



# SALEM CHURCH

*God is still speaking*

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October 2023

**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

In 2023, the **Neighbors in Need** offering “BEHOLD!” theme continues. This year’s focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet!

We join with United Church of Christ congregations across the globe in promoting this year’s NIN “Behold!” special offering at Salem church. One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are allocated to Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

We will be handing out special envelopes before worship 9/24 & 10/1 and we will officially collect the offering on October 8, but monies can be given at any time. If giving a check, just write how much goes to our NIN offering. We do ask that this Special offering be over-and-above your normal giving, please.

This NIN offering is very special, in that it allows our congregation’s ministry to move beyond the walls of our church building and helps usher the realm of God across the globe. We join with our sisters and brothers in helping create a more just world. Thank you for praying about your giving. You can read more about NIN at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org).

*Pastor Matt*



**SALEM CONNECT GROUPS  
FALL 2023**

**THEME: JONAH 1-4**

*FINDING YOUR STORY  
IN JONAH'S STORY*

**WHEN: 1ST FOUR SUNDAYS  
OCTOBER, 4:30PM-6:30PM**

**SMALL GROUP  
SIGN-UPS BEGIN  
SEPTEMBER 17TH**



*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	Kent Lloyd
Connie Boling	Marilyn Maiers
Judy Bushaus	Jenni Moran
Carolyn Carper	David Myers
Laurie Charity	Connie Sue Novotny
Cindy Davis	Wanda Hamann-
Victoria Dry	Salsman
Denise Eastman	Lisa Samaroo
Madeline Hendricks	Robert Sronce
Ric Hillebrenner	Andy Tappe
Judah & Hannah	Johnny Turner
Imlah	Joyce Winn
Carolyn Kaiser	

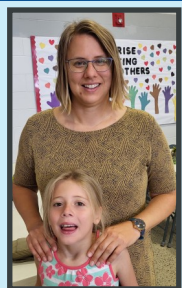


Bibles were presented to four Salem youth — Gracy, Ezra, Remi, and Hadley — at the September 17 service.

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

**What do you like about Salem?**

*I like the people at Salem. It's a very welcoming atmosphere. And I really value the programs for kids.*  
— Kerstin Stitt (and Flossie)



## Dates to Remember

### Sunday, October 1

9:30 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge  
10:30 am: Breathe Deep  
Worship with Communion  
4:30 pm: Fall Connect Groups

### Monday, October 2

8:00 am: Rummage Sale Setup

### Tuesday, October 3

8:00 am: Rummage Sale Setup  
4:30 pm: Property Task Force  
5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 4

8:00 am: Rummage Sale Setup

### Thursday, October 5

8:00 am: Rummage Sale Setup

### Friday, October 6

8:30 am: Rummage Sale

### Saturday, October 7

8:00 am: Rummage Sale  
9:00 am: Breakfast Bunch  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday  
Meals

### Sunday, October 8

8:15 am: Choristers Rehearsal  
9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge  
4:30 pm: Fall Connect Groups

### Tuesday, October 10

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

### Wednesday, October 11

6:00 pm: Ministries

### Thursday, October 12

4:00 pm: Loads of Love



### Saturday, October 14

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

### Sunday, October 15

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

4:30 pm: Fall Connect Groups

### Tuesday, October 17

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

### Wednesday, October 18

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

### Friday, October 20

*Newsletter Deadline*

### Saturday, October 21

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

### Sunday, October 22

9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge  
4:30 pm: Fall Connect Groups

### Tuesday, October 24

5:30pm: Handbell Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 26

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

### Saturday, October 28

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday  
Meals

### Sunday, October 29

8:15 am: Choristers Rehearsal  
9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge  
6:00 pm: Hayride and more! Mill  
Creek Farm

**Breathe Deep**  
Sunday, October 1—  
10:30 am



## 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 Saturday, 8/26, through Saturday, 9/16, **345 meals were served.**

**Loads of Love:** On two Thursdays — 8/24 and 9/14 — **86 people received assistance with their family's laundry, providing the means to wash 499 loads of laundry.**

