



# SALEM CHURCH

*God is still speaking*

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**October 2024**

*Proposed Mission Statement: Building a community around the love of Jesus where all are welcome.*



Rev. Matthew Hunt

## Neighbors in Need Offering – October 6, 2024

Dear Church Family,

This year, we have the opportunity to participate in the Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering, which will be collected on October 6, 2024, during our World Communion Sunday service. The theme for 2024

is **“Mental Health Justice For All!”** As many of you know, mental health justice is a cause close to our hearts, and this year, our offering supports this important work.

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 those facing mental health challenges are respected and upheld, no matter where they are on their journey.

As we promote this year’s campaign, **“Mental Health is a Universal Human Right,”** we ask you to join us in supporting those whose mental health needs are often overlooked or marginalized. One-third of the offering will go toward the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), and two-thirds will support UCC justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through our Justice and Witness Ministries.

We encourage you to give generously and consider making a gift **over and above your normal giving** as we strive to make a real difference in the lives of those affected by mental health

challenges. While we will take this offering on October 6, contributions are welcome at any time throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and commitment to building a more just and compassionate world.

With gratitude and peace,  
**Pastor Matt**



Salem’s booth at Pride in the Park—thanks to all who volunteered to staff it!

Salem Operating Account - 2024				
Month	Income	Expense	Amount Used From Endowment	YTD Amount Used From Endowment
Jan	\$ 17,624.82	\$ 30,225.95	(\$12,601.13)	(\$12,601.13)
Feb	\$ 11,655.85	\$ 25,342.36	(\$13,686.51)	(\$26,287.64)
Mar	\$ 19,823.47	\$ 32,167.78	(\$12,344.31)	(\$38,631.95)
Apr	\$ 14,819.83	\$ 23,464.27	(\$8,644.44)	(\$47,276.39)
May	\$ 10,523.46	\$ 26,275.70	(\$15,752.24)	(\$63,028.63)
Jun	\$ 16,596.73	\$ 25,166.54	(\$8,569.81)	(\$71,598.44)
Jul	\$ 14,950.45	\$ 25,163.63	(\$10,213.18)	(\$81,811.62)
Aug	\$ 7,346.75	\$ 31,040.90	(\$23,694.15)	(\$105,505.77)
Total	\$ 113,341.36	\$ 218,847.13	(\$105,505.77)	(\$105,505.77)

Saturday Meal Numbers for 2024 January - August		
Month	Total All Meals	Weekly Average
January	282	71
February	362	72
March	472	94
April	309	77
May	311	78
June	484	97
July	385	96
August	557	111
<b>Total Year-to-Date</b>		<b>3162</b>
<b>Weekly Average</b>		<b>90</b>
<b>Monthly Average</b>		<b>395</b>

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## October 2024

### Birthdays

10/4 Denise Eastman  
 10/20 Kathy Fauble  
 10/25 Kevin Deege

### Anniversaries

10/5 Lora & Kyle Vail  
 10/16 Cindy & James Davis  
 10/19 Savannah Coelho & Jacob Zimmerman  
 10/28 Jenni & Tom Moran  
 Marilyn & Ken Abbath



Pastor Matt wore an appropriate shirt on the day of Pride in the Park, of which Salem was a sponsor.



*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*

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| Carolyn Carper                 | Paula Jones          |
| Laurie Charity                 | Tammy Meyer          |
| Savannah Coelho's grandparents | Jenni Moran          |
| Gary Daggett                   | Connie Sue Novotny   |
| Cindy Davis & Family           | Valerie Ortbal       |
| Victoria Dry                   | Wanda Hamann-Salsman |
| Bob Fox                        | Joyce Winn           |
| Steve Hibbard                  |                      |

## Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, October 1**  
 8:00 am: Set up Rummage Sale  
 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:45 pm: Choristers Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 2**  
 8:00 am: Set up Rummage Sale

**Thursday, October 3**  
 8:00 am: Set up Rummage Sale

**Friday, October 4**  
 8:30 am: Fall Rummage Sale

**Saturday, October 5**  
 8:00 am: Fall Rummage Sale  
 11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
 Saturday Meals

**Sunday, October 6**  
 9:00 am: Breathe Deep Worship with Communion; *Neighbors in Need Special Offering*  
 10:00 am: Youth and Adult Re:Charge  
 4:30 pm: Connect Groups

**Tuesday, October 8**  
 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:45 pm: Choristers Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 9**  
 6:00 pm: Ministries

**Thursday, October 10**  
 4:00 pm: Loads of Love

**Saturday, October 12**  
 10:30 am: Paws & Prayers—  
 Pet Food Distribution  
 11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
 Saturday Meals

**Sunday, October 13**  
 9:00 am: Salem Worship  
 10:00 am: Youth and Adult Re:Charge  
 10:00 am: Loads of Love Fund-raiser  
 4:30 pm: Connect Groups



**Tuesday, October 15**  
 6:45 pm: Praise Team Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 16**  
 5:30 pm: Evening Guild

**Saturday, October 19**  
 11:30 am: Health Fair—  
 Toiletries Distribution  
 11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
 Saturday Meals

**Sunday, October 20**  
*Newsletter deadline*  
 9:00 am: Worship  
 10:00 am: Youth and Adult Re:Charge  
 4:30 pm: Connect Groups  
 5:30 pm: Salem Autumn Fest, Mill Creek Farm

**Tuesday, October 22**  
 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:45 pm: Praise Team Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 24**  
 4:00 pm: Loads of Love

**Saturday, October 26**  
 11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
 Saturday Meals

**Sunday, October 27**  
 9:00 am: Salem Worship  
 10:00 am: Youth and Adult Re:Charge

4:30 pm: Connect Groups

**Tuesday, October 29**  
 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 30**  
 6:00 pm: VMST

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 42:9)

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 NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2024  
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**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



*Breathe Deep*  
Oct 6 – 9:00am



Salem Choristers made their fall debut. Joining veterans Sue Welch, Katie Hoffman, Cassie Koch, Annette Newquist, and Sharon Higgins are Catey and Aurora Hellige, mother and daughter. Missing from the photo are Judy Bushaus and Barb Edwards.



Debbie Husar and Adam Spory facilitating an 'input' session to help identify priorities and the next steps in implementation of those priorities.



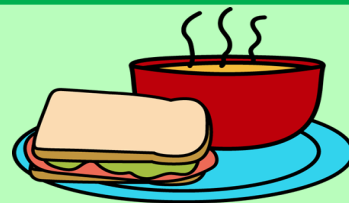
## Salem Autumn Fest

The autumn event is October 20 from 5:30-7:30 at Mill Creek Farm. We will have a hayride, bonfire with hotdogs & s'mores, corn maze and pumpkin decorating.

Everything will be provided. We want people to come with stories to tell around the bonfire, and we will have music.

People are encouraged to bring friends & family. RSVP to the church office/email by Oct 16. No costumes, please, because of safety issues with the fire and corn maze.

## Soup-port Your Favorite Sports Team



**Sunday, October 13 after worship**



**Wear your favorite sports team's jersey (or t-shirt)**

A fun-raiser for Loads of Love—*soup, sandwiches, and dessert available for a free will offering—takeout only!*



**This outreach mission requires \$1600 every month to operate! Please help ensure that it continues to serve others!**

## connect groups

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 Fun at The District Art Gallery

