

The Lamplighter



June 2018 • Salem United Church of Christ • Higginsville, Missouri

Dear Friends,

I write this during a break in the 2018 Festival of Homiletics in Washington, DC. This is, if I recall correctly, my sixth Festival. Each year, during the third full week of May, 1200-1800 pastors, seminarians, denominational leaders, and interested lay people come together to hear some of the finest preaching and most challenging lectures around. We get to hear from many corners of our world, and from thoughtful people thinking big ideas. For most of you, the thought of listening to three sermons a day, plus a couple of lectures, is less than attractive. To me, it is energizing.

The theme of the Festival this year is “Preaching and Politics.” To many of us, that might seem to be a contradiction in terms. When we recall, however, that the biblical prophets, and Jesus, devoted a great deal of time and energy speaking truth to power, we have to admit that the terms are related after all.

Thus, on the first evening, at the Washington National Cathedral, we heard a sermon that challenged us to consider that when the Holy Spirit, our Advocate (a legal representative), that Jesus promises to his friends and followers, who will guide us into all the truth (John 15.13), the truth is going to place our testimony over against the world’s entrenched systems and interests. The preacher declared that when our proclamation that “He is risen! he is risen indeed!” is not followed with “I have seen the Lord!,” then we have sidestepped our responsibility to confront the powers. In the lecture that followed the evening worship, the speaker quoted D.H. Lawrence, who said (this is my paraphrase), “The world fears a new experience. It does not fear a new idea because it can pigeonhole a new idea and thus limit its effect. But the world cannot pigeonhole a new experience.” Big thoughts all around.

And so it goes.

And it may just be that I am getting old and emotional, but these words and these ideas often bring tears to my eyes. The sound of a thousand voices singing “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” so fills me with awe and wonder that my voice fails me. I see Ernest Green, one of the Little Rock Nine, and I just start weeping. I sit in a sanctuary where Frederick Douglass preached and where his funeral was held. It all fills me to overflowing.

There is always much to think about and much that is challenging, but, for me, it is always refreshing. I thank you for the opportunity each year to attend this significant event.

Grace and Peace,
Tommy

Women's Fellowship Circle

Schedules for June

Esther Circle – June 6, 10:00 a.m., at Betty Rinne's home hostess Betty Rinne, program Janice Hoefler.

Ruth Circle – June 6, 2:00 p.m., at Fay Tilly's home, hostess Fay Tilly, program Pearl Luehrman.

Eve Circle – June 5, 6:00 p.m., at Mary Homfeld's home, hostess Mary Homfeld, bring a sack supper, share rides from church, meet at 5:45 p.m.

Special Days in June

- June 3
Summer Worship Schedule Begins
- June 6
Please remove Memorial Day Flowers from Salem Cemetery
- June 7-9
Conference Annual Gathering in Columbia MO
- June 14
Flag Day
- June 17
Father's Day
- June 21
Summer Begins

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Women's Fellowship needs just one more woman to be a co-chair for the Service Committee. The Service committee provides the meal for the Annual Congregational Meeting and the Easter Breakfast. The committee is divided into two parts: volunteers that serve the meal and volunteers that contribute food. At the Easter Breakfast, the rolls or coffee cakes are provided by the circles. The co-chairs and volunteers from the service committee prepare the meals for both events. If anyone wants to volunteer to be co-chairs or has questions, please contact the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE 2017-2018

- 2 years - Jaxon Barnes
- 2 years - Stella Barnes
- 3 years - Charlie Thaller
- 4 years – Jordan Smith
- 6 years - Dixie Thaller
- 12 years - Charles Grumke
- 12 years - Lydia Grumke
- 14 years - Dawson Goetz

These eight individuals were recognized Sunday, May 20, for their Sunday School perfect attendance.

OUR FRIENDS AND CHURCH FAMILY IN CARE FACILITIES

Listed below are our members and friends (at the time of printing of the Lamplighter) now residing or recovering at our local and surrounding community nursing homes and care facilities. A card or visit from a church family member would be a delightful surprise!

