



THE MESSENGER

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

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'
~ Matthew 18:21-22

*Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.* ~ Colossians 3:13

Forgiveness is one of those things in life we know we **must** do. As Christians, we are called to forgive one another. However, Jesus knew that was a difficult request as the scripture from Matthew indicates. Peter appeared to be negotiating with Jesus as to how many times he was to forgive. It does not explicitly record Peter's response, but I am sure it was surprise mixed with disappointment. Peter wanted to get off easily, as we all do. Peter wanted to get by with the minimum, forgiving someone seven times.

However, I fear forgiveness is like a doctor explaining a difficult medical situation. We know we need it, but we do not fully comprehend its meaning. There are two understandings of forgiveness that bear clarity.

- 1) Forgiveness is not reconciliation. For example, let's say you are in a relationship and the other betrays and hurts you. The Christian thing to do is to forgive, but there is nothing that says you need to act as if nothing happened. Forgiving too quickly (cheap grace) can be as equally destructive to a relationship as non-forgiveness. That relationship is now different. The basic tenets of a healthy relationship, such as love, respect, and trust, are now gone. This means the relationship is different. That is not to say it cannot return to "the way it was." However, it is not a forgone conclusion. You cannot have reconciliation without forgiveness.
- 2) Roy Oswald and Arland Jacobson in their book, *The Emotional Intelligence of Jesus*, point out the word "forgiveness" in the Gospels is a translation from the Greek meaning "release from, pardon, or cancellation of an obligation." A form of the Greek word, interpreted as forgiveness, means to "let go." Lewis B. Smedes wrote in his book, *Forgive and Forget*, "When you release the wrongdoer from the wrong, you cut a malignant tumor out of your inner life. You set a prisoner free, but you discover that the real prisoner was yourself." What these authors are saying is that forgiveness is not only *important*, but it is *imperative* for our own sake. When we refuse to allow the hurt and betrayal to continue to bind us, there is true freedom.

If you are mired in hurt or betrayal, I urge you to forgive the offender. You will be amazed at the feeling of freedom that forgiveness provides.

Blessings,
Pastor Jerry



MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS WITH PASTOR JERRY

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



NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

The *Neighbors In Need* offering, which we will collect on Sunday, October 2, 2016, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

Did You Know?

Which Pastor and his wife became the parents of twin daughters while serving as Pastor of Salem?

- Rev. Arthur Schneider and his wife Dora Ermine (Lindhorst) Schneider were the parents of Ruby Mae and Ruth Marie Schneider born on July 17, 1928, in St. Louis, Missouri. Both were married by their father, Rev. A. J. Schneider in Jackson County, Missouri.

“The Call to Fruitfulness”

(Suggested Readings: Psalm 34 & Matthew 7)

I know of only a few places where wild strawberries grow. If the time of year is right, I will often look with the hope of finding a few of these delicacies. For those unfamiliar, a wild strawberry is quite small but seems to have all the flavor of a large berry concentrated in the tiny fruit. Last year I spied a bit of red and the leaves looked right, so I thought I had stumbled onto a newly discovered patch of berries. I popped one in my mouth; but immediately upon biting it, I spit it out. It didn't taste bad, but it tasted nothing like a strawberry. I did some research and found that I had tasted a false strawberry. Jesus tells us a tree is known by its fruit. We can certainly discern that which is good fruit. Oh, if only I would be so quick to have no part with impatience or judgement and discard them from my life as fast as I did the false strawberry.

Psalm 34 tells us to taste and see the Lord is good. We know the fruit borne upon lives filled with the Holy Spirit is good fruit. May we be daily attentive to the fruit we bear. Are we easily annoyed, while our Lord is long-suffering and patient? Are we continually demanding our rights, when the Lord has humbled Himself and come as a servant of all? Do we demand revenge when God has forgiven us countless times? Are we selfish when God is ever so generous with us? The false strawberry didn't taste right—neither does anything that goes against the will of God. We choose the fruit we bear. May God be glorified in our fruitfulness.

