



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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September 2024

Mission Statement: We are followers of Jesus, in the process of discerning what we need to let go of and what we need to embrace so we can be a light of Christ in the world.



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Inclusive Language & Worship

Recently our Salem Worship Ministry voted for us to update our Doxology to use more inclusive language. We will be instituting this change in worship on September 15th. I encourage everyone to read this article so we can be intentional about our faith and worship together.

As a community, we recognize the profound impact that language has on our understanding of God and each other. Our words shape our faith, and inclusive language helps us express the fullness of God's love in ways that welcome everyone.

Why We're Updating the Doxology

The decision to update our doxology is rooted in our commitment to inclusivity. Traditional gender-specific language, while familiar, can unintentionally exclude some people. By using more inclusive language, we acknowledge that God transcends human categories like gender, allowing everyone to see themselves reflected in our worship.

Here's a look at the changes:

- "Praise God from whom all blessings flow;" replaces "Him" with "God" to emphasize God's divine nature beyond gender.
- "Praise God, all creatures here below;" invites all of creation to join in praise, highlighting the universal scope of God's blessings.
- "Praise God for all that love has done;" shifts focus to love as the core of our relationship with God and each other.
- "Creator, Christ, and Spirit One;" honors the Trinity without using gender-specific titles, reflecting God's all-encompassing nature.

The Impact on Our Worship

This change is a step toward making our worship more inclusive, ensuring that everyone feels valued and loved. While it may take some time to adjust, we believe this updated doxology will help deepen our collective connection to God and to each other. Let us embrace this new language as a reflection of our church's commitment to inclusivity and love. Together, we can create a more welcoming and inclusive community for all.

Blessings, *Pastor Matt*

Sunday, Sept 22 10:15 am
Help decide:
• priorities
• next step
• who will participate



Fifty students in Quincy Elementary Schools started school fully equipped with a backpack and required supplies. Thanks to everyone who donated supplies or cash to purchase them—and to the volunteers who put them together!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 2024

Birthdays

- 9/4 Katie Hoffman
Patti Tipton
- 9/5 Kelsey Vail
- 9/16 Washington Tipton
- 9/17 Ed Hibbert
Kelly Klingele
- 9/18 Dorothy Baker
Mary Tipton
- 9/23 Julia Liesen
- 9/25 Sophia Brice
- 9/29 Glen Lantz
Sam McKelvie
Gabriel Tipton
- 9/30 Laurie Charity

Anniversaries

- 9/11 Patti & Richard McNay
- 9/29 Kathy & Curt Fauble

Coming Soon!



**Bell Choir & Choristers
Rehearsal—Tues, Sept 10**

Breathe Deep
Sept 1—9:00am

**Do you or a loved one need
prayer? Are you or a loved
one in the hospital?**

Please notify the office at:
office@salemquincy.org
or call 217-222-0601
for prayer
and support.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, September 1

- 9:00 am: Breathe Deep Worship
with Communion
- 10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Saturday, September 7

- 11:00 am—5:00 pm: United
Hearts Family Fest, Trinity
Church
- 11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, September 8

- 9:00 am: Salem Worship
- 10:00 am: Fall Kickoff Brunch
- 10:15 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, September 10

- 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 pm: Choristers Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 11

- 6:00 pm: Ministries

Thursday, September 12

- 4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, September 14

- 10:30 am: Paws & Prayers—
Pet Food Distribution
- 11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, September 15

- 9:00 am: Worship
- 10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, September 17

- 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 18

- 5:30 pm: Evening Guild
- 6:00 pm: VMST

Friday, September 20

Newsletter deadline

Saturday, September 21

- 11:30 am: Health Fair—
Toiletries Distribution
- 11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, September 22

- 9:00 am: Salem Worship
- 10:15 am: Input Meeting
- 10:30 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge
- 10:00 am—6:00 pm: Pride in
the Park

Tuesday, September 24

- 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 pm: Praise Band Rehearsal

Thursday, September 26

- 4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, September 28

- 11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, September 29

- 9:00 am: Salem Worship
- 10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge
- 10:30 am: Set up Fall Rummage
Sale

Monday, September 30

- 8:00 am: Set up Fall Rummage
Sale



*This is the confidence we have in approaching God:
that if we ask anything according to God's will, God
hears us. 1 JOHN 5:14*

Carolyn Carper
Laurie Charity
Savannah Coelho's
grandparents
Gary Daggett
Cindy Davis &
Family

Victoria Dry
Denise Eastman
Bob Fox
Wanda Hamann-
Salsman
Paula Jones
Tammy Meyer

Jenni Moran
Doug Olson
Valerie Ortbal
Duane Phillips
Heidi Shaw
Robert Sronce
Joyce Winn



CLEAN
donations
accepted from
September 30
thru **October 3.**

Friday, October 4 – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday, October 5 – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday - \$1 Bag Day
Salem Fellowship Hall

Brunch - Sept 8

FALL KICKOFF


*Breakfast casserole provided
you bring coffee cake or fruit*



David Schaffer was joined by Mike Carter on bass and keyboard for the August Breathe Deep service. Wonderful music—come back soon, Mike, and great job as always, David! Thanks for your music ministry!