Meyer Care Center, 1201 W. 19th St., Higginville, MO 64037

- Myrna Fette
- Mary Kirchhoff
- Glenn & Shirley Nowack
- Pat Pence
- Anna Marie Rinne
- Warner Schelp
- Robert "Cobb" Souder

Gene Starke
Earl Struchtemeyer
Bob Tankesley
Lutheran Good Shepherd Home, 202 SW St., Concordia, MO 64020

- Winnie Knehans
- Jake Stoecklin
- Ann Nuelle
- Country Oak Village, 101 Cross Creek Drive, Grain Valley, MO 64029**

Viola Meinershagen
Riverbend Heights Rehab & Health, Lexington Nursing Home, 1221 South Highway 13, Lexington, MO 64067

- Mark Gieselman
 - David Thaller
 - Addington Place of Lee's Summit, 2160 SE Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO 64063**
 - Roberta Summers (Apt. 212)
- (Roberta's mailing address is Roberta Summers, C/O Carrie Tunison, 1207 SE Brookwood St., Lee's Summit, MO 64063.)



Starting June 3
Early Service: 8:30 a.m.
AND
10:00 a.m. service
with Sunday School



CONGRATULATIONS! Brent and Emily (Jensen) Kusgen were united in marriage Saturday, May 19, 2018, at Salem. Best wishes for a blessed life together.

Best Birthday Wishes in June go to...

Kyle Williams	1	Kamryn Cowherd	9	Haiden Jensen	20
Kevin Hursman	2	Grace Niemeier	10	Corey Robinette	21
Monica Vincent	2	Sandy Thompson	10	Kathy Bodenstag-Wills	21
Gabriel Short	3	Jocelyn Kirchhoff	11	Susan Jensen	22
Elaine Adams	3	Katie Lettau	12	Bill Davenport	23
Amanda Dobson	3	Keaston Cooper	13	Janet Knehans	25
Carys Brockman	3	Sherry Kilpatrick	14	Jakob Long	25
Jameson Kilpatrick	5	Angel Lamb	15	Jacob Baggs	25
Clayton Berry	5	Darcy Aversman	15	A.J. Engle	26
Clint Wood	5	Lance Kays	16	Dakota Russell	26
Fay Tilly	6	Casey Warren	16	Alfred Riekhof	27
Jeff Gash	7	Karen Fiegenbaum	17	Sue Starke	27
Addison Clark	8	Josh Baggs	19	Amanda White	27
				Lena Zeller	30



WORDS FOR TODAY, FROM 1968

For America, this marks the 50th anniversary of a turbulent year, which included high-profile assassinations, the Vietnam War and civil rights protests. Five decades on, turmoil still abounds.

May we take hope and inspiration from Robert Kennedy, who, on the night of Martin Luther King's death, replaced a presidential-campaign speech with these words:

“What we need in the United States is not division; ... not hatred; ... not violence and lawlessness, but ... love, and wisdom, and compassion toward one another; and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or ... black.”

Kennedy added: “We will have difficult times in the future. ... But the vast majority of white people and ... black people in this country want to live together ... and want justice for all human beings. ... Let's dedicate ourselves ... to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world ... and say a prayer for our country and for our people.”



From the Church Records

Financial Report:

General Fund Balance 4/01/18	\$ 9,853
Current deposits	\$22,769
Current expenses	\$18,806
Current Fund Balance 4/30/18	\$13,816

Building Fund:

Current Fund Balance 4/01/18	\$10,091
Current deposits	\$ 1,059
Current expenses	\$ 576
Current Fund Balance 4/30/18	\$10,574

O.C.W.M. (Member Contributions for April) \$328

8:30 a.m.	April Attendance	10:30 a.m.
97	Easter	149
33	4-8-18	78
29	4-15-18	88
37	Testimony/Confirmation	134
24	4-29-18	108
44	Average	111
	Total Average 155	

MISSOURI MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING

Will be held June 7-9, 2018, at the Holiday Inn in Columbia, MO. This year's Conference Annual Gathering theme is "United in Christ's Love-a Just World for All" Keynote speaker at 10:00 a.m. June 7: Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Cannon Ball 17th Annual 5K Run/Walk will be held June 23 at 7:30 p.m. There is a \$25 registration fee, information and registration can be found on Facebook @ Lafayette HFH



Community News

JOHN KNOX VILLAGE AND MEYER CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY

There won't be any Bible Study during the Summer months: June, July, and August. It will resume in September with Greg Fine (Baptist) leading.