God Bless You!
Pastor John

EXHALE – YOUTH NEWS

“Where Is the Love?”

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ~ 1 John 4:7-10

We discuss a lot of topics at Exhale meetings, but the most common is Love. Love yourself, love others, love God. Yet, love is something that seems to be missing from our society. In recent months, we have seen everything but love: hatred, violence, disgrace, disrespect. So if we are teaching middle school and high school aged kids to love each other, why can't we? As adults, we are supposed to be setting an example for the children around us, whether they are part of our family or church family. In 1 John it says he that does not know love, does not know God. It seems to me as if our society is missing God. We may not be able to change everybody in our society or stop every bad thing that happens. But what we can do is personally be an outstanding example for our children. Show them what love looks like. Prove to them that love can change someone's life. Encourage them to show their love to those around them, even in a world of hate. If we can instill the value and importance of love in our children, then maybe our world will have a brighter future. One filled with loving people. One filled with God. ~ Becca Braundmeier, Youth Director

IMPORTANT DATES FOR EXHALE:

- **Sunday, October 2:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 9:** No Exhale (Trip to Holocaust Museum)
- **Sunday, October 16:** Exhale @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 23:** Trunk-or-Treat @ 4:00 p.m. – (Exhale Trunk instead of Meeting)
- **Sunday, October 30:** No Exhale

SAVE THE DATE!

Exhale's Annual TurkeyFest

Sunday, November 13, 2016 – Following Worship



The Exhale Youth's annual TurkeyFest will be on Sunday, November 13, after the worship service. There will be turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, bread, and desserts. There also will be Bingo afterwards! Tickets are \$8.00 for Adults (11 & Up), \$5.00 for Kids (10 & Under), and FREE for 3 & under. For tickets see any member of Exhale. (Tickets will be available the day of the TurkeyFest for the price of \$10.00 for adults, 10 & under will still be \$5.00, and 3 & under will still eat for free.)

FROM THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WOMEN'S GUILD

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

There will be a meeting followed by ghost stories around a bonfire on Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m.

October Golden Agers Are:

Electa Leitch on October 14, **Lester Gentry** on October 17,
Wilma Sander on October 20, and **Vernon Mindrup** on October 30

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

September 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Stille with eight Church Council members, Pastor Jerry Amiri, and two confirmands, Sydney Basler and Barbara Meguire, present. Pastor Jerry led an opening prayer.

Secretary's Report: The August minutes were submitted and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Demkey reported offering was down quite a bit for the month of August, but overall for the year, we're on schedule. Scott has also been communicating with Ben Hoeft, and Ben will be getting back with Scott about possible investment changes. The Treasurer's Report was submitted and approved.

Outstanding Bills/Approval to Pay: We will likely be in a deficit for September due to the bills for the AC for the Memorial Parlor. Payment of the bills was approved.

Committee Reports:

- **BOCE:**
 - No addition to the minutes submitted by the BOCE.
- **Evangelism/Worship:**
 - Committee will cut back on Christmas decorating; it is just getting to be too much work.
 - Christmas Eve – No one time will fit best with everyone's schedule. Attendance has been lower at the 9:00 p.m. service overall; attendance is always higher at the 11:00 p.m. service. No changes will be made for the 2016 services. Evangelism/Worship Committee will be advised to prepare a congregational survey to help determine the 2017 Christmas Eve service time(s).
- **Mission/Stewardship:**
 - Mission-to-Go will be on October 16.
 - Committee is looking to see if anyone is interested in a mission trip to Ecuador in February.
- **Property:**
 - Memorial Parlor Air Conditioner – we will not buy the extended warranty.
 - Versatile Painting will begin painting the Parish Hall sometime the week of September 12.
 - Elevator Inspection – The elevator did not pass inspection due to a faulty alarm system. Kone gave a bid for \$3,344.00 plus applicable tax to complete the required repairs. These repairs are required in order to continue using the elevator. Motion was made and approved to start work for the repair and pay from the Building Fund.
- **Personnel:**
 - Office Coordinator – We've received some resumes for the position of Office Coordinator and have several phone interviews set up prior to personal interviews with the Personnel Committee. Pastor Jerry hopes to have a candidate by the first week of October. If so, he will call a special Church Council meeting for approval.
- **Safe Church:**
 - Permission form update for children (Registration and Contact Information Form). The updated forms were approved.

