. Receipts – Mower Purchase	200.00	200.00
Transfer from Memorial Fund		40,852.27
Building Fund Expenses:		
Landscaping – New Mower	(5,100.00)	(5,100.00)
BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 52,052.92	\$ 52,052.92
SABBATICAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	13,896.12	12,896.12
Contribution from Men's Fellowship	0.00	1,000.00
SABBATICAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 13,896.12	\$ 13,896.12
ENDOWMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	60,857.76	61,173.76
Memorials – Endowment Fund	60.00	60.00
Endowment Fund Disbursements:		
Interest Distribution – General Fund		(158.00)
Interest Distribution – Benevolence		(158.00)
ENDOWMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 60,917.76	\$ 60,917.76
INVESTMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	178,552.00	174,008.22
Change in Market Value**	1,853.64	6,397.42
INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 180,405.64	\$ 180,405.64
MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	108,340.05	106,836.61
Change in Market Value**	1,270.30	1,269.18
Donations for Ecuador 2016		1,504.62
MISSION MATCHING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 109,610.35	\$ 109,610.41
RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	30,782.02	10,307.70
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	15.80	65.12
Transfer from Memorial Fund		20,425.00
RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 30,797.82	\$ 30,797.82
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE (No Activity)	\$ 1,554.11	\$ 1,554.11

**Investments in Transition from LPL to Money Concepts

CONGRATULATIONS

To OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!!!

Sam Ahlmeyer, Emily Duncan, Camie Ernst, Cheyenne Reckman,
Tyler Reinhardt, Laura Renken, & Tyler Verson.

Congratulations Graduates!!!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Samuel Thomas Ahlmeyer is the son of Mike & Sandy Ahlmeyer. Sam graduated from Highland High School on May 22, 2016. He will attend South Western Illinois College in Belleville, Illinois, in the fall and then transfer to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in the fall of 2017 to major in Forestry or Plant & Soil Sciences.

Emily Dawn Duncan is the daughter of Brian & Connie Duncan. Emily graduated from Highland High School on May 22, 2016. Next fall, she will attend Saint Louis University to major in Biochemistry in the Medical Scholars Program. After completing undergraduates, she plans on attending Medical School to pursue a career as a Physician.

Camie Breann Ernst is the daughter of Chad & Richelle Ernst. Camie graduated from Highland High School on May 22, 2016. She will attend Kaskaskia College in Centralia, Illinois, and then will transfer to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, where she plans to pursue a degree in Agriculture Education.

Cheyenne Mackenzie Reckman is the daughter of Collin & Devon Reckman. Cheyenne graduated from Edwardsville High School on May 21, 2016. She will attend Southeast Missouri State University in the fall where she will pursue a career in the medical field.

Tyler Joseph Reinhardt is the son of Joe & Lisa Reinhardt. Tyler graduated from Highland High School on May 22, 2016. He will attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana, in the fall and pursue a degree in Computer Science.

Laura Renee Renken is the daughter of Dave & Ronna Renken. Laura graduated from Edwardsville High School on May 21, 2016. She plans to pursue a degree in Elementary Education at Eastern Illinois University in the fall.

Tyler James Verson is the son of Brian & Jill Verson. Tyler graduated from Highland High School on May 22, 2016. He will attend McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois, in the fall and will major in Criminal Justice.

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Nick Atkins-Harris is the son of Rev. Deborah Atkins. Nick graduated from Greenville College on May 21, 2016, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. He hopes to find a job as an elementary teacher and be teaching this upcoming school year.

Shane Timothy Stille is the son of Tim & Kathy Stille and the late Lisa Stille. Shane graduated from Eastern Illinois University on May 7, 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. His future plans are to find a job as an elementary teacher, hopefully close to home.

GRADUATE SCHOOL GRADUATE:

Theresa Ann Reinhardt is the daughter of Greg & Dawn Reinhardt. Theresa graduated from North Dakota State University with a Master of Science in Plant Science on May 14, 2016. She has been offered a Research Assistantship at North Carolina State University starting this fall, where she will continue her education towards a PhD focused on integrated weed management, weed ecology, and extension education.

Congratulations to Tyler Reinhardt!!!

On Sunday, May 15, Tyler Reinhardt received his Eagle Scout Award at a Scout Court of Honor. Tyler has held the positions of Historian and Patrol Leader. Tyler has earned 35 merit badges: American Labor, Archery, Art, Astronomy, Basketry, Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Climbing, Communication, Cooking, Electricity, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Family Life, First Aid, Forestry, Geology, Golf, Indian Lore, Leatherwork, Motorboating, Nature, Nuclear Science, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Pioneering, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Rifle Shooting, Robotics, Small Boat Sailing, Sports, Space Exploration, & Wood Carving. His Eagle Project was a concrete bench with an inset tile chess board. Tyler is the son of Joe & Lisa Reinhardt, brother of Austin Reinhardt, and grandson of Don & Donna Yates.