HARVESTERS SCHEDULE

First Assembly of God Church of Higginsville hosts a Harvesters Community Food Network distribution of food on the third Thursday of every month. The work day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends approximately at Noon. After the food is distributed, volunteers are asked to stay and help clean up the area. Anyone willing to help is asked to call 660-584-3372, (First Presbyterian Church), and leave your name, phone number, and mailing address. Wear comfortable clothes.

TA TRUCK STOP-CONCORDIA COUNTRY PRIDE:

Travel Centers of America-Concordia, MO-Country Pride Restaurant is now starting a Church Program! We are offering 10% of your ticket price to be donated back to your local church. All you have to do is come in to dine with us, eat, and inform your server that you would like to participate in the program, give your church's name, your name, and we will take care of the rest! Come see and enjoy our new buffets and get one of our Buffet Punch Cards -buy 5, get 1 free!

RELAY FOR LIFE OF LAFAYETTE & RAY COUNTY

Join the community to fight back against cancer! June 9th, 6 pm.—midnight at the Lexington High School Track and Field. For more information, visit www.relayforlife.org/lafayetteraymo or contact Marie Morgan (co-chair) at 816-786-8048.

HIGGINSVILLE BABY GRACE

Is celebrating their 10th year with a Birthday Celebration! It will be held at the Higginsville Senior Center cafeteria, 101 W. 21st St., June 2 from 11 a.m.—1 pm. LUNCH, GAMES, PRIZES, AND PRAISE BAND

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April 19, 2018 – 7:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Salem Church Council was held Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Board Room. The members present were Pastor Tommy, Keri Borchers, Felicia Leonard, Delbert Goetz, David Starke, Kevin Berry, Ronnie Bergsieker, Janice Hoefler, Peggy Pragman and incoming members Marc Jensen and Barb Nolte.

President Keri Borchers called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with devotion from Psalms 23 and prayer. Minutes were read and approved. Felicia gave the treasurer's report with balances of \$9,853 in General Fund and \$10,090 in Building and Grounds Fund. The Pastor's mileage of 291 miles for \$158.60 was presented for payment. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion to pay bills also made, seconded, and approved.

Snacks were served to say THANK YOU to Keri and David for JOBS WELL DONE!! We will miss you both, and we WELCOME Barb and Marc. God's Blessings to all.

In his report Pastor mentioned that Homebound Communion was great. YOM Pie and Cake Auction went very well, and the people at Salem and others, once again showed tremendous support of the work of YOM. \$7300 was raised for their trip to Imperial, Pennsylvania at the end of July. Men's Holy week breakfasts were all well attended. Salem men did a marvelous job by being the only group not to serve Biscuits and gravy, instead breakfast casseroles were enjoyed by all. The devotion of the morning was a skit presented by Mark Nolte and Dennis Knipmeyer, and it was a thoughtful, thought