President's Report:

- Communion – Gary Boda and Ronna Renken (for Jill) will set up; Jill Verson will cover November; Scott Demkey, Richelle Ernst, Steve Stille, Patrick Stille, Christopher Uhe, and one more person will serve.
- October Counting Schedule – Richelle, Patrick, Gary, and Scott will count.

Pastor's Report:

- Wi-Fi – Pastor Jerry is still waiting to hear from the telephone company for a bid.
- Online Giving – Pastor Jerry checked with a couple of companies for the possibility of online giving. E-Giving services with Vanco will cost approximately \$300/year, but the expense may be offset by increased giving, especially by younger people who are used to doing more online/debit/electronic payments. We will proceed with a trial of Vanco, as long as the commitment term is not more than one year, with fees to be paid from the Stewardship Fund.
- Updating Livestream Camera – We have \$1,000 from the Memorial Committee; the total cost would be around \$4,000-\$4,300. Pastor Jerry would like to put an article in the Messenger to see if others would like to contribute toward the cost of this; if funds are raised this way, Pastor Jerry would like to proceed. If funds are raised for the camera by donations, we will get the updated camera.
- Formation Committee – Pastor Jerry recommends appointing Rick Porter as chair; Aaron Uhe would like to be on the committee; a representative from each of the committees of the church, including the Men's Fellowship should be included, as well as opening it up to volunteers from the congregation.
- Pastor Jerry would like to renew our Sam's Club membership (\$45); this is used for Rally Day, VBS, and other activities. Renewal of Sam's Club membership was approved.

New Business:

- Nominating Committee – Scott, Donita, Dagmar, and Gary will be ending their terms.
- 2017 Budget – It's also time to start thinking about the budget.

The next Church Council meeting will be on Thursday, October 13, 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 08/31/2016)

	Current Activity	YTD Activity
GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	21,995.71	14,948.86
Offering – Loose	5,170.00	58,114.60
Offering – Envelopes	7,846.00	77,170.00
Facility Use Donations	75.00	3,815.00
Miscellaneous Receipts		758.00
Interest Income – General Fund	3.54	30.81
Benevolence Received	189.00	7,453.55
Total General Fund Income	13,283.54	147,341.96
Salaries	9,541.73	77,239.38
Employee Benefits	2,458.81	20,343.56
Maintenance/Property Services	995.52	3,793.08
Insurance	0.00	6,531.50
Utilities	1,846.80	16,243.50
Supplies – General	724.02	5,572.17
Professional Expense	298.08	2,175.54
Miscellaneous	0.00	143.69
Worship	1,319.90	2,491.26
Christian Education	875.00	2,916.90
Evangelism	(51.00)	947.05
Stewardship	0.00	373.25
Pastoral Care	505.02	455.02
Benevolence Paid	0.00	6,299.55
Total General Fund Expenses	18,513.88	145,525.45
GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 16,765.37	\$ 16,765.37
MEMORIAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	30,793.80	83,466.78
Memorials Received	60.00	8,850.00
Honorariums Received	1,100.00	1,370.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	-	255.00
Memorial Fund Expense:		
Transfer to Building Fund		(40,852.27)
Transfer to Reserve Fund		(20,425.00)
Misc. – Postage; Paint for Parlor	(187.92)	(543.92)
Choir Folders; Book Lights	(195.30)	(550.01)
MEMORIAL FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 31,570.58	\$ 31,570.58
BUILDING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	40,981.02	13,465.65
Building Fund Offering	1,275.00	7,260.00
Memorials Received	-	510.00
Misc. Receipts – Mower Purchase	-	200.00
Transfer from Memorial Fund		40,852.27
Building Fund Expense:		
Landscaping – New Mower	-	(5,100.00)
Passageway – Windows Replacement	-	(14,931.90)
BUILDING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 42,256.02	\$ 42,256.02
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	61,317.76	61,173.76
Memorials – Endowment Fund	60.00	520.00
Endowment Fund Disbursements:		
Interest Distribution – General Fund		(158.00)
Interest Distribution – Benevolence		(158.00)
ENDOWMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 61,377.76	\$ 61,377.76
INVESTMENT FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	176,115.40	174,008.22
Change in Market Value	4,573.89	12,681.07
Withdrawal for Scholarships	(1,000.00)	(7,000.00)
INVESTMENT FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 179,689.29	\$ 179,689.29
MISSION MATCHING FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	110,535.97	106,836.61
Change in Market Value	963.86	3,426.60
Donations for Ecuador 2016		1,436.62
Mission Fund Disbursements:		
Expenditures for Ecuador Mission Trip		(200.00)
MISSION MATCHING FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 111,499.83	\$ 111,499.83
RESERVE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE	30,848.54	10,307.70
Interest Income – Reserve Fund	17.50	133.34
Transfer from Memorial Fund		20,425.00
RESERVE FUND ENDING BALANCE	\$ 30,866.04	\$ 30,866.04
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,554.11	\$ 1,554.11

