



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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March 2024

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

2024 Salem Church Lenten Connect Groups / Sermon Series

Lenten Connect Groups *Knowing Who We Are ~ Knowing Where We Are Going*

Connect Groups meet:

- March 3 (**kindness**),
- March 10 (**acceptance**),
- March 17 (**support**),
- March 24 (**love**)

Sunday evenings, 4:30-6:30; one group meets at the church, with childcare, and the other group at the Spory home.

Last fall Salem Church embraced our Connect Groups once again. We had two groups meet each week and they connected long-time members and people new to the church. I cannot tell you how important these groups and all small groups are to our congregation. It's where people find friendship, accountability, fun, authenticity, spiritual growth, and God. It's where people are cared for and equipped for the demands of life and ministry. Our theme for the Lenten Groups and the Sunday sermon series (same Sundays) is "Knowing Who We Are ~ Knowing Where We Are Going." We got some incredible feedback from primarily un-churched folks at the Pride in the Park Rally last Fall, and each week we will explore the type of ministry that people long for

and crave. I would love every single person in the church to participate in these Lenten Groups. You can text, e-mail, or call the church office or just about anything else to let us know you want to be part of a Lenten Small Group. The Lenten Calendars feature the Connect Group scriptures for each Sunday.

Pray for our Lenten Groups. Pray for our leaders.

Blessings,
Pastor Matt



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*Knowing Who We Are ~
Knowing Where We Are Going*

March 3 - John 8:1-11 (kindness) 10:30am
March 10 - Luke 11:15-24 (acceptance) 9am
March 17 - Luke 19:1-10 (support) 9am
March 24 - John 13:1-17 (love) 9am

2024 Lenten Sermon Series

Salem Operating Account - 2023

Month	Operating Income	Operating Expense	MTD Change in Endowment Fund	YTD Change in Endowment Fund
Jan	\$ 16,584.24	\$ 25,040.15	(\$8,455.91)	(\$8,455.91)
Feb	\$ 14,320.26	\$ 19,543.97	(\$5,223.71)	(\$13,679.62)
Mar	\$ 12,326.55	\$ 29,429.79	(\$17,103.24)	(\$30,782.86)
Apr	\$ 12,064.86	\$ 19,251.70	(\$7,186.84)	(\$37,969.70)
May	\$ 9,728.39	\$ 22,593.74	(\$12,865.35)	(\$50,835.05)
Jun	\$ 22,007.20	\$ 22,475.49	(\$468.29)	(\$51,303.34)
Jul	\$ 12,554.31	\$ 20,530.33	(\$7,976.02)	(\$59,279.36)
Aug	\$ 9,080.57	\$ 28,907.78	(\$19,827.21)	(\$79,106.57)
Sep	\$ 12,820.96	\$ 25,513.94	(\$12,692.98)	(\$91,799.55)
Oct	\$ 13,267.28	\$ 22,912.28	(\$9,645.00)	(\$101,444.55)
Nov	\$ 10,259.75	\$ 23,629.55	(\$13,369.80)	(\$114,814.35)
Dec	\$ 16,976.31	\$ 22,628.88	(\$5,652.57)	(\$120,466.92)
Total	\$ 161,990.68	\$ 282,457.60	(\$120,466.92)	(\$120,466.92)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 2024

Birthdays

3/3 Felicity Koch
 3/8 Marilyn Abbath
 3/9 Heather Spory
 3/13 Eileen Boden
 3/14 Carol Hillebrenner
 3/18 Kerstin Stitt
 3/19 Katie Husar
 3/21 Norma Reid
 3/22 Marsha Akers
 3/23 Maizee Gower
 Bobby Riney
 3/24 Alex Spory
 3/26 Adam Spory
 3/28 Earl Bricker
 3/29 Karen Cookson
 Denise Imlah
 3/30 Hilda West

Anniversaries

3/4 Carla & Gary Daggett
 3/20 Denise Imlah & Becky Emerson
 3/22 Debra & Duane Phillips



