



THE MESSENGER

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

Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. ~ Psalm 50:5

As I write this article, I am preparing to leave for vacation. This is a special vacation for my family and me as we are having a family reunion of sorts. It will be good to see long distance family members who have traveled to be part of our reunion. As I was reflecting and anticipating the reunion, I began to think of how the church is very much like a family reunion. We often refer to Salem Church as "our church family"—which is a fitting metaphor. Reunions are about reconnecting and strengthening relationships. After all, we have a "reunion" every week, we love to see family we haven't seen for a while, and we feel closer as a family when all have gathered.

What happens when "Uncle Joe" cannot be at the reunion? Do we vilify and throw him out of the family? Of course not! We would miss him, love him, and look forward to the next reunion in hopes that he can make it. We, as a church, handle things differently. When we have members missing from our "family reunion," we wonder why. Was it a "misunderstanding" long ago? Did somebody hurt someone else? Whatever the reason, we must bear in mind the family reunion and when absent, we miss, love, and look forward to seeing that person next week.

I want to extend the family reunion metaphor and talk about Heaven. Obviously, nobody knows what Heaven is like, although I believe it is a place of unmeasurable joy. For me, unmeasurable joy means family. I believe Heaven is a place in which all who have gone before gather. This means when I die and go to Heaven, I will be reunited with my mother, my grandmother, and all those who have died before me. Then, I will wait there for those whose time has not come.

Therefore with this metaphor and explanation, I am saying my vacation and family reunion will be like Heaven and church and Heaven is a reunion. I hope you have a heavenly vacation.

Blessings,
Pastor Jerry

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!!!

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 Pastor of Salem was the first one to live in the new parsonage erected in 1927?

- Rev. Arthur Julius Schneider, Salem's tenth full-time Pastor, served Salem from 1927 to 1932.

“Continuing with Christ”

(Suggested Readings: Luke 9:57-62 & Genesis 4:1-7)

I am in the midst of raspberry picking season. As I pick berries, I also am pulling invasive weeds from my berry patch. I have studied up on this invasive weed; by name, it is known as a hedge bindweed. It is the hardiest of any weed I have ever encountered. Short of moving the berry patch and destroying everything with herbicide, I doubt I will ever completely conquer this weed. Apart from such drastic measures, my best plan is to be diligent.

If our nemesis is diligent, then we must be even more so. If we make concession in our Christian life, it is liken to me turning away from my garden and simply allowing the bindweed to takeover. It is not practical for me to be in my garden every moment, but I am in my life every moment. It is quite easy for me to say: "Oh! Yes, Jesus, I will follow you! But right now, I need to attend to this or that." This is precisely what Jesus speaks of in the verses above in the gospel of Luke. If you and I belong to the Lord, then we surely belong to the Lord all the time.

Although we will stumble into disobedience at times, it must never be a calculated proposition! The weed that I fight against in my garden has a seed that remains viable for fifty years in the soil—an underground network of roots spanning for yards, branching off, and shooting up vines anywhere from the unseen source of life. As I think about the daunting task of controlling this weed, I also consider how diligent must we be to give our all to Christ, despite the trials and temptations of the world. The salvation Jesus bought us with His sacrifice is complete. It has not bought us a bit of "time share" with the Lord.

God's love is thorough, complete, extreme, and seamless. How complete should we be in working out our salvation? May we make no deals with the world. Everything and everyone is extremely important, yet one thing stands above all and contains all that is good and right—simply, you and the Lord. You and the Lord, one deal, one diligence, are undivided as a seamless offering to God. If we give God our heart, then we need to give God every moment of every day. It is our best; it is the acceptable offering.

