



# THE MESSENGER

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

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.*  
Revelation 21:1

This text from Revelations is perhaps the most extreme example of change. John saw what was coming, and it didn't look good for those who despise change. I understand the security of being complacent. There is a time when complacency is appropriate. However, just as complacency may be appropriate, there are times when change is inevitable. For instance, the argument can be made that John is talking literally about a new heaven and earth just as one could argue that John is talking metaphorically about the world. Either argument cannot dispute the fact that John is talking about change—an inevitable change. There are some changes we choose and there are some changes that are thrust upon us. However, there are some changes that happen because it is a cycle.

Take nature for instance: a caterpillar creates a cocoon and emerges as a butterfly. It is the cycle of butterflies. Frogs are born as tadpoles, legless, until they grow and mature and develop legs—another cycle of change. The world is full of cycles of changes; changes that happen despite our hesitancy. We have a cycle of life. We are born helpless and dependent and grow into self-sufficient adults. When we are young, we are able to do a variety of physical activities like baseball, bowling, football, etc. As we age, not so much. As we age in the cycle of life, things slow down. We change as we age, and there is nothing we can do.

However, I want to point out that there are times when change is very good. What seems like an unwelcome change at times turns about to be an outstanding occurrence. I was thinking of such instances in Salem history. I wish I could have been a fly on the wall when the idea to build a church was first proposed. I'm sure there were anxious feelings and emotions shared. In the seventies when Salem considered building a new church versus remodeling the existing church, I am sure fears were expressed, resistance to any change verbalized, and many other feelings expressed. Time affords us the opportunity to reflect on those events and look for what they may now teach us. In both instances, we can see that the right decision was made.

We stand on that brink once again—the possibility of change. This became evident in our S.U.V. meeting in May of 2014. Elsewhere in this month's Messenger, Rick Porter, Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, talks about the future of our church. I am sure there will be fears and emotions shared and opposition expressed along with support. Just as we have done in the past, the key to Salem's long history has been that we have never been afraid to have difficult, challenging conversations. We have been mindful of our Salem Church family by respecting each other's views. I pray that as we enter this new era of Salem Church, future generations might look back and include this time with the other watershed moments in Salem's history and say we met change head on.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Jerry*

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## **MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS WITH PASTOR JERRY**

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

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### **Did You Know?**

#### **How many Pastors of Salem were born in Germany?**

- Nine of Salem's Pastors were born in Germany: Rev. E. J. Hosto, Rev. Peter Goebel, Rev. Christian Bek, Rev. John F. Klick, Rev. George Goebel, Rev. Edward Berger, Rev. John Dinkmeier, Rev. Thomas G. Haller, and Rev. Robert Kofer.

# **“Worth the Cost”**

*(Suggested Readings: Luke 15 & Ephesians 2:14-22)*

I write this article on the day of celebration of our nation's independence. As we consider the freedom that has been bought and continues to be purchased, we recognize the cost is incredibly high. We owe gratitude, respect, and love to those who pay the price. We also do well to consider that nothing is really ever free. Something may well be free to you or me, but somewhere there is a cost. If it seems dubious as to the one who paid the cost, surely it is God who paid the price. Central to our freedom in Christ is the amazing grace and long-suffering patience of God.

A couple weeks ago our tractor had a substantial mechanical problem. The shaft on the water pump broke, sending the fan forward and cutting into the radiator. This ended up damaging the fan and pulley as well. The tractor is older, so I called to get an estimate of the many parts it would take to repair the tractor, as I needed to determine the practicality of repairing the tractor. Often in life we simply cut our losses by determining that salvaging the unit is not worth the cost. Thanks be to God that the Lord never gives up on us! I am quite certain I would have long ago determined my own life to be far too costly to be saved. If we were to look back on our lives and see how far God has brought us, we may well be awed. There is still journey and growth ahead. The one who paid to save you and me forever continues to pay our way daily with His love and mercy and guidance of the Holy Spirit. When we consider the cost of obeying Christ, may we know that the Lord continues to pay our way daily. Therefore, we are free to be His will in all things!

May we all live out the freedom of Christ daily.

*Pastor John*

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## **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.

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## **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 pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and more and place them 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!!!

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## **OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE!!!**

**September 2016 – August 2017**

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

Salem UCC needs your help! We are still 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.