(No Activity)



Salem Seekers

<i>Tower of Babel Rotation</i>	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Gathering Room	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
Gathering Room (Media)	ALL CHILDREN	_____	_____	_____
God's Oasis (Puppets)	_____	K & 1st	4th & 5th	2nd & 3rd
Faith Island (Games)	_____	2nd & 3rd	K & 1st	4th & 5th
Disciples' Dune (Cooking/Science)	_____	4th & 5th	2nd & 3rd	K & 1st
Gathering Room	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

All children will start in the Gathering Room at 8:45 a.m.
 After the opening gathering, the children will be led to their specific workshop by their shepherds.
Please pick up your child in the Gathering Room at 9:50 a.m.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LEARNING CENTER

Everyone is invited to join the Confirmation class on a visit to the Holocaust Museum Learning Center located at The Jewish Federation Kopolow Building in St. Louis, Missouri, on Sunday, October 9. We will leave church at 12:45 p.m. for a tour which begins at 1:45 p.m. and will end at 3:45 p.m. We should be back at church around 4:45 p.m. If you are interested in going and/or can drive, please sign up outside the church office.

WANTED



SALEM SEEKERS PRESENTERS

(A.K.A. SALEM MEMBERS)

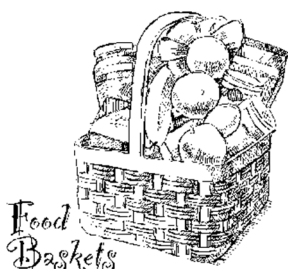
If seen, please immediately contact Paige Basler, Faye Brown, or Patty Uhe!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING HELP NEEDED!!!

The Evangelism/Worship Committee for the past several years has coordinated the "Hanging of the Greens" for the Christmas season. While it has been a labor of love, it's time to pass the torch to other individuals or committees. Please give prayerful consideration to volunteering to take over this project. Tasks are to assemble and decorate the tree and hang a few wreaths. How elaborate the decorations are will be the decision of the individuals or committees.

For more information, please contact one of the Co-Chairs:

Cindy Henschen at sos407@yahoo.com
 Donna Yates at skully47@charter.net



From the Food Basket Committee

The Food Basket Committee is putting together a list of people who need help feeding themselves and their families. If you know of someone or of a family who needs a little bit of help, please call Mary Reinhardt at (618) 488-7745.

SALEM'S 9TH ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Sunday, October 23 @ 4:00 p.m.



Salem's 9th Annual Trunk-or-Treat will be on Sunday, October 23, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the back parking lot. Trunk-or-Treating is when your kids go from trunk to trunk to play games and receive treats from members and friends of Salem. Everyone, kids and adults of all ages, is encouraged to dress up in his/her Halloween costume.