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

Jerry Amend	Julia Liesen
Carolyn Carper	Chuck McMullen
Laurie Charity	Curt Moore
Sandy Constable	Jenni Moran
Gary Daggett	Dennis Novatny
Cindy Davis & Family	Bobby Riney
Keith Deege	John Sallstrom
Victoria Dry	Wanda Hamann-Salsman
Denise Eastman	Joanne Shaw
Bob Fox	Robert Sronce
Madeline Hendricks	Andy Tappe
Ella Imlah	Kathy Willing
Paula Jones	Joyce Winn
Carolyn Kaiser	Merle Woods

Dates to Remember

Saturday, March 2

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

Sunday, March 3

9:30 am: Youth and Adult Re:Charge
 10:30 am: Breathe Deep Worship with Communion
 11:30 am: Potluck Lunch
 4:30 pm: Connect Groups

Tuesday, March 5

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

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

6:00 pm: Ministries

Thursday, March 14

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, March 16

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

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

Sunday, March 17

9:00 am: Worship
 9:45 am: Spring Congregational Meeting
 10:00 am: Youth and Adult Re:Charge
 4:30 pm: Connect Groups

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, March 23

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, March 24

8:15 am: Choristers Rehearsal
 9:00 am: Salem Worship
 10:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch
 10:00 am: Youth and Adult Re:Charge

4:30 pm: Connect Groups

Tuesday, March 26

5:30 am: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 pm: VMST

Thursday, March 28

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Friday, March 29

6:30 pm: Choristers Rehearsal
 7:00 pm: Tenebrae Worship Service

Saturday, March 30

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday Meals

Sunday, March 31

8:15 am: Choristers Rehearsal
 9:00 am: Worship Service—Easter Sunday
 10:00 am: Youth and Adult Re:Charge

*Breathe Deep
 Sunday, March 3—10:30 am*

Church Leaders were installed at the February 11 service. These are the volunteers who keep Salem Church running.

VMST Officers: President – Sharon Higgins; Martha Deege; Jeannie Kanauss; Debbie Husar

Caring Ministry: Kevin Deege; Martha Deege; Norma Spory; Catherine Verneti

Connections Ministry: Barb Edwards; Debbie Husar; Cassie Koch; Adam Spory; Linsey Laughlin; Savannah Coelho

Resource Ministry: Sharon Higgins; Carol Hochgraber; Jeannie Kanauss; Earl Bricker; Jacob Zimmerman

VMST Members at Large: Jayne Clouser; Earl Bricker

Personnel Task Force: Sharon Higgins; Sue Welch; Earl Bricker; Joel Koch

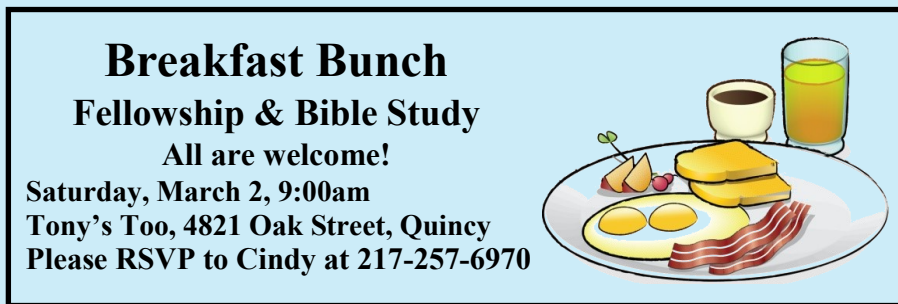
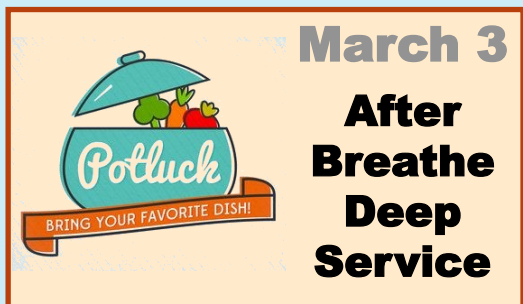
Property Task Force: Paul Goehl; Ric Hillebrenner; Carol Hochgraber; Sharon Higgins; Jacob Zimmerman

Investment Task Force: Lee Charity; Jeannie Kanauss; Duane Phillips

Safe Church: Jayne Clouser; Sharon Higgins; Pastor Matthew Hunt

Pastor/Parish Task Force: Bobby Riney; Ric Hillebrenner; Sandy Constable; Cindy Davis

Volunteers
MAKE IT HAPPEN



Easter Lilies and Memorials

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Orders are due by March 24.