God bless you on the journey!
Pastor John

EXHALE – YOUTH NEWS

“Castles and Cathedrals Crumble” ~ Brett Dennen

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR EXHALE:

- **Sunday, July 3:** No Exhale (*Nick on Vacation July 2-9*)
- **Wednesday, July 6:** No Exhale Bible Study (*Nick on Vacation July 2-9*)
- **(Sat-Sun) July 9-17:** Exhale Mission Trip to Philadelphia
- **Sunday, July 10:** No Exhale (*Exhale Mission Trip*)
- **Wednesday, July 13:** No Exhale Bible Study (*Exhale Mission Trip*)
- **Sunday, July 17:** No Exhale (*Exhale Mission Trip*)
- **Wednesday, July 20:** Exhale Bible Study & Hangout
- **Sunday, July 24:** No Exhale (*Nick's Last Day*)

PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS:

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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

June 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order with Pastor Jerry and 9 Church Council members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- The May meeting's minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **BOCE** –
 - 9 high school youth from Salem are going on the mission trip to Philadelphia this summer.
- **Evangelism/Worship** –
 - Committee did not meet.
- **Mission/Stewardship** –
 - Committee did not meet.
- **Property** –
 - There are two air conditioning units in the Parish Hall; one is working, the other is not. Working on getting bids, but may wait until next year, as long as one continues to work.
 - The committee recommends accepting the Versatile Painting (Ramsey, IL) bid of \$8,750 for two coats. We may get a siding bid as well, just to make sure we can present all options to the congregation before proceeding.
 - The removal of one pew in the east wing is an alternative to removing the choir loft pews; the Praise Team will sing from the altar area, but without music stands. The Church Council moved to proceed with this option.
- **Long Range Planning** –
 - Rick Porter, Donal Reagan, and Pastor Jerry met with two architects who are donating their time to discuss future plans for Salem. They will come back with suggestions, and then we will discuss further.
- **Personnel** –
 - They are in the process of setting up mid-year check-ins with the staff.
- **Safe Church** –
 - Nearly finished – Church Council members were given a copy of the current draft of the policy to review before next month.
- **Youth Director Search** –
 - No applications or interest yet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- July 3 Communion: Ron Mindrup and Chris Uhe will prepare; Steve Stille, Kris Lynn, Scott Demkey, Jill Verson, Ronna Renken, and Gary Boda will serve.
- July Counting Schedule: Ron Mindrup, Gary Boda, Jill Verson, & Patrick Stille

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Pastor Jerry will be on vacation next week.
- It was Jennifer Henschen's 10th anniversary, so Pastor Jerry purchased a gift card and submitted a bill.
- Annual Meeting Delegates (Rend Lake, late October): Patrick Stille, Rick Porter, & Carol Amiri
- July 24 is Nick Atkins-Harris' last official day at Salem. We will recognize his service on July 24.

NEXT MEETING:

- Next meeting will be Thursday, July 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.

AHMA FLAPJACK BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

The 7th Annual Alhambra-Hamel Ministerial Alliance (AHMA) Flapjack Breakfast fundraiser will be on Saturday, July 16, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for an all-you-can-eat breakfast at Immanuel UCC in Hamel and are available through the church office. We hope you can come and support the AHMA!

FROM THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WOMEN'S GUILD

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

There is no scheduled meeting in July for the Men's Fellowship & Women's Guild. There will be a Salem Night Out on Saturday, July 16, at 7:05 p.m. to the Gateway Grizzlies Game. Please sign up on the table outside the church office or in the Narthex. Thank you!

July Golden Agers Are:

Velma Henkhaus on July 11, **Ruth Hosto** on July 11, **Bob Henschen** on July 14, & **Don Gehrig** on July 23