Cars participating need to be in the back parking lot by 3:30 p.m. to park and decorate their trunk by the 4:00 p.m. start time. A light meal of hotdogs, chili, chips, cookies, and drinks will be provided. There will be a costume parade for the kids and adults. Prizes for some lucky trunk participants will be awarded. There will be no trunk contests, so relax and have fun with your trunk theme.

Please sign up if you can bring cookies/snacks, if your kids are coming, or if you can provide yourself, your car, and some treats for the Trunk-or-Treat. Sign-up sheets are in the passageway, or you may contact the office to sign up.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jerry at 636-328-3332 or call the church office at 488-3215.

Don't forget to invite your kids' friends, neighbors, grandkids, nieces & nephews, and more!!!

LIVESTREAM UPDATE NEEDED

We have offered Livestream for our worship/funeral/wedding services for several years. However as technology has advanced, our Livestream camera has not. When we installed the Livestream camera (thanks to a generous memorial gift) the standard for cameras was 480DPI. Now, years later, the standard is 1080 DPI or HD (High Definition). That is why currently when you watch our services on Livestream they seem fuzzy. If you would like to help purchase a new HD camera for our Livestream, please send your donation to the church office or drop it in the offering plate and mark it "Livestream."

Vision Committee

The Church Council authorized an ad hoc committee (Vision Committee) to be formed to work with the contracted architects to evaluate our future needs and to propose possible solutions. The committee will be comprised of representatives of each committee and organization as well as volunteers from the congregation. The organizational meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact the church office.

Alhambra-Hamel Ministerial Alliance (AHMA) & AHMA Bread of Life Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

If you would like to serve on the AHMA, serve on the Bread of Life Food Pantry Advisory Board, volunteer at the Bread of Life Food Pantry, or would simply like more information, please contact Pastor Jerry at 636-328-3332.

Trivia Night
Because you know more than anyone about anything ever.

Saturday, November 12
Doors open at 6:30pm
Trivia starts at 7:00pm

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

Mission-To-Go Fundraiser

After worship on Sunday, October 16, we will have our 2nd Annual Mission-To-Go fundraiser. Once again, Mary Reinhardt's extraordinary spaghetti will be available along with salad, green beans, applesauce, crusty bread, and dessert all for only \$10.00. This is a carry-out or dine-in event and for a small donation home delivery is available. This event is to financially support Salem members to go on future Ecuador Mission trips.



COMING SOON...ONLINE GIVING!!!



Worship Ministry Schedule



Date	Acolytes	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Ushers
Oct. 2 (10am)	Brianna Follwell Tessa Renken	Verna Gilley	Lisa Uhe	Kelsey Dauderman Amy Henschen / Krista Miller Chad & Tara Schuster
Oct. 9 (10am)	Reese Bolen Kody Quart	Jim Annable	Dagmar Annable	Joe Dauderman Cindy Henschen / Susi Miller Zach & Erika Schlechte
Oct. 16 (10am)	Elizabeth Brown Erin Brown	Anita K. Cain	Laura Muench	Becca Braundmeier Kara Braundmeier Richelle Braundmeier / Shirley Gall
Oct. 23 (10am)	Shayden Hogg Sayde Hogg	Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt	Patrick Stille	Scott Demkey / Krista Mansholt Dave & Ronna Renken / Lisa Uhe
Oct. 30 (10am)	Clara Doubet Grace Quart	Donna Merkle	Irving Gray	Paige Basler/Judy Blom Justin Bonnell / Laverne Korsmeyer Laura Muench

Nursery Schedule

October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Sarah Bolyard Kelsey Quade	Gale Bolen Tori Lynn	Emily Uhe Patty Uhe	Clint Conrad Jenna Conrad	Richelle Ernst Jill Verson