Lilies are \$10.

Order Forms will be available at church service and at fellowship following church service.

Forms will also be placed on the ledge by the church office window.

Office hours are 9-noon,

Tuesday and Thursday.

Return by mail or email.



The current array of bulletin boards at Salem, on the second floor and in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to Sue Welch and Victoria Dry for their time and talent!



Members of the Moran and Koch families enjoying the Games Afternoon organized by the Connections Ministry on February 17. Well, most are playing a game, but one of them is more interested in something else.



Spring Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 17

Fellowship Hall following worship

One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. OGHS offering envelopes will be passed out before worship services in March. Sunday March 10th we will be Salem's OGHS Special Offering Sunday. Please prayerfully give over and above your normal offering.



March

Lent 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Read Psalm 119:57-64 Contemplate vs. 62 Give thanks to the Lord today!	2 Read Galatians 6:2 Help someone today! Clean someone's home or give them a ride. Help in whatever way the Lord shows you.
3 Read John 8:1-11 Contemplate vs. 10-11 Connect groups tonight 4:30	4 Read Psalm 119:65-72 Contemplate vs. 71&72 Pray for those struggling	5 Read Psalm 119:73-80 Contemplate vs. 74	6 Read Matthew 5:3-12 Pray for those who are marginalized.	7 Read Isaiah 57:15 and contemplate the verse Fast from self-pity	8 Read Luke 22:24-38 Contemplate vs. 28-30	9 Read Psalm 10:14 Reach out to someone today who has lost a loved one. Check in on them.
10 Read Luke 14:15-24 Contemplate vs. 23-24 Connect groups tonight 4:30	11 Read Hebrews Ch. 5 Contemplate vs. 13 & 14	12 Read & Contemplate Luke 22:39-53 Pray that you will be a more empathetic person	13 Read Psalm 119:81-88 Contemplate vs. 88	14 Read Psalm 119:89-96 Contemplate vs. 89-90 Fast from phone use and spend more time connecting	15 Read Psalm 119:97-104 Contemplate vs. 103 & 104	16 Read Luke 22:54-71 Contemplate vs. 60-62 Thank someone today who has impacted your life.
17 Read Luke 19:1-10 Contemplate vs. 10 Connect groups tonight 4:30	18 Read Psalm 119:105-112 Contemplate vs. 111	19 Read Hebrews Ch. 6 Contemplate vs. 9 & 10	20 Read Luke 23:1-12 Contemplate vs. 3 Pray for victims of abuse & violence	21 Read Psalm 119:113-120 Contemplate vs. 116 Fast from ALL complaining today.	22 Read Psalm 119:121-128 Contemplate vs. 125	23 Read Luke 23:13-25 Contemplate vs. 21-23 Visit someone today who needs some company.
24 Read John 13:1-7 Contemplate Vs. 15-16 Connect groups tonight 4:30	25 Read Psalm 119:129-136 Contemplate vs. 134-135 Drive to work in silence & pray as you drive.	26 Read Luke 23:26-32 Contemplate vs. 29-31	27 Read Hebrews Ch. 7 Contemplate vs. 7 Be patient today.	28 Read Psalm 119:137-144 Contemplate vs. 143 Fast from criticizing yourself and others.	29 Good Friday Read Luke 23:33-56 Contemplate what the cross means to you.	30 Read and Contemplate Matthew Ch. 27 Invite someone to Easter dinner who has no one to celebrate with.

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Easter Sunday
Read Luke 24:1-12
Contemplate the resurrection.