Thank you to my entire Salem family! Thank you for carrying my family and I through the past 18 months with the endless flow of cards, texts, phone calls, flowers, food, and most importantly, your thoughts and prayers. The beautiful people of Salem are truly God's unconditional love. Thank you.

~ Dennis Conrad & Family

The Bread of Life Food Pantry thanks you for your generous gift. Recent gifts have been used to purchase an air conditioner, freezer, and refrigerator for the new pantry in order to better preserve the donated produce, eggs, and meat. The recipients of the pantry also greatly appreciate the help of food. Blessings to you all.

~ Jan Wilkening

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and visits during my recent stay in St. Luke's Hospital and Faith Countryside. I am happy to say I am doing well since my hip surgery and expect I will be back home soon.

~ Sincerely, Elinor Stille

Thank you for awarding me a \$1,000 scholarship. I cannot express enough how helpful this money will be to me going into my freshman year of college at McKendree University. Thank you for accepting me and letting me be a part of our church family as I grew up. I look forward to the future of our church as I know I will be a part of it. Thanks again!

~ Tyler Verson

Hitz Memorial Home
thanks Salem UCC
for both
the \$300.00 donation
and
the \$79.00 donation.

Hoyleton Ministries
thanks Salem UCC
for the \$79.00 donation.

**Global Ministries
Child Sponsorship
Program**
thanks Salem UCC
for the
\$685.00 donation.



Worship Ministry Schedule



Date	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Recorder	Ushers
June 5 (9am)	Jim Annable	Bill Reckman	Patti Reckmann	Bill & Carol Reckman Laura Renken / Tessa Renken Dave & Ronna Renken
June 12 (9am)	Verna Gilley	Laura Muench	Ron Mindrup	Scott Demkey / Brett Henschen Jessie Ketcham / Krista Mansholt Lisa Uhe
June 19 (9am)	Wilma Blom	Lewis Knackstedt	Ron Mindrup	Paige Basler / Judy Blom Justin Bonnell / Laverne Korsmeyer Laura Muench
June 26 (9am)	Sharon Hanes	Laura Muench	Larry McGee	Amy Henschen / Gena Hodapp Krista Miller Chad & Tara Schuster

Please Note:

➤ There will be no acolytes or nursery attendants scheduled for the summer (June – August).

Worship Schedule

Date	Scripture Readings	Sermon Title	Worship Leader
June 5 – 9 a.m. Worship with Communion	Luke 7:11-17 1 Kings 17:8-24 Galatians 1:11-24	<i>Profound Compassion</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
June 12 – 9 a.m. VBS Sunday / Worship	—————	<i>VBS Sunday</i>	Nick Atkins-Harris
June 19 – 9 a.m. Worship	Isaiah 65:1-9 Luke 8:26-39	<i>Divine Disturbance</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
June 26 – 9 a.m. Praise Worship	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Luke 9:51-62	<i>Next in Line</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri

Communion Schedule for Hitz Home

June 5 – 10 a.m.	Sharon Kaufman
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Thank You & Volunteers Needed For Special Music This Summer!!!

A big thank you to all our choirs for a fantastic year!
We are looking for people to help out with special music over the summer.
Please see Dawn Reinhardt if you are willing to help provide special music this summer.

A Birth in Our Church Family...

Leah Jean Gillison
was born on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 3:27 p.m.
to Josh & Tiffany Gillison.
She weighed 7 pounds & 4 ounces; she was 19 inches long.
Proud siblings are Adam & Lilyanna Gillison.
Proud grandparents are Tim & Kathy Stille.
Proud great-grandparents are Wayne & Alice Stille.

Recent Baptisms at Salem...

Tiana Grace Rex was baptized on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, by Rev. Jerry Amiri. Tiana was born on September 27, 2015, to Matthew & Dondee Rex. Tiana is the younger sister of Talia Rose Rex. Her grandparents are Don & Freddie Riepshoff and Brad & Mary Lebeda. Her great-grandmother is Elaine Rex. Her godparents are Robert & Rebecca Riepshoff.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!!!

Seth Alan Schlechte & Mallory Vivian Cher Plocher
were married by Rev. Jerry Amiri at Salem UCC
on Saturday, May 14, 2016.
Seth is the son of Jed & Brenda Schlechte.

Wyatt Robert Dauderman was baptized on Sunday, May 15, 2016, by Rev. Jerry Amiri. Wyatt was born on March 15, 2016, to Robert & Kelsey Dauderman. His grandparents are Joseph & Deanna Dauderman and Tracy Schumacher. His great-grandparents are Robert M. Dauderman and William Sheehan. His godparents are Michael Dauderman and Lindsey Mersinger.

Address Update For Your Salem Phone Directory:

Patrick & Emily Stille
90 Meadowlark Lane
Highland, IL 62249

Please Pray for...