Worship Schedule

Date	Scripture Readings	Sermon Title	Worship Leader
October 2 – 10 a.m. Worship with Communion	Luke 17:5-10 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Lamentations 1:1-6	<i>Increase Our Faith</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
October 9 – 10 a.m. Worship	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 2 Timothy 2:8-15	<i>Planting God's Garden</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
October 16 – 10 a.m. Worship	Luke 18:1-8 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	<i>Endlessly Praying</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri
October 23 – 10 a.m. Worship	Psalm 84:1-7 Luke 18:9-14	<i>Repentance & Exaltation</i>	Pastor John Mindrup
October 30 – 10 a.m. Praise Worship	Luke 18:9-14 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Joel 2:23-32	<i>Humble Before God</i>	Rev. Jerry Amiri

Communion Schedule for Hitz Home

October 2 – 10 a.m.	Susi Miller
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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.

"Thank You" Notes:

Thank you for awarding me the Salem UCC Scholarship. It was very generous of you and will definitely help me with my college expenses. I am grateful that the church has always supported me and is still supporting me as I head off to college. Thanks again!
~ Tyler Reinhardt

I wish to thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls. Your concerns are greatly appreciated. God Bless.
~ Wayne Stille

Our family is very thankful for the prayers, cards, and love that has been expressed in the passing of Merilee's sister, Barb Perrine. Thank you all. God bless you.
~ Pastor John & Merilee Mindrup

Just want to say thank you to all those who volunteered or were begged into signing up for all the needs of the church. Whether it was ushering, or greeting, liturgist or nursery, thank you!!!! You Rock!
~ The Evangelism/Worship Committee

I wish to thank Pastor Jerry and all others for your prayers, cards, food, and thoughtfulness during my mini-stroke recovery. Salem is always there when help is needed.
~ Lewis Knackstedt



Prayer List

Cancer Concerns:

Jack Frandsen / Wayne Gentry / Pat Hinton

Health Concerns:

Connie Abert (Niece-in-Law of Fern Scheller) / Dagmar Annable
Quintin Byrne (Cousin of Lisa Reinhardt) / Diana Donohoo
Ginny Gehrig / Lester Gentry
Larry Kaufman / Lewis Knackstedt
Marie Mindrup / Roger Reilson
Don Riepshoff / Melvin Roberts / Wayne 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



October Anniversaries

10/01/2011	Matt & Sandra Reckmann
10/02/1993	Gene & Ethel Hosto
10/03/1954	Don & Ginny Gehrig
10/05/2002	Damien & Sara Bolen
10/10/1975	Gary & LuAnn Boda
10/10/1980	Rick & Patty Allen
10/11/1992	Dean & Sherri Korsmeyer
10/12/1985	Tom & Sharon Capstick
10/12/1996	Tim & Camille Rakers
10/12/2002	Rhet & Krista Mansholt
10/13/2007	Kevin & Heather Luitjohan
10/19/2013	Nathan & Kelsey Reding
10/20/2012	Ryan & Gena Hodapp
10/21/1967	Delmar & Marlene Korsmeyer
10/30/2010	Barry & Kelsey Quade

Baptisms

Estella Mae Stumpf was baptized on Sunday, August 28, 2016, by Rev. Jerry Amiri. Estella was born on February 23, 2016, to Justin & Jessica Stumpf. Estella is the younger sister of Carter Stumpf. Her grandparents are Mike & Mary Stumpf and Bob & Cheryl Manton. Her great-grandparents are Frances Huhn, Gene & Ethel Hosto, Jerome & Nancy Hediger, and Bob Scherby. Her godparents are Scott & Sherry McKinley, Laura Shipley, & Greg Stumpf.

Leah Jean Gillison was baptized on Sunday, September 4, 2016, by Rev. Jerry Amiri. Leah was born on May 15, 2016, to Joshua & Tiffany Gillison. Leah is the younger sister of Adam Gillison and Lilyanna Gillison. Her grandparents are Harold Gillison, Mary Gillison, Tim & Kathy Stille, and the late Lisa Stille. Her great-grandparents are Wayne & Alice Stille. Her godparents are Lasha Baker, Dave Korunka, Tina Kutzgar, and Lauren Semanisin.