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

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

There will be a Corn Roast on Thursday, August 18, at 6:30 p.m.

The corn and meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

### **August Golden Agers Are:**

**Nina Volz** on August 16 and **Helen Beshears** on August 17

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## **LIVESTREAM**

Have you ever had one of those days that for whatever reason you cannot make it to church? Fear not! Salem Church uses Livestream to broadcast our worship services. Here are four easy steps to watch the worship service online:

1. Go to Livestream.com
2. Click on "Watch."
3. In the search box (top left), type "Salem UCC."
4. Click on the black and white picture of the church, and you will either see the live broadcast of the worship service or you can look for archived services.

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

July 14, 2016

**Present:** Pastor Jerry Amiri, Dagmar Annable, Gary Boda, Scott Demkey, Kris Lynn, Ron Mindrup, Ronna Renken, Patrick Stille, Steve Stille, Christopher Uhe, & Guest Rick Porter

Rick Porter, on behalf of Long Range Planning, presented a proposal from Formation Architects. Formation Architects donated their time for the initial facility tour as well as heard and made suggestions that we can use to consider options for the future of Salem. We're not locked into a certain contractor for any possible future work. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with Phase 1 (\$5,000 for the fixed fee); motion carried. A separate committee would be formed for this remodel/future planning with input from the various committees and congregation members.

A letter of resignation was received from Jennifer Henschen (effective no later than Nov. 4, 2016). Her resignation was accepted with regrets. The Personnel Committee will begin a search for a new Office Coordinator.

Steve Stille shared a letter from Andre (who's in Germany) expressing his appreciation for Livestream.

Scott Demkey presented the Treasurer's Report. Our financial cushion is wearing thin (customary for this time of year). The updated paperwork for LPL has been completed now. Scott had nothing new to report on this month's bills; some of the scholarship bills have been issued. A question was raised about Nick Atkin-Harris's final pay: Should this be a full month's pay, or three quarters of a month due to his last day being July 24? It was decided that since the mission trip was a 24 hours a day requirement that he was putting in more than enough time. A motion was made and seconded to pay the full month of Nick's final salary; motion carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

- **BOCE** – No meeting.
- **Evangelism/Worship** – Christmas Eve – Suggestion for 10 p.m. service only rather than 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. – tabled. Summer of 2017 – Question of why we go to 9 a.m. service in the summer – tabled.
- **Mission/Stewardship** – No meeting.
- **Property** – Stained Glass Windows/Passageway Windows – one window was broken during the moving; it has been repaired. Need new rock around the statue, cleaning of the statue, and trimming of the cross (bushes). The AC in the Memorial Parlor is not working; Langhauser recommended replacement of the unit; this unit cools only the Parlor. Will look into getting bids. We have moles out in the grassy area. Pursuing the painting of the Parish Hall; would like to do this while we still have good weather. We will take this to the congregation since the cost of the project will exceed \$5,000.00.
- **Personnel** – Pastor Jerry reported that Personnel have met with all staff for mid-year check in. One thing that came up (for the second year in a row) is the sound board system. It's much more complicated than it was when Pastor Jerry started. All of this has fallen on Patti Reckmann and some volunteers. Our sound system is much more complicated than it used to be along with Livestream. Pastor Jerry suggested paying someone \$25.00 a week to be a permanent sound board operator. A motion was made and seconded to employ a sound tech for Sunday mornings at the rate of \$25.00; the motion was amended to a flat rate of \$1,300 a year. This would cover Sunday morning services and perhaps some additional services (Lent, etc.); motion carried. It was noted that we would still need volunteers to operate the Livestream camera.
- **Safe Church** – No meeting; Church Council members were given a draft of the new policy at the June meeting. This was tabled until next month.
- **Youth Director Search** – Patrick Stille recommended a candidate with an annual salary of \$17,000 starting August 1, 2016. It was noted the compensation is for a ministry, and therefore will be evaluated on the effectiveness and viability of the youth ministry as monitored by Pastor Jerry. A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Youth Director Search Committee; motion carried.
- **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Jerry is looking into what it would take to get improved Wi-Fi in the Parlor, Parish Hall, Youth Room, and Sanctuary. We also may need/want an updated guest password if Wi-Fi strength is improved. Annual meeting delegates are also invited to the Ecclesial Council to approve an ordination on August 7.