provoking experience. Spring Youth Sunday was March 18. The Sunday School and youth groups took leadership in the 10:30 service and did very well in all aspects of the service. The children and youth were DELIGHTED to see so many adults come-as-they-were, including a few bathrobes. The "noisy offering" raised over \$118 for the Baby Grace ministry at the Methodist Church. As Pastor understands the "noisy offering" will now be a regular part of the youth Sunday services. The final Souper Supper served to 139 people (98 carry-outs, and 41 eat-in). Average for the 3 suppers were 142 dinners (100 carry-outs, 42 eat-in). A good deal of gratitude is owed to the Evangelism Committee for the planning and leadership, and to all who helped prepare and serve the dinners, and also the women's group of Immanuel Lutheran Church for providing the desserts for each dinner. The Conference Annual Gathering of the Conference will be June 7-9 in Columbia. If anyone is interested in going, please let Sarah know. We have an allowance of 4 delegates in addition to Pastor, and have not used our full allowance since he has been at Salem. Testimony and Confirmation will happen on the same day this year, this coming Sunday, April 22. We will be serving communion in both services, but testimonies and confirmation will be in the 10:30 service only. Music Sunday will be May 6th. Tommy will be attending the Festival of Homiletics in Washington D.C., in May. Pentecost will be May 20th. Tommy will also be presiding at the wedding of Emily Jensen and Brent Kusgen on May 19th.

Correspondence: A Thank You was read from MMSC for gift from 2013, from Show-Me Christian Home, and from Emmaus Home.

Christian Ed: Delbert reported this Sat. practice for Confirmation. YOM

preparing for Pork Chop Dinner. Two Vans are spoken for YOM trip in July. Discussed Noisy Offering, and VBS good amount of volunteers. Building and Grounds: David reported Kitchen is ready for sheet-rocking in next week or so, faucet to be repaired at parsonage, several bushes to be removed at parsonage. Daniel Bergsieker will do mowing again this year. Thanks to Keil Borchers for oiling the Church bell. Cemetery: Kevin reported clean-up day at cemetery will be Sat. May 5th @ 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited. Memorial: Peggy reported no meeting. Stewardship: Ronnie reported no meeting. Evangelism: Felicia reported the Lutheran Ladies are going to continue helping with Souper Suppers next year, Cards for Mother's Day and Father's day again this year. Worship: Janice reported the committee reviewed the church calendar through the month of June. Ushers: Good

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Higginsville Welcome Packet from Higginsville Chamber of Commerce was time for renewal. Motion made and seconded to continue ad, but after discussion of size of ad, motion was amended to increase size of ad. An amended motion was seconded and approved to increase ad to 1/4 page at cost of \$190. Conference Annual Gathering at Holiday Inn Expo Center, Columbia, June 7-9 previously mentioned in Pastor's report. Sarah needs to know by May 11, if you are interested in going. Information about copier contract was discussed and possibility of changing companies was discussed. More information to be (continued on page 6)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 GRADUATES!**Graduate from Concordia, Missouri High School:****Graduation day May 11, 2018**

Carter Alan Warren, he is the son of Greg Warren and Angie Brown, grandson of Paul and Pat Warren. Carter will be attending the University of Missouri in the fall, majoring in Political Science.

Graduate from Lexington, Missouri High School:**Graduation day May 13, 2018**

Kristen Charise Smith, daughter of Kirk and Jamie Smith and granddaughter of Doris Jane and the late James H. Stoner, Bill and Darlene Stephan, and the late Albert N. Smith. Kristen will be attending the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO, she will be majoring in Music to become a Music Therapist.

Graduate from Warrensburg, Missouri High School:**Graduation day May 19, 2018**

Ethan Dalton Zeikle, son of Randy Zeikle and Jen Zeikle, grandson of Mark and Janice (Erdman) Zeikle and great-grandson of Harvey and Elva Dean Erdman.

Graduates from Lafayette Co. C-1 High School:**Graduation day May 20, 2018**

Brittnee Cheyenne Catron, daughter of Chris and Amy Catron, granddaughter of Judy and the late Keith Struchtemeyer.

Kristin Elizabeth Jordan, daughter of Hope Siegworth and Kenneth and Amanda Jordan, granddaughter of Maxine and the late Max Schloman, Dave and Jan Pierce, and Kenneth and Donna Jordan.

Scott Michael LaRue, son of Cheryl (Bergsieker) LaRue and Jason and Diane LaRue, grandson of Bobby and Becky Bergsieker.