**Paws and Prayers:** On September 10, this ministry provided **175 bags & 29 cans of dog food, 137 bags & 42 cans of cat food, 18 bags of dog treats, 4 bags of cat treats, and 39 miscellaneous items (leashes, bowls, toys, blankets, coats, collars, etc.).**

**God's Garden:** The garden is done for the year. Since we began harvesting, a total of **125 pounds of veggies have been donated to Quanada, Horizons or given to our guests at BJ's Café.**

**Health Fair:** On September 18, Health Fair volunteers **provided 100 grateful people with items to assist with personal hygiene.**

Salem is making a difference in our community.

Thanks to all the volunteers and to you for your support.



### October 2023

#### Birthdays

- 10/1 Scott Giltner  
Dave Lockhart
- 10/4 Denise Eastman
- 10/12 Sue Lockhart
- 10/20 Kathy Fauble
- 10/25 Kevin Deege  
Curtis Moore
- 10/26 Ralph Baxter

#### Anniversaries

- 10/1 Sarah & Tyler Tipton
- 10/5 Lora & Kyle Vail
- 10/8 Ann & Terry Alter
- 10/16 Cindy & James Davis
- 10/19 Savannah Coelho &  
Jacob Zimmerman
- 10/24 Stephanie & Josh  
Monroe
- 10/28 Marilyn & Ken Abbath  
Jenni & Tom Moran



### LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



**Sunday, October 29**

**6:00 pm**

**Mill Creek Farm**

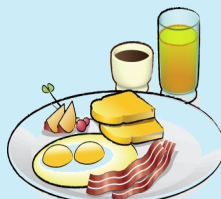
Corn Maze 🎃 Bonfire  
Roast hot dogs 🎃  
S'mores 🎃  
Chips & drink 🎃

No charge for you  
or your friends

**RSVP requested by Oct 22:**  
call **217-222-0601** or email  
[office@salemquincy.org](mailto:office@salemquincy.org)

### Breakfast Bunch—Fellowship & Bible Study—All are welcome!

**Saturday, October 7—9:00am—Thyme  
Station, 105 S. 48th Street, Quincy  
Please RSVP to Cindy at 217-257-6970**



Sponsored by the Salem Evening Guild, the Fall Rummage Sale will take place from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on **Friday, October 6,** and from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on **Saturday, October 7.**

Saturday will be the \$1 Bag Sale. **Clean items can be brought beginning Monday, October 2, through Thursday, October 5.**

# V♥lunteers

## MAKE IT HAPPEN



Salem's "Sunday School" was renamed Re:Charge to reflect the opportunity of recharging our faith through various forms of Christian education and for all ages. Salem is lucky to have some dedicated volunteers who help guide this recharging. Norma Spory teaches 3-6 year olds. Sue Welch and Victoria Dry teach 2nd through 5th graders. Both classes use a curriculum from the Brethren Press; this semester's theme is "Becoming a People of God" using stories from Genesis and Exodus. They also have activity books and frequently do a craft that extends the lesson. Annette Newquist teaches a weekly adult Bible study that meets after coffee hour in the conference room. The topics are chosen by the participants. They just finished Isaiah Part 1 and will next start a study on the video series The Chosen.

**The Evening Guild  
will meet on Wed,  
October 18, at 5:30  
in the Lounge.  
November 3 will be  
setup for the Bazaar,  
which will take place  
on November 4.**



**Life starts all  
over again  
when it gets  
crisp in the fall**

F. Scott Fitzgerald



*Forgiveness is an  
act of the will,  
and the will can  
function regardless  
of the temperature  
of the heart.*

— **Corrie ten Boom**



*Join us*

**Sunday Morning Worship  
9:00 am**



If you can't leave home, the service streams on YouTube Sunday at 9:00 am. <https://www.youtube.com/@salemucc>. Recordings of Sunday worship are also posted on the Salem Facebook page.

*Volunteers  
do not necessarily  
have the time;  
they just have the heart.*