We will schedule a congregational meeting for Sunday, July 31 to approve the recommendation/bids/payment for painting the Parish Hall. Steve Stille will make the announcements next Sunday and the following Sunday. Pastor Jerry will send out a Salem Wire reminder just before the meeting.

It was asked how much a new video camera would cost (for improved Livestream). Pastor Jerry has previously looked into it, and at that time a 1080 (HD) camera would cost \$1,500. Following discussion, Gary Boda moved to check with the Memorial Committee to see if anyone would like to donate this.

The next Church Council meeting will be on Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was 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 06/30/2016)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
<b>GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>30,217.77</b>	<b>14,948.86</b>
Offering – Loose	5,184.00	47,039.60
Offering – Envelopes	8,444.00	58,341.00
Facility Use Donations		3,540.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		758.00
Interest Income – General Fund	4.30	23.80
Benevolence Received	1,414.00	6,299.55
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>15,046.30</b>	<b>116,001.95</b>
Salaries	9,974.34	58,186.05
Employee Benefits	7,066.61	17,414.94
Maintenance/Property Services	432.67	2,619.18
Insurance	2,964.25	6,531.50
Utilities	2,040.32	12,507.53
Supplies – General	643.05	4,239.42
Professional Expense	299.03	1,244.23
Miscellaneous	(56.19)	143.67
Worship	7.00	1,007.36
Christian Education	519.44	2,141.90
Evangelism	274.89	756.57
Stewardship	0.00	373.25
Benevolence Paid	0.00	2,686.55
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>24,165.41</b>	<b>109,852.15</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 21,098.66</b>	<b>\$ 21,098.66</b>
<b>MEMORIAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>28,799.80</b>	<b>83,466.78</b>
Memorials Received	1,410.00	8,085.00
Honorariums Received		270.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	145.00	165.00
<b>Memorial Fund Expenses:</b>		
Transfer to Building Fund		(40,852.27)
Transfer to Reserve Fund		(20,425.00)
Choir Folders; Book Lights	0.00	(354.71)
<b>MEMORIAL FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 30,354.80</b>	<b>\$ 30,354.80</b>
<b>BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>54,672.92</b>	<b>13,465.65</b>
Building Fund Offering	430.00	5,185.00
Memorials Received		500.00
Misc. Receipts – Mower Purchase	-	200.00
Transfer from Memorial Fund		40,852.27
<b>Building Fund Expenses:</b>		
Landscaping – New Mower	-	(5,100.00)
Passageway – Windows Replacement	(14,931.90)	(14,931.90)
<b>BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 40,171.02</b>	<b>\$ 40,171.02</b>
<b>SABBATICAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>13,896.12</b>	<b>12,896.12</b>
Contribution from Men's Fellowship	0.00	1,000.00
<b>SABBATICAL FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 13,896.12</b>	<b>\$ 13,896.12</b>
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>60,917.76</b>	<b>61,173.76</b>
Memorials – Endowment Fund	-	60.00
<b>Endowment Fund Disbursements:</b>		
Interest Distribution – General Fund		(158.00)
Interest Distribution – Benevolence		(158.00)
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 60,917.76</b>	<b>\$ 60,917.76</b>
<b>INVESTMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>181,522.32</b>	<b>174,008.22</b>
Change in Market Value	593.08	8,107.18
<b>INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 182,115.40</b>	<b>\$ 182,115.40</b>
<b>MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>109,968.84</b>	<b>106,836.61</b>
Change in Market Value	835.13	2,462.74
Donations for Ecuador 2016	(68.00)	1,436.62
<b>Mission Fund Disbursements:</b>		
Expenditures for Ecuador Mission Trip	(200.00)	(200.00)
<b>MISSION MATCHING FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 110,535.97</b>	<b>\$ 110,535.97</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>30,815.65</b>	<b>10,307.70</b>
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	17.25	100.20
Transfer from Memorial Fund		20,425.00
<b>RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 30,832.90</b>	<b>\$ 30,832.90</b>
<b>OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE</b> (No Activity)	<b>\$ 1,554.11</b>	<b>\$ 1,554.11</b>

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## FROM THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Long Range Planning (LRP) has been working to answer a frequently asked question and one of the top concerns from members in attendance at the SUV meeting a year ago: *Where are we going to go with all our program offerings (including classrooms and the multiple music programs)?*

To answer that question, LRP sought guidance from experts at Formation Architects in Highland. Owner, Wayne Korte, and architect, Rick Newhouse, agreed to do a walk through and provide preliminary ideas, at no cost to Salem. This was in contrast to the out of state consultant, recommended by Illinois South Conference, and a second architect contacted by the team.