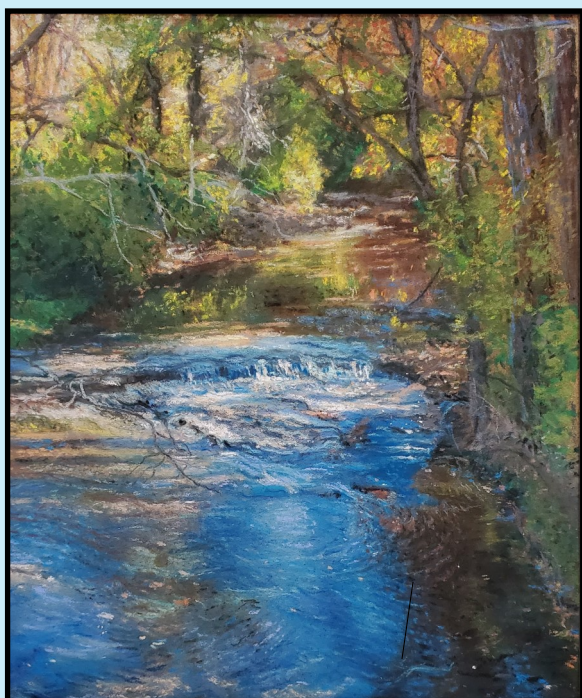


Axel & Flossie Stitt learning Candle Lighting 101 from the Master, Rich Clouser.



*Meeting
Reminder!*

The Evening Guild will return from a summer break and will meet at 5:30pm on Wednesday, September 18 in the Lounge. The primary item for discussion is the Fall Rummage Sale.



Catherine Verneti was a participant in a recent Quincy Art Guild show and sale at the Cheryl Loatsch Studio. Shown here are two of the works that she submitted.

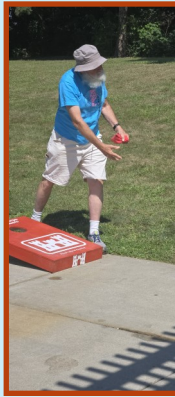
Other members of the Salem family are members of the Quincy Art Guild — Victoria Dry, Connie Mowen, and Sue Welch — but they did not submit works for this year's show.



End-of-Summer Picnic at Moorman Park



 Church Picnic



MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL

Mental health is
a universal
human
right



"God will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth." (Isaiah 42:4)



Salem Church is a sponsor of this event.

2024

PRIDE IN THE PARK

SEPTEMBER 22 CLAT ADAMS PARK

What is the "Neighbors in Need" special mission offering?

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is "Mental Health Justice For All!"

This year's focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

- 9/22 NIN Special Offering Flyer handed out at worship
- 9/29 NIN Envelopes handed out (no video this year)
- 10/6 Neighbors In Need Special Offering Collected (this is also World Communion Sunday)



The Good Samaritan Home Foundation presents the

United Hearts Family Fest
Saturday, September 7, 2024
11:00am - 5:00pm
Trinity Church ♦ 2020 S 24th St. ♦ Quincy IL

All proceeds from this event support the mission of The Good Samaritan Home Foundation.

FAMILY - FUN - FELLOWSHIP

- Entertainment**
 - Stealin' Copper: 11:00A - 1:30P
 - Silver Bullet Band: 2:00P - 5:00P
 - Mississippi Mind Trap Escape Room
 - Holding Hearts Quarter Auction
- Local Food & Drink Trucks**
 - Kohl Wholesale Food Tent
 - Angel Shack
 - Sweet Tweets
 - the opal bakery shop
 - Beer & Wine Stands
- Games & More**
 - Trinity UCC Make & Take Crafts
 - Bounce Houses & Obstacle Course
 - Carnival & Yard Games
 - Dunk Tank

Salem Church is a sponsor of this event.



- October 6: *The Paradox of Losing to Find*
 - October 13: *Letting Go of Self-Preservation*
 - October 20: *Discovering True Life in Surrender*
 - October 27: *Living Out the Way of Jesus Together*
- All sessions run from 4:30-6:30 pm.

*Finding Life in Losing:
Embracing the Way of Jesus*

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS
Matthew 16:24-26



Family Outing to Sheridan Swim Club

