



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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June 2023



Rev. Matthew Hunt

First, I would like to thank the fine folks of this congregation (and beyond) who upheld my son, Wesley and his family in your prayers. Wesley had successful open-heart surgery on May 4th, and he is recovering nicely at the Hunt household right here in Quincy. You may even see him in worship, soon.

I feel good about us finally getting the Breathe Deep Worship launched at a later time, in the sanctuary. Of course, our worship team met, and we are already planning for the one in June. The Connections Ministry is planning a cook-out for us following that worship service, so come to worship hungry — spiritually and physically!

I also wanted to celebrate with you that Jayne and I have been meeting with 6+ people who are newer to Salem as part of our Journey 2 classes. We are having a wonderful time together bonding, growing together in God, and building community. I have seen this faith community grow in our ability to welcome new people, and create meaningful places for new people to connect with God.

Well done — and keep it up! And, keep our Journey 2 class in your prayers.

Blessings.



Congratulations to Jane Mitchell on her recent baptism! It's been a pleasure being with Jane and her wife, Kelly Klingele, at Sunday worship and getting to know them at coffee and fellowship afterwards. (photo by Jenni Moran)

What do you like about Salem Church?



I like Sunday School because we get to talk with other kids. I also really like service because if you're little and you don't really want to listen, they have toys to play with, and I think that's really smart.

— Hadley

It's 'B-ginning' to look a lot like Summer...

Burgers, Brats, Balloons,
Bubbles, Bingo, Buddies



Please join us on Sunday, June 4 after service. We're planning a fun time with a BBQ, games, bingo, the great outdoors, and time to just relax and have fellowship with each other.

We'll supply hamburgers, brats, hotdogs, buns, condiments, drinks, and table service. Please bring a side dish to share as well as a lawn chair if you'd like to sit outside.

Please RSVP by May 28 to Barb at:
bje12854bje@yahoo.com





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

Ralph Baxter	Keyana Frost
Connie Boling	Wes Hunt
Tim Brice	Carolyn Kaiser
Judy Bushaus	Marilyn Maiers
Carolyn Carper	Jenni Moran
Laurie Charity	Jillian (Connie Sue
Gary Daggett	Novotny niece)
Cindy Davis &	Wanda Hamann-
Family	Salsman
Victoria Dry	Joyce Winn
Denise Eastman	

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Dates to Remember

Saturday, June 3

9:00 am: Breakfast Bunch
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, June 4

9:30 am: Youth and Adult Re:Charge
10:30 am: Breathe Deep Worship with Communion
11:30 am: Beginning to Look Like Summer BBQ

Tuesday, June 6

4:30 pm: Property Task Force

Thursday, June 8

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, June 10

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

Sunday, June 11

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

Wednesday, June 14

6:00 pm: Ministries



Saturday, June 17

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

Sunday, June 18

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

Tuesday, June 20

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, June 21

5:30 pm: Evening Guild

Thursday, June 22

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, June 24

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, June 25

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

Wednesday, June 28

6:00 pm VMST

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

On June 4th an updated church directory will be available. This will include names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses—but no photos. You may pick one up during fellowship time on June 4th or at the church office on Tuesday or Thursday.



Backpack Fundraiser

Each year, Salem Church members purchase 50 backpacks and the school supplies needed to fill them. Members donate supplies and backpacks or cash contributions. We cover 4th Grade based on a list supplied by teachers. The list is available in participating stores; most of our supplies are purchased from Staples and Walmart as they have the best sales.

The Back-To-School fair is held in August. A week before, volunteers meet at the church to help pack the backpacks. On the Friday before the fair, we transport filled backpacks to Iles Elementary School where they are distributed to students.

Co-chairs of this annual outreach ministry are Judy Bushaus & Carol Hillenbrenner

IMPACT OF SALEM'S OUTREACH MISSIONS

Every month, Salem volunteers contribute to the community in many ways—but we don't always know the extent and impact of those contributions. We will use this newsletter to share that information for better awareness.