Caleb Austin Russell, son of Roger Russell and Tricia Russell.

Tate Workcuff, son of Danny and Dana Long, grandson of Jim and Lola Thompson and Arlene and the late Bob Long.

Graduate from Auburn, AL High School:**Graduation day May 22, 2018**

Gracie Augustine, daughter of Derek and Susan Augustine, granddaughter of Ray Don and Shirley Paul and Daryl and Paulette Augustine. Gracie will be attending the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Graduate from High School

Lydia Easterwood, granddaughter of Clifford and Dorothy Peck. Lydia will be attending Cottey College.

Graduate from Penn Foster High School

Michelle Benedict, great-granddaughter of Annie Fiegenbaum.

Graduate from Odessa, Missouri High School

Christian Fiegenbaum, great-grandson of Annie Fiegenbaum.

(March 2018 Council Minutes continued from page 5) received for further discussion at the next meeting.

Election of New Officers was held with following results: President; Delbert Goetz, Vice President; Kevin Berry, Secretary; Peggy Pragman, Treasurer; Felicia Leonard; Financial Secretary; Ronnie Bergsieker.

Announcements:

Next Council meeting Date:
May 17, 2018 7:30p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by saying the "Lord's Prayer".

Respectfully submitted
Peggy Pragman,

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

The Memorial Committee is asking for volunteers to water the flower pots at the front doors of the church. If you are interested please call Mary Homfeld, 584-



It is time again for

Summer Special Music!

If you play an instrument or enjoy singing and would like to share your musical talent during the summer worship service, please call the Church Office and leave your name and phone number. Jamie Smith will then contact you to schedule a Sunday for you to share your music. You may also contact Jamie directly at 660-232-4470 to schedule a time to share. Thank you for considering sharing your talent!



**WE EXTEND OUR
SYMPATHY TO:**

Wilburn "Pee Wee" and Annerose Woods. Wilburn's sister, Darlene Woods, passed away Thursday, May 3. Her service was held Friday, May 11, at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Higginville.

ALSO

The family of Louise Salyer. Louise passed away, Tuesday, May 22. Louise's visitation and funeral were held Tuesday, May 29, at Salem.

ALSO

The family of Wilma Dieckhoff. Wilma passed away Wednesday, May 23. Wilma's visitation was held Tuesday, May 29, at Salem and her funeral was held Wednesday May 30, at Salem.

**NEWS FROM
YOUTH ON MISSION**

GIVING TREE PROJECT: Youth on Mission again invites you to be a part of our giving tree project which offers our campers' talents to you for your chosen donation. We would like to offer our talents to make your life a little easier **ALL YEAR LONG.** Do you have a task that needs to be done? Our campers will complete it for you and you may make a donation to Youth on Mission with what you think is an appropriate donation. Call Delbert Goetz at 660-641-6773 and he will find a camper to do the work!



Thank you for the beautiful flowers at Salem Cemetery celebrating Memorial Day. If you would like to save your flowers please pick them up by Wednesday, June 6. Thank you. The Cemetery Committee

**Ninth Annual Father's Day
Tool Special:**

We help provide shelter and warmth with our Mother's Day blankets donations, after the effects of disasters happen. Now its time for Dad to help with the tools for rebuilding.

What better way to honor your father or other influential male than by donating to purchase these tools.

Enclosed in this Lamplighter is a card inside an envelope. Above the inscription in the card write the name(s) of the "dad" you want to honor. Sign your name on the line below. Include a donation (checks can be made to "Salem UCC"). Place card in envelope and put in offering plate or bring to the church office.

The cards will be displayed in the sanctuary.



Please join us if you are under the age of 10. Summer Sunday school begins June 3, when the Sunday worship service time changes to 10:00. We will meet in the sanctuary overflow, after the children's message.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Tommy's email: tlfaris@ctcis.net
Tommy's cell phone: 816-352-2052
Church Telephone: 660-584-3603
Church Email: salemucc@ctcis.net
Church Website:
salemucchigginville.org
Fax number: 660-584-5666

**PASTORAL VISITS
OR PRAYERS**

Anyone who would like a pastoral visit or are in need of prayers, please call the church office, (660) 584-3603.