The walk-through was very encouraging. They listened to the issues facing us, walked through all the facilities, and provided ideas and recommendations, which included utilizing all the existing space and adding more.

To move beyond this point and understand what these ideas will cost, it is time to move to the next level and have the plans drawn up. At the July Church Council meeting, it was proposed and unanimously voted to approve to do just that.

Soon, a committee will be formed to work in conjunction with Formation Architects to vision and to put shape to our immediate, future needs. The committee will be seeking and welcoming ideas and comments from the congregation.

LRP is looking forward to this broad vision for the future of Salem's facilities.

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## Resignation of Our Office Coordinator

Jennifer Henschen submitted her resignation letter as Office Coordinator of Salem UCC on July 14, 2016.

She will stay on no later than November 4, 2016,  
to allow Salem to hopefully find her replacement and provide training.  
Salem Church Council accepted her resignation with regrets on July 14, 2016.

Dear Council Members,

I would like to express my thanks for the installation of the Livestream. I was very excited when I read about it in the monthly messenger and watched it past Sunday for the first time. It made me really happy to see and hear so many familiar faces and voices. The Livestream enables me to feel like a part of the Salem congregation again, something I have missed for a long time. I cannot express in words how much this means to me, especially as Salem helped me to find, develop and renew my faith in God and Jesus Christ, something the institutionalized church here in Germany was not able to do and still is not capable of. It would be great if the bulletin could be provided as a download ahead of the service, so I can follow the service and sing along as I do not have a hymn book or know the hymns by heart.

The church in Germany is very anonymous and feels quite cold. It is not comparable to Salem, which is like a family—something precious, worth being preserved.

I hope that I was able to give you an idea how much this Livestream means to me and how much it is appreciated. Thank you.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,  
André



Trivia Night

Because you know more than anyone about anything ever.

Saturday, November 12

Doors open at 6:30pm  
Trivia starts at 7:00pm

**Silent Auction, Mulligans, 50/50 Drawing...**

**Proceeds benefit DuBois Center** and the Summer Camp program 

**St. Paul United Church of Christ**  
115 West B Street, Belleville, IL 62220  
(parking and entrance in rear on C St.)

**BYOB Bring Your Own Beverages** and food to share among your table.

\$100 for table of 8 (max) -- Payment due at event

**Reserve Your Table:** email [DuBoisFundraising@gmail.com](mailto:DuBoisFundraising@gmail.com)

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# WANTED



## SALEM SEEKERS PRESENTERS

### (A.K.A. SALEM MEMBERS)

**If seen, please immediately contact  
Paige Basler, Faye Brown, or Patty Uhe!**



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.

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## KIDS FOR CHRIST (KFC) REPORT:

There will be no KFC meeting in August. We hope everyone continues to have a wonderful summer!

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## 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](mailto:mansholt@agtelco.com) with questions.

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## 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!

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## 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!

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## FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The family of Amandus Salter donated his baptismal certificate from Salem in 1897 and his confirmation certificate in 1911. Both are beautifully framed documents. The confirmation certificate is currently on display on the wall to the right of the historical cabinet in the passageway. Thanks to the Property Committee (especially Lewis Knackstedt) we are now able to display large documents in that space. They will be changed frequently, so stop by and take a look.

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# Worship Ministry Schedule



Date	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Recorder	Ushers
<b>Aug. 7 (9am)</b>	Jim Annable	Dagmar Annable	Patti Reckmann	Scott Demkey / Brett Henschen Jessie Ketcham / Krista Mansholt Lisa Uhe
<b>Aug. 14 (9am)</b>	Jerry & Ann Frank	Laura Muench	Ron Mindrup	Paige Basler / Judy Blom Justin Bonnell / Laverne Korsmeyer Laura Muench
<b>Aug. 21 (9am)</b>	Mindy Mindrup	Laura Muench	Ron Mindrup	Amy Henschen /Gena Hodapp Krista Miller Chad & Tara Schuster
<b>Aug. 28 (9am)</b>	Jerry & Ann Frank	Irving Gray	Larry McGee	Brian & Connie Duncan Emily Duncan / Katelyn Duncan Gene & Terri Templeman