BJ's Café / Saturday Meals: In the period from Sat, 4/22, through Sat, 5/20, 399 meals were served.

Loads of Love: On two Thursdays—4/28 and 5/11— 60 people received assistance with their family's laundry, receiving up to \$20 for the washers and dryers.

Paws and Prayers: On May 13, this ministry provided 145 sacks & 10 cans of dog food, 97 bags & 36 cans of cat food, 18 bags of dog treats, 6 bags of cat treats, and 41 miscellaneous items (leashes, bowls, toys, blankets, coats).

Health Fair: On May 20, Health Fair volunteers provided 85 grateful people with items.

Salem is making a difference in our community.
Thanks to all the volunteers and to you for your support.



June 2023

Birthdays

6/5	Steve Akers
6/8	Duane Phillips
6/19	Paul Goehl
6/20	Sharon Higgins
6/21	Sue Ippensen
6/22	Andrew Fauble
6/28	Cindy Davis

Anniversaries

6/4	Patti & Steve Hibbard
6/6	Martha & Kevin Deege
6/9	Jill & Tony Gross
6/15	Cassie & Joel Koch
6/17	Catherine & Robert Verneti
6/18	Kathie & Larry Clark
6/20	Barb & Mike Edwards
6/30	Mary & Jim Tipton



Pictured are the members of the 'band' who provided music for the Breathe Deep service — Katie Hoffman, Barb Edwards, Cassie Koch, and David Shaffer. Also pictured is member -in-training, Felicity Koch. Thanks for sharing your talent!
(photo by Jenni Moran)

Breakfast Bunch

Saturday, June 3—9:00am

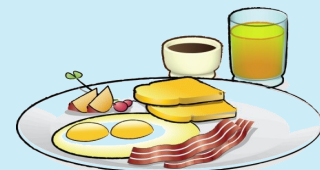
Down Home Restaurant

509 S. 9th Street, Quincy

Please RSVP to Cindy at 217-257-6970

Fellowship & Bible Study

All are welcome—come join us!



Welcome to two new babies to the Salem family! Pictured on the left are Jacob Zimmerman and Savannah Coelho with daughter Gwen and big sister Cleo.

On the right are Cassie and Joel Koch with son Oliver and big sister Felicity.



GOD'S GARDEN TAKING SHAPE

A work party day was held in April for God's Garden. Even though the rain cut it short, the volunteers accomplished quite a bit under the 'supervision' of Sue Welch. Barb and David moved two plastic pools to the Montessori section for their 'raised beds,' and four raised bed frames were assembled by Linsey, Alicia, Mike and David. The beds have been filled and planted and the entire garden has now been planted and starting to sprout. Chuck, Paul and Cheryl also came to help that day. Many hands were very much appreciated.



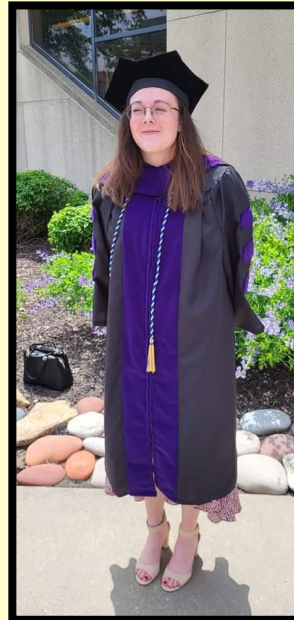
Congratulations!



Wesley Hunt graduated from WIU in December 2022 with a Bachelor Degree of Fine Arts in Music Business, and a minor in marketing. Wesley is the son of Rev. Matthew Hunt.



Katie Edwards Hoffman graduated from WIU with a Masters in Educational Leadership. Katie has attended Salem with her family since she was born.



Kelsey Vail received her Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law. Kelsey is the daughter of Lora & Kyle Vail and granddaughter of Marilyn & Ken Abbath.



John Husar will graduate on May 26 from Quincy High School. He plans to attend John Wood Community College, then transfer to Western Illinois University. John, the son of Debbie and Ed Husar, has grown up as part of the Salem Church family.