



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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January 2025

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



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Our January Sermon Series: “Stepping into the Unknown” gives us a chance to focus on embracing courage and faith as we face uncertainty. We are actually better at uncertainty than we think we are! Every day come with uncertainty, it is just that some types of uncertainty are easier to navigate

than others. January will give us for weeks to give some thought on troubling uncertainty, and further thought into how it connects to our relationship with God. For sure, God wants to help us and see us thrive. Stepping into the unknown is courageous and powerful for our lives. Find out what God has to say about it, and how we can faithfully walk with God in such times. I look forward to these four weeks with you!

Blessings,

Pastor Matt

JANUARY SERMON SERIES

January 2025 I have a sermon series planned, so make a mental note and mark your calendars!

Sermon Series: "Stepping into the Unknown"

Focus: Embracing courage and faith as we face uncertainty.

January 5, 2025 (Epiphany Sunday):

"The Courage to Follow" (Matthew 2:1-12)
The Magi's bold journey into the unknown.

January 12, 2025 (Baptism of the Lord):

"Trusting the Voice of God" (Mark 1:4-11)
Jesus' baptism as a model of faith in God's call.

January 19, 2025: "Venturing in Faith" (John 1:43-51) Following Jesus into unfamiliar paths.

January 26, 2025: "Casting Nets into Deep Water" (Mark 1:14-20)

Trusting Jesus' call to take risks for the sake of the Gospel.

SALEM EVENING GUILD WILL NOT BE HOLDING MEETINGS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, OR MARCH OF 2025.

WE WILL BE BACK ON APRIL 16TH AT 5:30PM IN THE LOUNGE TO DISCUSS THE UP COMING RUMMAGE SALE ON APRIL 25TH AND 26TH.

HAVE A NICE WINTER, PRESIDENT WANDA



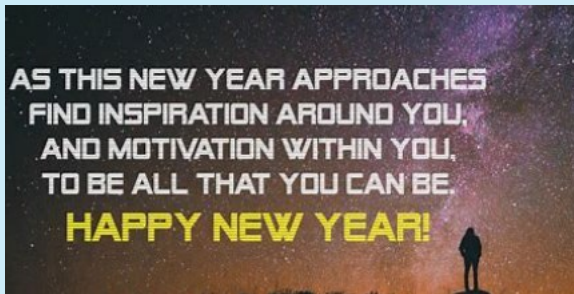
Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 2025

Birthdays

- 1/5 Jacob Zimmerman
- 1/9 Patti McNay
- 1/11 Ric Hillebrenner
- 1/12 Charlotte Moore
- 1/13 Carl Spory
- 1/15 Jayne Clouser
Doris Jones
- 1/16 Jordan Fuller
- 1/18 Becky Emerson
- 1/19 Bud Bushaus
- 1/23 Mary Huseman
- 1/24 Carol Eddy
Mary Witte
- 1/28 Barb Edwards
- 1/29 Alicia Laughlin
- 1/31 Norma Spory

Anniversaries— Judy and Bud Bushaus



Dates to Remember

Saturday, January 4
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, January 5
9:00am: Salem Worship
10:00 am Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Wednesday, January 8
6:00 pm: Ministries

Thursday, January 9
4:00 pm: Loads of Love

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

Sunday, January 12
9:00 am: Salem Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Wednesday, January 15
6:00 pm: VMST

Saturday, January 18
11:30 am: Household/Toiletries Distribution
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals
Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 19
9:00 am: Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, January 21
5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23
4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, January 25
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, January 26
9:00 am: Salem Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, January 28
5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 29th
6:00 pm: VMST Meeting

**Church Office open
Tuesday and Thursday,
9:00 to noon**



Welcome NEW members!!

(left to right)

Ed and Debbie Hibbert, Catherine Hellige and Dan Hellige





Catherine Hellige performs a beautiful solo!

Prayer Request

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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| Leah Brice | Steve Hibbard |
| Judy Bushaus | Bill Mitchell |
| Carolyn Carper | Wanda Hamann–Salsman |
| Laurie Charity | Joyce Winn |
| Gary Daggett | Laurel Mackenzie |
| Cindy Davis and Family | Rosie Foster |
| Victoria Dry | Pat Brayman |
| Bob Fox | |

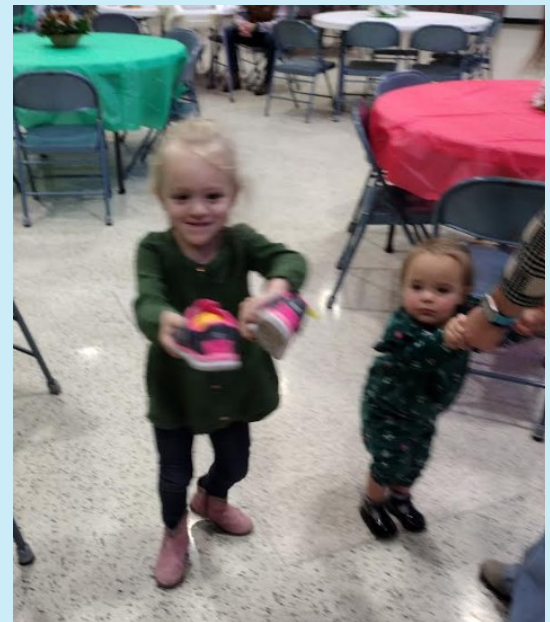


St. Nicholas left surprises for our kids at the Christmas party!

Gracy Spory, Alex Spory, Axel Stitt (back), Aurora Hellige, and Audrey Hoffman



Cleo and Gwen Zimmerman



Cocoa and Carols at Good Sam's Home!

Linsey Laughlin, Cassie Koch, Barb Edwards, Katie Hoffman, Catherine Verneti, and Adam Spory



Joel and Cassie Koch are excited to announce that their son Oliver Koch is baptized!



Heather Spory, Gwen Zimmerman, Tom Moran, Oliver Koch, and Savannah Zimmerman-Coelho



Oliver Koch, Felicity Koch, Catey Hellige, Dan Hellige, and Alicia Laughlin see how many marshmallows they can capture with cups on their hands!



Oliver Koch, Audrey Hoffman, Barb Edwards, and Felicity Koch at the Faith Trek Christmas Party.



David Schaffer, Heather Spory, Gracy Spory, and Alex Spory



Audrey Hoffman, Katie Hoffman, Joel Koch (back), Cleo Zimmerman, Aurora Hellige, Cassie Koch, Flossy Stitt, and Hadley Moran



The Salem Bell Choir

Back row (left to right): Debbie Husar, Leah Brice, David Schaffer, and Sharon Higgins

Front row (left to right): Linsey Laughlin, Katie Hoffman, Cassie Koch, and Sue Welch

Jeannie Kanauss is the director.



Audrey Hoffman, Barb Edwards, Felicity Koch, Flossy Stitt, Hadley Moran, Alex Spory, Ezra Elder, Gracey Spory, Aurora Hellige, Axel Stitt, and Linsey Laughlin play pass the parcel!