Cradle Roll

Lilyanna Marie Gillison received her cradle roll on Sunday, August 28, 2016. Lilyanna is the daughter of Josh & Tiffany Gillison.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



October 1

Laura Reckmann
Liam Schlechte

October 2

Russell Hiller
William Reckman
Allen Knackstedt
Dan Engelke

October 3

Mark Vassier

October 4

Dave Renken
Alex Faires
Patrick Stille
Koy Ketcham
Jonathan Prott

October 6

Robert Kakac
Zachary Doubet

October 7

Jared Frueh
Austin Suhre

October 8

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Elyza Faires

October 10

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Chuck Sanders

October 11

Kathy Porter
Laurie Vosholler
Steve Sanders

October 12

Bob Reckmann
Sullivan Wright

October 14

Electa Leitch
Mary Reinhardt

October 15

Toni Rozanski

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Judy Blom
Christopher Hosto
Alex Capstick

October 17

Lester Gentry
Doug Bizer
Steve Reckmann
Steven Price
Logan Mollet
Landen Reckmann

October 18

Joe Stevenson

October 19

Janelle Gelly

October 20

Wilma Sander
Jeanne Reckmann

October 24

Howie Eyman
Susi Miller
Jackie Debatin
Erich Lackey
Jordan Lynn

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Christie Hampton

October 27

Everett Rogier
Mark Henschen
Tammy Burton
Christine Ellis

October 28

Heather Henkhaus
Brooke Hunsche
Samantha Cornejo
Jorya Wernle

October 29

Kalia Cornejo

October 30

Vernon Mindrup
Marie Mindrup
Bob Riepshoff
Chad Roberts
Shane Stille

October 31

Karen Knox
Dennis Wernle
Isaac Cruthis



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



OCTOBER CALENDAR



Sunday	Oct. 2	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship with Communion Children's Choir & Praise Team following Worship
Monday	Oct. 3	4:00-5:30pm 10:00am 6:30-8:30pm	Exhale Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training
Tuesday	Oct. 4	7:00pm 6:30pm	Property Committee Meeting Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Oct. 5	6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Salem Chimes Practice Confirmation Class Salem Ringers Practice Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Oct. 6	7:00pm	BOCE Meeting
Sunday	Oct. 9	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Children's Choir & Praise Team following Worship
		12:45-4:45pm	Confirmation Trip to Holocaust Museum No Exhale
Monday	Oct. 10	10:00am 6:30-8:30pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training
Tuesday	Oct. 11	7:00pm	Vision Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Oct. 12	6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Salem Chimes Practice Confirmation Class Salem Ringers Practice Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Oct. 13	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday	Oct. 14	9:00am	November Messenger Articles Due
Sunday	Oct. 16	8:45am 10:00am 11:00-2:00pm	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Mission-To-Go Fundraiser Children's Choir & Praise Team following Worship
		4:00-5:30pm	Historical Committee following Worship
Monday	Oct. 17	10:00am 6:30-8:30pm	Exhale Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training
Tuesday	Oct. 18	1:00pm	Senior Citizens
Wednesday	Oct. 19	6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Salem Chimes Practice Confirmation Class Salem Ringers Practice Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Oct. 20	6:30pm	Guild & Brotherhood Mtg., Bonfire, & Ghost Stories
Sunday	Oct. 23	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship Children's Choir & Praise Team following Worship
		4:00-5:00pm	Trunk-or-Treat No Exhale
Monday	Oct. 24	10:00am 6:30-8:30pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training
Wednesday	Oct. 26	6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Salem Chimes Practice Confirmation Class Salem Ringers Practice Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Sunday	Oct. 30	8:45am 10:00am	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Praise Worship Children's Choir Practice following Worship
			No Exhale
Monday	Oct. 31	10:00am 6:30-8:30pm	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's Stephen Ministry Training

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.

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Pastor Jerry's Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(Available for Walk-Ins and Appointments)

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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**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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