Salem UCC Treasurer's Report

(Month Ending 05/31/2016)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	24,857.73	14,948.86
Offering – Loose	8,156.35	41,855.60
Offering – Envelopes	11,380.00	49,897.00
Facility Use Donations	190.00	3,540.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	758.00
Interest Income – General Fund	4.50	19.50
Benevolence Received	922.00	4,885.55
Total General Fund Income	20,652.85	100,955.65
Salaries	9,555.67	48,211.71
Employee Benefits	473.14	10,348.33
Maintenance/Property Services	42.30	2,186.51
Insurance	18.00	3,567.25
Utilities	2,081.57	10,467.21
Supplies – General	1,075.28	3,596.37
Professional Expense	200.17	945.20
Miscellaneous	134.86	199.86
Worship	498.09	1,000.36
Christian Education	810.90	1,622.46
Evangelism	402.83	481.68
Stewardship	0.00	373.25
Benevolence Paid	0.00	2,686.55
Total General Fund Expenses	15,292.81	85,686.74
GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 30,217.77	\$ 30,217.77
 MEMORIAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 24,029.80	 83,466.78
Memorials Received	4,650.00	6,675.00
Honorariums Received	120.00	270.00
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	\$ 28,799.80	\$ 28,799.80
 BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 52,052.92	 13,465.65
Building Fund Offering	2,120.00	4,755.00
Memorials Received	500.00	500.00
Misc. Receipts – Mower Purchase	-	200.00
Transfer from Memorial Fund		40,852.27
Building Fund Expense:		
Landscaping – New Mower	-	(5,100.00)
BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 54,672.92	\$ 54,672.92
 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	 60,917.76	 61,173.76
Memorials – Endowment Fund	-	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	 180,405.64	 174,008.22
Change in Market Value	1,116.68	7,514.10
INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 181,522.32	\$ 181,522.32
 MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 109,610.35	 106,836.61
Change in Market Value	358.49	1,627.61
Donations for Ecuador 2016		1,504.62
MISSION MATCHING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 109,968.84	\$ 109,968.84
 RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	 30,797.82	 10,307.70
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	17.83	82.95
Transfer from Memorial Fund		20,425.00
RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 30,815.65	\$ 30,815.65
 OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE (No Activity)	 \$ 1,554.11	 \$ 1,554.11

Highland Food Pantry Needs Your Help!!!

Highland Food Pantry is in great need of cereal, oatmeal, peaches, fruit cocktail, bathroom tissue, facial tissue, and diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6).



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.

~ KIDS FOR CHRIST (KFC) ~

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

ACOLYTE TRAINING

There will be an acolyte training session on Sunday, July 31, following the worship service. If you are going to be in the 3rd grade or higher, you are invited to become an acolyte. If you are going to be in the 7th grade or 8th grade, you are required to be an acolyte as part of your Confirmation. Please contact the church office at salemuccalh@gmail.com or 488-3215, if you cannot attend this training session or have any questions or concerns. Please note that the 2016-2017 acolyte schedule will not begin until Sunday, September 18, 2016.

Volunteers Needed For Special Music This Summer!!!

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.

COME ONE, COME ALL!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND OF FUN AT SHANNONDALE!

Friday, September 2 – Monday, September 5, 2016



Activities include: canoeing, swimming, hiking, volleyball, sightseeing, etc.
Dining and accommodations are at Timber Lodge.
Additional lodging is available in air conditioned cabins as well as tent/RV camping.

Come for all or part of the weekend!

A sign-up sheet is available in the passageway or visit us on Facebook at "Shannondale Labor Day Weekend."
Please contact Krista Mansholt at 488-6765 or mansholt@agtelco.com with questions.

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!

NEW DISPLAY IN THE HISTORICAL CABINET

The confirmation classes of 1946, 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, and 2016 will be the focus of the next display in the historical cabinet found in the passageway. The display will include photos and other items of interest. Please stop by and take a look at the new display!

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) REPORT

The theme for Vacation Bible School this year was “CAVE QUEST – Following Jesus the Light of the World.” Every night we started with an opening in the Parish Hall led by Nick Atkins-Harris and his crew. Then we broke into age appropriate groups. We had crews for Preschool thru 5th grade. The kids enjoyed hearing the Bible Stories in Deep Bible Quest. They enjoyed the Spetunker Games and KidVid Cinema. In Imagination Station, they created some cool crafts and enjoyed snacks.

Each night we learned a different Bible Point, heard the Bible Story & Bible Verse, and met a Bible Buddy.