Prayer List

Cancer Concerns:

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

Don Riepshoff / Melvin Roberts

Dawn Schmidt / Elinor Stille

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



June Anniversaries

06/01/1963

Laverne & Marilyn Korsmeyer

06/01/1985

Joe & Deanna Dauderman

06/01/1991

Steve & Jayne Roper

06/01/2002

Marcus & Sarah Doubet

06/02/1979

Michael & JoBeth Winet

06/02/2001

Karl & Rita Smith

06/07/1986

Bruce & Dawn Schmidt

06/08/1991

Randy & Tina Koch

06/10/2000

Jim & Dagmar Annable

06/11/2011

Brian & Karolyn Cooperider

06/14/1997

Bill & Donita Prott

06/17/1999

Ron & Connie Duft

06/17/2000

Chad & Richelle Ernst

06/19/1965

William & Carol Reckman

06/19/1993

Joe & Lisa Reinhardt

06/28/2014

Michael & Carolyn Hackethal

06/29/1952

Ken & Ginger Gehrig

Our Sympathies to the Family of:

Janet Hunsche

(Wife of Ron Hunsche)

Who died on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

Charley Vassier

(Husband of Tolly Vassier)

Who died on Friday, May 13, 2016.



June Birthdays



June 1

Gayle Cruthis
Kirby Knackstedt
John Sanders

June 6

Kent Knackstedt

June 7

Danielle Porter

June 2

Joe Dauderman
Sandy Ahlmeyer
Blake Ernst

June 9

Kyle Reiman

June 11

Connie Duft

June 3

Randy Horner

June 4

Ember Price

June 5

Camille Rakers
Wade Bruhn

June 14

Kevin Gibbons
Dennie Mortensen
Carolyn Hackethal

June 15

Shane Schmidt
Lucas Reding

June 17

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

June 18

Shannon Hogg
Austin Reckmann

June 19

Dave Riechmann

June 20

Kim Shimkus
Richelle Braundmeier

June 21

JoAnn Demkey
Hayden Payne

June 22

Lee Schmidt
Kristin Payne
Jessica Rinderer

June 23

Sasha Hosto
Alexis Porter

June 26

Carol Amiri
Marcus Price
Sheldon Quade

June 27

Dean Korsmeyer
Tyler Mindrup

June 28

Dennis Conrad

June 30

Brandon Lackey
Scott McKinley
Josh Capstick

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.



JUNE CALENDAR



Wednesday	June 1	6:00-8:00pm	Exhale Bible Study & Hangout at Staunton
Thursday	June 2	7:00pm	BOCE Meeting
Sunday	June 5	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship with Communion Fellowship Hour following Worship No Exhale
Monday	June 6	6:00-8:30pm 10:00am	Vacation Bible School Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	June 7	6:00-8:30pm 7:00pm	Vacation Bible School Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday	June 8	6:00-8:30pm 6:30pm	Vacation Bible School Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday	June 9	6:00-8:30pm 7:00pm	No Exhale Bible Study & Hangout Vacation Bible School Church Council Meeting
Sunday	June 12	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship / VBS Sunday Fellowship Hour following Worship
Monday	June 13	4:00-5:30pm 10:00am	Exhale Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Wednesday	June 15	6:00-8:00pm	Exhale Bible Study & Hangout at Staunton
Thursday	June 16		No Guild & Brotherhood Meeting
Friday	June 17	9:00am	July Messenger Articles Due
Sunday	June 19	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship / Father's Day Fellowship Hour following Worship Historical Committee Meeting after Worship
Monday	June 20	4:00-5:30pm 10:00am	Exhale Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	June 21	10:00am 1:00pm	Exhale Summer Movie Senior Citizens
Wednesday	June 22	6:00-8:00pm	Exhale Bible Study & Hangout
Sunday	June 26	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Praise Worship Fellowship Hour following Worship
Monday	June 27	4:00-5:30pm 10:00am	Exhale Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	June 28	10:00am	Exhale Summer Movie
Wednesday	June 29	6:00-8:00pm	Exhale Bible Study & Hangout at Staunton



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

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 salemuccalh@gmail.com.

The Salem E-Messenger

Would you rather receive *The Messenger* by email? The *Salem E-Messenger* is a delivery system where you would receive *The Messenger* and all committee meeting minutes by email instead of regular mail. To sign up for the *Salem E-Messenger*, please email the church office at salemuccalh@gmail.com.

2016 SALEM CHURCH COUNCIL:

- President Steve Stille
- Vice-President Gary Boda
- Secretary Ronna Renken
- Treasurer Scott Demkey
- Financial Secretary Chris Uhe
- Dagmar Annable
- Richelle Ernst
- Kris Lynn
- Ron Mindrup
- Donita Prott
- Patrick Stille
- Jill Verson

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.
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
*Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
**except on Wednesday nights when Bible Study is at Salem*

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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