**TRANSPORTATION
AVAILABLE**

Transportation is available to any worship service. Please call the church office to make arrangements, (660) 584-3603.

**WOMEN'S CHOIR AND
MEN'S CHOIR:**

Anyone interested in singing with these groups for special music, please come to a rehearsal on Thursday, June 7 in the sanctuary. The women will rehearse from 7-7:30 pm and the men will rehearse from 7:30-8 pm. The women will sing June 10 and the men will sing June 17. Thank you!

WHAT IS A DAD?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

—Unknown

Salem's Veteran Honor Role

4 years ago we didn't have any information about members of Salem who served in our Nation's Armed Forces. Today we have accumulated data on nearly 100 veterans who we individually recognized in a slide presentation during church services on Veteran's Sunday in November. That said... our mission has not ended.

Below is a listing of another 71 members of Salem known to be veterans. We have their names, but don't have their branch of service; years of service; rank/rate; duty stations/wars; where buried (if deceased); or a photo in uniform.

If you know these veterans (or members of the family) please gather the information listed in the paragraph above, and provide it to Stanton Thompson (816-225-9515; jsthomps@ctcis.net) or Dennis Knipmeyer (660-641-0346; djknip@ctcis.net).

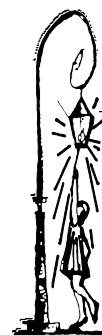
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Boedeker, Delmar	Lefman, Ray	Schnieder, Herman H.
Boedeker, Ernest	Lefman, Rudy	Schoppenhorst, Clarence
Boedeker, Oscar O.	Lineback, Edward	Schroer, Martin
Brackman, Joseph	Meinershagen, Clarence	Smith, Walter
Buist, Burk	Meinershagen, Lawrence	Starke Henry
Engelbrecht, Marvin	Meinershagen, Leroy	Stockman, Elmer
Fasse, William H.	Mensenkamp, Raymond	Stockman, Rov
Fisher, Gene	Morstain, Wilbur H.	Stoecklin, Melvin
Fox, Eldred	Niemeier, Herman	Struchtemeyer, Keith
Freese, Siegmund	Niemeyer, Edward	Stuerke, Marvin
Freund, Richard	Oberhelman, Otto	Tagtmeyer, Gilbert
Frevert, William H.	Opfer, Albert	Tempel, Roy A.
Gladish, Gilbert	Opfer, Delmar *	Vahrenberg, Edwin
Halford, Orville	Opfer, Ferdinand	Vahrenberg, Louis
Hauck, Theophil C. *	Pevestorff, Charles	Voss, Leonard A.
Held, Henry R.	Rabshal, John	Wegner, Charles E.
Heldt, Harold	Redeker, Burnett	Wehmhoener, Emil
Hilgedick, Norman	Rehmsmeier, Herman	Werning, Elmer
Hillebrenner, Emil	Ridder, William A.	Woltemath, Garret
Huscher Edward	Ruffner, Calvin	
	Sander, Robert	
	Schaefer, Emmett	
	Schaefer, Gilbert	

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Early Worship

8:30 a.m.

Worship with

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Tommy Faris

Pastor

Sarah J. Berry

Secretary

Doris Jane Stoner

Organist

Jamie Smith

Music Director

Anne Iles

Youth Music Director

Lowell Grumke

Custodian

Delbert Goetz, President

Church Council

Mark Gross, President

Board of Elders

Judi Knipmeyer, President

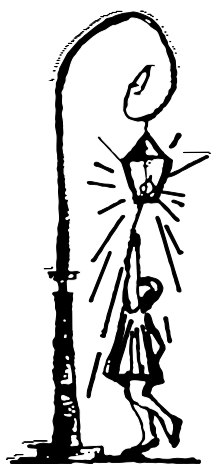
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