- **Day 1:** The children learned how prophets foretell the light of the world. Bible Buddy Sal presented our Bible Point: **God gives us hope.**
- **Day 2:** The children heard about how Jesus and Peter walked on water. Bible Buddy Mawtha presented our Bible Point: **Jesus gives us courage.**
- **Day 3:** The children learned about how Jesus sheds light on how to live. Bible Buddy Radar presented our Bible Point: **Jesus gives us direction.**
- **Day 4:** The children learned about Jesus dying on the cross and coming back to life. Bible Buddy Olivia presented our Bible Point: **Jesus gives us love.**
- **Day 5:** The children heard about how Jesus ascends and empowers his followers. Bible Buddy Ray presented our Bible Point: **Jesus gives us His power.**

VBS by the numbers: We averaged 28 kids, 10 Exhale youth, and 26 volunteers. Overall, we had a nightly average of 64 people participating in VBS. A total of \$268.94 in offering was collected for our mission project. This will be split between Highland Food Pantry and Bread of Life Food Pantry.

On Sunday, June 12, we concluded VBS with a service in the Parish Hall. We sang songs from VBS, reviewed the Bible Points, and showed the “Spotlight VBS” video.

The children had lots of fun at VBS. We would like to thank everyone who donated items from our Giving Board. Also, we would like to thank all the crew leaders, station leaders, skit crew, and helpers. There are so many people who worked together to make this a great time for the kids, and we really appreciated all your help. We could not have had another successful VBS without you!



Sal



Mawtha



Radar



Olivia



Ray

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

* Denotes Leader

<p><u>Director</u> Paige Basler</p> <p><u>Cinema</u> Richelle Ernst</p> <p><u>Crafts/Science/Snacks</u> Verna Gilley Mary Reinhardt Emily Uhe Lorene Uhe Patty Uhe*</p> <p><u>Games</u> Tammy Burton</p> <p><u>Preschool Games</u> Carol Amiri* Camie Ernst</p> <p><u>Registration</u> Paige Basler Emily Uhe</p>	<p><u>Storytelling</u> Anna Brase Pastor John Mindrup Darrin Reinhardt Theresa Reinhardt*</p> <p><u>Sound</u> Christopher Uhe</p> <p><u>Spotlight VBS</u> Aaron Uhe Christopher Uhe</p> <p><u>Set Design</u> Carol Amiri</p> <p><u>Construction/Set-Up</u> Carol Amiri Pastor Jerry Amiri Nick Atkins-Harris Aaron Uhe Christopher Uhe Emily Uhe Patty Uhe</p>	<p><u>VBS Volunteer</u> Leon Uhe</p> <p><u>“Youth” Crew</u> <u>Opening/Closing</u> Nick Atkins-Harris* Haley Basler Sydney Basler Reese Bolen Camie Ernst Taylor Ernst Katrina Korsmeyer Michaela Korte Tori Lynn Bradey McKinley Barbara Meguire Ashley Prott Delaney Rigney Emma Schuster</p> <p><u>“Clark”</u> Tori Lynn</p>	<p><u>“Spunkies”</u> <u>Preschool Crew Leaders</u> Gale Bolen Sarah Bolyard Heather Henkhaus* Janice Korsmeyer Lindsey Toenyas</p> <p><u>“Climbers”</u> <u>K/1st Crew Leaders</u> Krista Mansholt* Karen Straube</p> <p><u>“Rappers”</u> <u>2nd/3rd Crew Leaders</u> Jennifer Henschen Donal Reagan* Dawn Reinhardt* Jill Verson</p> <p><u>“Rockers”</u> <u>4th/5th Crew Leaders</u> Kris Lynn Ron Mindrup Donita Prott</p>
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Worship Ministry Schedule



Date	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Recorder	Ushers
July 3 (9am)	Jim Annable	Dagmar Annable	Patti Reckmann	Brian & Connie Duncan Emily Duncan / Katelyn Duncan Gene & Terri Templeman
July 10 (9am)	Sharon Hanes	Need a Volunteer	Ron Mindrup	Ken Gehrig Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt Steve Stille / Ken Suhre
July 17 (9am)	Mindy Mindrup	Lewis Knackstedt	Ron Mindrup	Gale Bolen / Richelle Braundmeier Cindy Henschen Susi Miller / Kathy Porter
July 24 (9am)	Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt	Need a Volunteer	Larry McGee	Larry & Lorna McGee Alice Stille / Jeff Warnke
July 31 (9am)	Donna Merkle	Laura Muench	Larry McGee	Bill & Carol Reckman Laura Renken / Tessa Renken Dave & Ronna Renken

