

WOMEN'S SUNDAY
February 5, 2012 10:30 a.m.

THE GATHERING

Organ Meditation

Welcome: **No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here.** "How good it is to sing praises to our God!" (Psalm 147:1, NRSV). Welcome to worship, as we join our voices in song. (Guests, Members and Friends, please take a moment to register your attendance today in the attendance pad located at the end of the pew.)

WELCOME

ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD

Ringling of the Bell

Organ Prelude "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Page

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Good people of the church, Lift up your eyes and see.

All: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God greets us here.

Leader: Good servants of the Most High, open your ears to hear.

All: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God meets us here.

Leader: Good children of the light, open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

All: For we have seen, heard and known, from the beginning to the end, Our God...is.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Great Is the Lord" #31

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)**

**Eternal God, Creator of the universe...and then some.
We call on you, you who greet us here. We give you thanks for making it possible to gather, and to ponder your eternal**

mysteries. Make us, creatures of this time and space, ready collaborators with your endless grace. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#622

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

YOUTH CHOIR

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Joyce Holley

HYMN OF PRAYER "I Love You, Lord" #80 (twice)
(Please write your joys and concerns on the card and hand it to the usher during the hymn)

JOYS AND CONCERNS Preparation for prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts" and "debtors")

MORNING OFFERING

Offertory "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Bish

*Doxology

*Dedication Prayer (Unison)

Wherever we go, O God, we find you there. In darkness and in light. In the wings of morning and the depths of the sea. You know who we are, and you love us deeply and unceasingly. Take our gifts. Take our lives. Take our hopes and dreams, and shape them anew for the good of your children, and the wondrous creation of which we are all a part. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostle's Creed

ANTHEM "I'll Walk With God" Brodzky
Women's Choir

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c (O.T. p. 549)
Mark 1: 29-39 (N.T. p. 33)

SERMON: “REACHING OUT”
Pastor Betty Thaller, Licensed Associate

THE SENDING

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #463

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “Come, Thou Almighty King” Page

The Worship Service is over and our Service begins.

**Indicates that those who are able should stand.*

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Joyce Holley – Interim Pastor

Pastor Betty Thaller - Licensed Associate Pastor

Women’s Fellowship Members

Doris Jane Stoner – Organist

Jamie Smith –Women’s Choir Director/Pianist

Ann Iles – Youth Choir Director

Confirmand – Acolyte

IN OUR PRAYERS: Hospitalized this past week:

Marie Knipmeyer, Centerpoint Medical Center.

Elmer Werning, St. Luke’s Hospital of KC.

Teresa Schowengerdt, Western Missouri Medical Center.

Fae Franke, Western Missouri Medical Center.

WELCOME: Today is Scout Sunday and we would like to welcome all Scouts that are worshiping with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Journey Youth Group will be collecting today at all the exits for “Souper Bowl of Caring”. All donations will go to the Higginsville Food Pantry.

EVE CIRCLE-February 7, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Salem, hostess, B.J. Salyer, program Judy Struchtemeyer.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: On Sunday, February 12, Rev. Michael Christensen will preach a trial sermon and following the 10:30 a.m. service a vote of the congregation will be taken for his acceptance as Salem’s Senior Pastor.

**OPEN HOUSE WELCOME FOR
REV. MICHAEL AND GAIL CHRISTENSEN**

Please join the Search Committee, Church Council and Board of Elders in welcoming Reverend Michael Christensen and his wife Gail to Salem! An open house reception will be held on **Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** This gathering will give everyone the opportunity to meet Michael and Gail prior to his trial sermons on Sunday, February 12th. Please come join in this fellowship and have a chance to visit with the candidate for our new Sr. Pastor position. We are very excited to welcome Rev. Christensen and Gail to our church and community!

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REQUEST:

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve Souper Suppers at Salem on February 20, and March 26. Please call the church office if you are interested and your name will be added to the list. Thank you.

REMINDER: The Lamplighter, Church Calendar and Bulletin can all be found on the church’s webpage: www.ctcis.net/~salemucc/ . Check us out on Facebook.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND OPEN HOUSE: For Roger Mason is scheduled for Saturday, February 18 from 1-4:00 p.m. in the Salem Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary. A musical dedication will be held in the sanctuary beginning at 2:00 p.m. Roger was the music director for nine years beginning in 1968 at Lafayette County C-1. He and his wife Shirley were active in Salem and sang in the Church Choir.

INVITATION: Any choir member (former or present) who knew or sang with Mr. Mason is invited to sing in the combined choir on February 18. There will be a short practice at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary before the open house.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE SOCK HOP

When: February 19, 6:00 pm.

Where: Assembly Room at Salem UCC

Sponsor: Evangelism Committee

Food: Hot dogs and ice cream floats (root beer orange, etc.) will be served by YOM for a free will donation.

Entertainment will be provided by "The Lollipops" from Odessa.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday, February 20 in observance of President's Day.

UP COMING DATES:

February 11-Open House for Rev. Michael & Gail Christensen, 2-5:00 p.m.

February 12-Trial sermons for Rev. Christensen
Special Congregational Meeting

February 18-Celebration of Life & Open House for Roger Mason, 1-4:00 p.m.

February 22-Ash Wednesday Service at Central Christian Church, 6:30 p.m.

February 26-YOM Big Dinner, Cake and Pie Auction

February 29-Lenten Meal-5:45 p.m. (Salem Dining Room)

Lenten Service-6:30 p.m. (Salem Dining Room)

COMMUNITY NEWS:

BLOOD MOBILE: Will be at Immanuel Lutheran School Gym on Tuesday, February 28 from 1:30-7:00 p.m. To make an appointment, please call Carol Tankesley (584-3577 or Mary Louise Fisher (584-2743).

FEBRUARY SOUPER SUPPER SCHEDULE:

(All Suppers are 5:30-6:30 p.m.)

Sunday, February 19 - Presbyterian Church

Monday, February 20 - Salem UCC

Tuesday, February 21 - Central Christian Church

Wednesday, February 22 - St. Mary's Catholic Church

Thursday, February 23 - First Baptist Church

NOTE: The nursery room is open and available for parents who would like to take their child there and stay with them.

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

STEWARDSHIP IN PRACTICE: D2BD invites you to recycle your Sunday bulletins should you choose not to take them home. Please see the recycling boxes.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: If you need hearing assistance, please see an usher.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

February 5, thru February 12, 2012

- Sunday –** **WOMEN'S SUNDAY**
SCOUT SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. Early Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Journey
- Monday -** **3:15 p.m. 1st Year Confirmation**
6:00 p.m. Wolf
6:30 p.m. Bear Den
- Tuesday –** **Afternoon Quilting**
6:00 p.m. Daisy's
7:00 p.m. Eve Circle
- Wednesday -** **10:30 a.m. Lafayette Area Pastor's Mtg.**
6:30 p.m. F.I.S.H. 153
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- Thursday –** **Afternoon Quilting**
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders
- Saturday-** **7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast**
2-5:00 p.m. Open House for
Rev. Michael and Gail Christensen
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