## 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
August 7 – 9 a.m. Worship with Communion Confirmation Homecoming	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	<i>Living the Promise</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
August 14 – 9 a.m. Worship	Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2	<i>By Faith</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
August 21 – 9 a.m. Worship	Luke 13:10-17	<i>Set Free</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
August 28 – 9 a.m. Worship	Luke 14:1, 7-14 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	<i>A Set at the Table</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri

## Communion Schedule for Hitz Home

August 7 – 9 a.m.	Pastor John Mindrup
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### “Thank You” Notes

I want to thank Pastor Jerry, Pastor John, and everyone for their prayers, calls, cards, and visits throughout the many times I was in the hospital the last two years. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

~ Marie Mindrup

I am very grateful for the Salem Scholarship as well as all the support that this congregation has given me over the years. Thank you!

~ Laura Renken

Thank you Salem UCC for your donation of \$402.50.

~ Highland Area Christian Service Ministry

I have had the honor and the pleasure of writing monthly for *The Messenger* during my time here at Salem. It has actually become one of my favorite parts of the position. It is a pretty rare opportunity to be given a clean slate each month and have the freedom to make that platform into whatever message you would like. I would like to take this last entry to thank the congregation here at Salem for everything that they have done for me. Without your patience to watch it develop, the forward thinking, and constant support in every sense of that word Exhale, my job would not have been possible. I cannot thank you enough for seeing me through the vision that Pastor Jerry and I had for this youth program. While my chapter at Salem is ending, the story of Exhale and of Salem is just beginning. I have no doubt that through your continued support, love, and care this youth program will continue to flourish. I am just so thankful that you gave me the opportunity to be a part of it. Love wins! ~ Nick Atkins-Harris

### Births in Our Church Family:

#### **Griffin Wayne Ash**

was born on Thursday, June 9, 2016, to Cale Ash & Crystal Stumpf-Ash. He weighed 7 pounds & 14 ounces, and he was 19.5 inches long. Proud big brother is Beckett Michael Ash. Proud grandparents are Mike & Mary Stumpf. Proud great-grandma is Ethel Hosto.

#### **Kase Dexlee Iberg**

was born on Friday, July 1, 2016, to Keith & Jessica Iberg. He weighed 10 pounds & 11 ounces, and he was 22.5 inches long. Proud big brothers are Bryce Iberg, Cody Iberg, & Dacoda Riechmann. Proud grandparents are Dave & Jerri Riechmann.

#### **Ashton Lawrence Eilers**

was born on Friday, July 8, 2016, to Jeremy & Chelsea Eilers. He weighed 6 pounds & 10 ounces, and he was 18 inches long. Proud grandparents are Steve & Patti Reckmann. Proud great-grandpa is Lorman Reckmann.



# 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  
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 Health Care Center:

Helen Dugan

## Highland Home:

Anita Suhre

## Hitz Memorial Home:

Orlean Hosto / Electa Leitch / Vernon Otto

## 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



# August Anniversaries

08/02/1997	Justin & Melanie Bonnell
08/02/2007	Josh & Tiffany Gillison
08/02/2014	Sam & Liz Field
08/03/2002	Kerry & Jessica Ketcham
08/05/2000	Jared & Jill Frueh
08/06/1994	Michael & Sherry Warren
08/07/1982	Kenneth & Susi Miller
08/08/1998	Paul & Richelle Braundmeier
08/09/1958	Ed & Annette Layher
08/11/1973	Ron & Gale Bolen
08/11/2001	Clayton & Kim Moore
08/12/1967	Don & Dianne Price
08/12/1972	Leonard & Donna Suhre
08/12/1978	Dean & Debra Reckmann
08/14/2010	Ryan & Jenna Boxell
08/16/2003	Todd & Jennifer Hunsche
08/20/1994	Steve & Kris Lynn
08/22/1981	Rick & Kathy Porter
08/27/1950	Wayne & Alice Stille
08/27/1982	Mike & Doris Driscoll
08/28/1993	Brian & Connie Duncan

## OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY OF:

**Tom Glassmaker**, Husband of Marjorie Glassmaker, died on Sunday, July 3, 2016.

**Betty Whitworth**, Mother of Danny Whitworth, died on Saturday, July 9, 2016.

**Orville Sander**, Father of Nancy Heidbrink, died on Tuesday, July 12, 2016.

**Mary Hosto**, Mother of Sharyn Giesecking, died on Wednesday, July 13, 2016.



# August Birthdays



**August 1**  
Bruce Layher  
Sherri Korsmeyer  
Bret Hosto  
Brittany Miller

**August 2**  
Sharon Capstick

**August 3**  
Rhonda Schmidt  
Kyle Washburn

**August 4**  
Rita Smith

**August 5**  
Maureen Frueh  
Ron Bolen  
Jerry Frank  
Donita Prott  
Becky Becker

**August 5**  
Gena Hodapp  
Emily Gehrig

**August 6**  
Charlie Brown III  
Amber Wendler  
Adam Allen  
Cheyenne Reckman

**August 7**  
Ralph Buzick  
Lilyanna Gillison

**August 8**  
Ashley Gibbons

**August 9**  
Kenneth Miller

**August 10**  
Steven Abert

**August 11**  
Ella Cooperider

**August 12**  
Gail Stevenson  
Barb Reiman

**August 13**  
Tolly Vassier  
Erica Schoen  
Siarra Price  
Emily Duncan

**August 14**  
Dawn Reinhardt  
Michelle Fitterer  
Jeff McGee

**August 16**  
Nina Volz  
Penny Hosto  
Chaz Reeves  
Kylee Hediger

**August 17**  
Helen Beshears  
Francis Tracy  
Grayson Mollet

**August 19**  
Dondee Rex  
Travis Horner

**August 20**  
Brent Henschen  
Lexy Riechmann

**August 21**  
Garrett Schmidt

**August 22**  
Doug Heidbrink  
Lindsey Duffin

**August 23**  
Larry Mriscin

**August 24**  
Aaron Uhe  
Katelyn Duncan  
Brianna Follwell

**August 25**  
Mitch Giesecking

**August 26**  
Chad Ross  
Kira Conrad

**August 27**  
Dale Mindrup  
Camie Ernst  
Reed Wendler

**August 29**  
Anita Cain  
Brien Bowers  
Mary Starr

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS!!!

**Megan Elizabeth Frank & Nicholas Patrick Saver**  
were married at Salem UCC on Saturday, June 25, 2016, by Rev. Jerry Amiri.  
Megan is the daughter of Jerry & Ann Frank.

# AUGUST CALENDAR

Monday	Aug. 1	10:00am 6:30-8:30pm 7:00pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	Aug. 2	6:30pm	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday	Aug. 4	7:00pm	BOCE Meeting
Sunday	Aug. 7	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship with Communion Confirmation Homecoming Fellowship Hour / Brunch following Worship
Monday	Aug. 8	10:00am 6:30-8:30pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training
Tuesday	Aug. 9	2:00pm	Women's Guild Fun Day at Hitz Home
Wednesday	Aug. 10	6:00pm	Curriculum Meeting
Thursday	Aug. 11	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday	Aug. 14	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Confirmation Meeting following Worship Fellowship Hour following Worship
Monday	Aug. 15	10:00am 6:30-8:30pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training
Tuesday	Aug. 16	9:00am 1:00pm	September Messenger Articles Due Senior Citizens
Thursday	Aug. 18	6:30pm	Guild & Brotherhood's Annual Corn Roast
Sunday	Aug. 21	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Fellowship Hour following Worship Praise Team Practice after Worship Historical Committee following Worship
Monday	Aug. 22	10:00am 6:30-8:30pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training
Sunday	Aug. 28	9:00am	No Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Fellowship Hour following Worship Praise Team Practice after Worship
Monday	Aug. 29	10:00am 6:30-8:30pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training

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If you are sad or struggling inside, do not suffer alone. Ask for help. We have a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It is confidential too!) Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders listed below. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Rev. Jerry Amiri: (O) 618-488-3215 / (C) 636-328-3332  
Pastor John Mindrup: (C) 618-409-3941/ Betty Imboden: (C) 618-973-0572

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

### 2016 SALEM CHURCH COUNCIL:

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Secretary Ronna Renken  
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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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Jennifer Henschen, Office Coordinator  
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Patti Reckmann, Custodian



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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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