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
July 3 – 9 a.m. Worship with Communion	2 Kings 5:1-14 Galatians 6:1-16	<i>Hard to Believe</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
July 10 – 9 a.m. Worship	Psalm 82 Luke 10:25-37	<i>In Honor of the Lord</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
July 17 – 9 a.m. Worship	Luke 10:38-42 Amos 8:1-12	<i>Sisters</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
July 24 – 9 a.m. Worship	Luke 11:1-13 Colossians 2:6-15	<i>Learning to Pray</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
July 31 – 9 a.m. Praise Worship	Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	<i>Thinking Above</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri

Communion Schedule for Hitz Home

July 3 – 10 a.m.	Lisa Uhe
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“Thank You” Notes

Thank you all for the many cards, well-wishes, and prayers as we recently celebrated our 67th wedding anniversary and Hilbert’s 90th birthday. Our lives are enriched because of your kindness, friendship, and caring. May the Good Lord bless each of you as richly as you are a blessing to us.

~ Hilbert & Verna Klenke

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the Salem UCC Scholarship possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor, and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

Next fall I will be attending Saint Louis University to major in Biochemistry through the Medical Scholars Program. My hopes are to pursue Medical School upon graduating from SLU for a career as a physician. Thanks to your generous educational scholarship, I will be one step closer to completing these goals as it will be of great help in paying my educational expenses.

Thank you again for generosity and support. My educational pursuits would not be possible without generous help from scholarship sponsors like you! I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me!

~ Emily Duncan

Thank you for the scholarship and for the support throughout the years.

~ Cheyenne Reckman

Thank you very much for selecting me for the Salem UCC scholarship. I am honored to be selected for this scholarship, and I plan on using this scholarship at Kaskaskia College for my major of Agriculture Education. Thank you again for selecting me.

~ Camie Ernst

Thank you for recognizing my 10 year anniversary as Salem’s Office Coordinator. It’s hard to believe it’s been 10 years already!

I greatly appreciated the kind words during the worship service, the beautiful flowers, and the gift card. Thank you to each and every one of you for all your love and support you have given me throughout the years and continue to give.

I want to give a special thanks to all my volunteers and to those of you who have surprised me from time to time with special tokens of gratitude, whether by a brief visit, card, baked goodies, a rice pudding snack, or my favorite box of chocolates, and more... You all have no idea how much these random acts of kindness mean to me! Thank you!

Thanks again to all my Salem Church Family!

