



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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February 2025

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



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Christmas has ended. We are in the middle of our four week sermon series, *Stepping Into the Unknown* and things are moving along quickly in 2025. So take a deep breath...you made it this far! Well done! Yet, this year holds many beautiful opportunities for mission and ministry. There continue to be

things to dream about, and things that require our action.

Dreaming is an important part of ministry. In Isaiah, God dreams about the lion laying down with the lamb. Martin Luther King Jr dreamt about equality, justice, and freedom prevailing over racism, oppression, and hatred. I see God gifting dreams to those at Salem Church as well.

What do you dream about? Where is God moving you? Warming centers for the homeless? Affordable housing for those limited financially? Eliminating homelessness? Expanded youth ministry at Salem?

Part of the reason we gather together as a congregation four times a year after worship is to communicate with one another. Sharing our dreams for ministry is exciting and important. It is Important for you to share and it's important for us to hear.

So start paying attention to those dreams. You are God's beloved, and in you God is well pleased.

Blessings,
Pastor Matt



! IMPORTANT !
ANNOUNCEMENT

When entering the hospital, please let them know you are a member of Salem Church.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 2025

Birthdays

- 2/1 Keith Deege
- 2/9 Jared Tipton
- 2/10 Carla Daggett
- 2/12 Marilyn Maiers
- 2/13 Sylvia Baxter
Ezra Elder
Arleta Hollyman
- 2/14 Carol Hochgraber
Gracy Spory
- 2/20 Leah Brice
Patti Hibbard
- 2/24 Kathy Willing
- 2/25 Sue Stewart
- 2/28 Nora Fuller



Dates to Remember

Saturday, February 1

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, February 2

9:00am: Salem Worship
10:00 am Youth and Adult Re:Charge
11:15 am– Valentine's Day Party

Tuesday, February 4

4:30 pm : Property Task Force
5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:45 pm : Choristers Rehearsal

Saturday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

6:00 pm: Ministries Meetings

Thursday, February 13

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, February 15

11:30 am: Household/Toiletries Distribution
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, February 16

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

Tuesday, February 18

5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:45 pm :Breathe Deep Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 19

6:00 pm: VMST Meeting

Thursday, February 20

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, February 22

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 25

5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:45 pm: Breathe Deep Rehearsal

Thursday, February 27

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

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

Sunday, February 2nd
Valentine's Day Party following Recharge!
Crafts, light refreshment, and general merry making!
Hosted by: The Connections Ministry



Monthly Highlights



Faith Trek secure **FIRST** place at the trivia night fundraiser!

Front Row– Adam Spory, Heather Spory, Cassie Koch, Linsey Laughlin

Back Row– Tom Moran, Kirsten Stitt, Brian Stitt, Joel Koch, Katie Hoffman, Audrey Hoffman

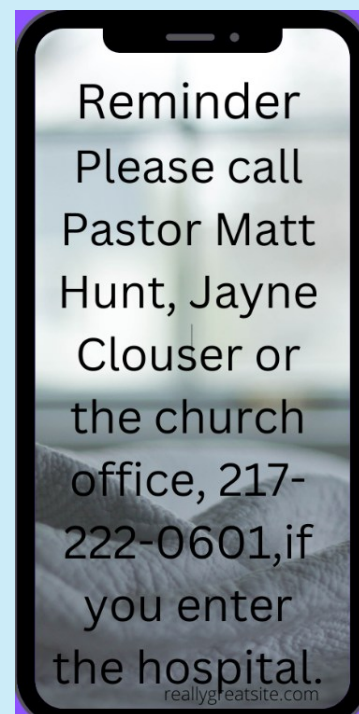


This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to God's will, God hears us.
1 JOHN 5:14

Carolyn Carper	Wanda Hamann–
Laurie Charity	Salsman
Gary Daggett	Joyce Winn
Cindy Davis and	Rosie Foster
Family	Pat Brayman
Victoria Dry	Donna Tappe
Bob Fox	Charmaine Starman
Steve Hibbard	
Bill Mitchell	



Kendra Hunt played beautifully for the congregation on Sunday, January 19th!



Salem United Church of Christ Operating Account - 2024

Month	Income	Expense	Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	YTD Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets
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)
Sep	\$ 15,839.75	\$ 21,618.41	(\$5,778.66)	(\$111,284.43)
Oct	\$ 7,895.81	\$ 24,046.12	(\$16,150.31)	(\$127,434.74)
Nov	\$ 10,409.11	\$ 20,107.15	(\$9,698.04)	(\$137,132.78)
Dec	\$ 18,032.76	\$ 20,704.33	(\$2,671.57)	(\$139,804.35)
Total	\$ 165,518.79	\$ 305,323.14	(\$139,804.35)	(\$139,804.35)

Amount Used from Endowments to Cover Deficit



Salem United Church of Christ Benevolence Funds (First Bankers Trust)

Funds to be distributed on 1/30/2025

Fund Name	12/31/2024
Harvest Home	\$ 210.00
Neighbors in Need	\$ 496.40
UCC Christmas Fund	\$ -
OCWM - Our Churches Wider Mission	\$ -
Local Benevolence	\$ 1,575.00
Unrestricted Memorials	\$ 27,868.57
All Youth Fund	\$ 2,678.04
Weekly Benevolence	\$ 2,135.00
Heritage Giving	\$ 43,397.63
Heritage Memorials	\$ 929.92
BJ's Café/Saturday Meals	\$ 4,697.33
Loads of Love	\$ 10,566.80
Paws and Prayers Pet Ministry	\$ 8,173.07
Health Fair	\$ 9,157.68
God's Garden	\$ 2,361.73
Winn's Education Fund	\$ 3,572.00
Pastors Discretionary Fund	\$ 716.87
Leonhart Grant Fund	\$ 1,291.20
Salem Music Fund	\$ 1,173.47
Sound Room/Technology Fund	\$ 182.08
Unmet Needs Fund	\$ 2,113.42
Wedding Fund	\$ 3,629.35
School Supplies Fund	\$ 782.23
Total Benevolence Fund	\$ 127,707.79