~ Jennifer Henschen



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 / 2Lt. Sarah Guithues

2Lt. Robert Guithues / Jason Schlechte

Sgt. Kenny Randle / Jared Thiems / Kyle Thornton



July Anniversaries

07/01/1988

Steve & Patti Reckmann

07/02/1976

Ron & Cindy Price

07/02/2005

Matthew & Michelle Fitterer

07/04/1964

Larry & Sharon Kaufman

07/06/2013

Jason & Mindy Suhre

07/11/1975

Dan & Mary Reinhardt

07/11/2009

Clint & Jenna Conrad

07/12/1959

Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt

07/13/1974

Bud & Verna Gilley

07/13/2013

Russ & Amanda Reinhardt

07/14/2001

Kevin & Kim Brink

07/15/1969

Don & Freddie Riepshoff

07/15/2006

Joe & Sarah Bolyard

07/18/1987

Brian & Debra Suhre

07/20/1991

Eugene & Becky Froman

07/20/1997

Joe & Gail Stevenson

07/20/2002

Cory & Dennie Mortensen

07/23/2009

Dennis & Amy Reckmann

07/25/2014

Alex & Kiley Faires

07/29/1989

Gary & Cindy Henschen

07/31/1993

Greg & Paige Basler



July Birthdays



July 1

Nathan Reding
Nathaniel Collmann

July 2

Linda Abert
Bryan Becker
Lisa Schuetz
Kayla Washburn
Taylor Jarvis

July 3

Mike Ahlmeyer
Julia Hobbs
Drew Galbiati

July 4

Kevin Donohoo

July 6

Don Riepshoff
Bobby Frank
Melinda Diesselhorst
Kenny Randle

July 7

Jeff Nihiser

July 10

Doris Greear
Alyssa Diesselhorst

July 11

Velma Henkhaus
Ruth Hosto
Carol Reckman
Cory Mortensen
Dustin Riechmann

July 12

Jeff Meier
Kelsey Snider

July 14

Bob Henschen
Keri Henschen
Sheridan Mettler
Eloise Esmon

July 15

Freddie Riepshoff
Patricia Davis
Jimmy Mills
Caylee Mortensen

July 16

Jennifer Follwell
Mark Korsmeyer
Joshua Rinderer

July 17

Nick Atkins-Harris

July 19

Barry Harris
Megan Mollet
Michaela Tillerson

July 20

Alyssa Reiman
Jaden Jarvis

July 21

Richard Sander

July 21

Melanie Tillerson
Nicole Suhre
Emma Luitjohan

July 22

Kandy Buzick
Briley Mollet

July 23

Don Gehrig
Jordan Braundmeier

July 24

Larry McGee
Steve Sander
Kurt Geschwend
Jessie Ketcham
Zachary Stout

July 25

Terri Templeman
Danika Dale

July 26

Becky Debatin
Susan Stumpf
Brandon Parker
Cole Wendler
Teyton Henkhaus

July 27

Jordan Briggs

July 28

Ashley Prott
Amaya Tillerson

July 29

Jackie Parker
Will Bolen

July 30

Lewis Knackstedt
Ted Mettler

July 31

Betty Imboden
Chris Schmidt
Amanda Korsmeyer

A Birth in Our Church Family:

Brenna Kay Bassett

was born on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 5:08 a.m.
to Amy Henschen & Bain Bassett.

She weighed 7 pounds & 15 ounces,
and she was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Gary & Cindy Henschen.

Proud great-grandpa is Bob Dauderman.

Engagement Announcement:

Caitlyn Westfall got engaged to Nick Roach of
Litchfield, Illinois, on April 30, 2016. They met at
McKendree College.

Caitlyn's New Address:

Caitlyn Westfall
7673 Stonebridge Golf Drive
Maryville IL 62062



JULY CALENDAR



Sunday	July 3	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship with Communion Fellowship Hour following Worship Praise Team Practice following Worship No Exhale
Monday	July 4		No Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	July 5	6:30pm	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	July 6		No Exhale Bible Study
Thursday	July 7	7:00pm	BOCE Meeting
Sat.-Sun.	July 9-17		Exhale Mission Trip to Philadelphia
Sunday	July 10	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Fellowship Hour following Worship Praise Team Practice following Worship No Exhale
Monday	July 11	10:00am 7:00pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday	July 13		No Exhale Bible Study
Thursday	July 14	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday	July 15	9:00am	August Messenger Articles Due
Saturday	July 16	7:05pm	Salem Night Out – Gateway Grizzlies Game
Sunday	July 17	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Fellowship Hour following Worship Praise Team Practice following Worship Historical Committee Meeting following Worship No Exhale
Monday	July 18	10:00am 6:30-8:30pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training
Tuesday	July 19	1:00pm	Senior Citizens
Wednesday	July 20	6:00-8:00pm	Exhale Bible Study & Hangout
Saturday	July 21		No Guild & Brotherhood Meeting
Sunday	July 24	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Fellowship Hour following Worship Reception for Nick Atkins-Harris (Nick's Last Day)
Monday	July 25	10:00am 6:30-8:30pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training
Wednesday	July 27	6:30pm	Praise Team Practice
Sunday	July 31	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Praise Worship Fellowship Hour following Worship Acolyte Training following Worship



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)

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, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 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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