



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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May 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

The VMST, our church council, is calling a congregational meeting and vote immediately following the May 12th Worship service.

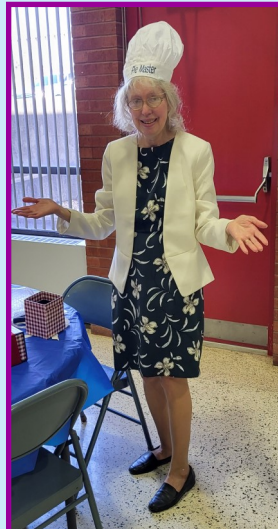
We are asking the congregation to vote on two issues:

1. NAME CHANGE TO "SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST"

This is about changing the doing business as (dba) name of Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ to **Salem United Church of Christ**. This would include changing all signage (except building embedded engravings) and notifying community partners of this name change. This would allow us to remove a possible barrier to those outside the church who would question our open and affirming status based on our use of the word "Evangelical" in our name. Our legal name would continue to be Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ.

2. MOVING THE BREATHE DEEP WORSHIP SERVICE TO 9AM

Based on feedback from the congregation in our 4/21/24 after-worship congregational meeting groups, there appears to be consensus that the church wants a Breathe Deep styled contemporary service with a band. There seems to be a desire to see this take place once a month, as it currently is. There seems to be a consensus that the service would significantly benefit from having Laura Kammerer (our pianist/organist) regularly participating and contributing to this service. Because of Laura's other obligation on Sundays, she is not available after 10:05am. There seems to be a consensus around the value of a Breathe Deep service with a band, featuring Laura on



Winner of the Pie in the Sky Contest, Debbie Husar, modeling her prize of a chef's hat.



Audrey Hoffman took full advantage of the Easter Egg Hunt held on Palm Sunday.



What a great turnout for the Children's Message on Easter Sunday!

keyboard/piano at 9:00am. This would mean we would continue to feature the Breathe Deep service on the first Sunday of the month, but move back to our original 9:00am service time for all worship services, followed by fellowship time and Re:Charge Christian education.

The VMST voted in favor of both measures on April 22, 2024. Now your church leaders ask for your input. We ask that all Salem people attend and prayerfully consider their participation on Sunday May 12th.

Blessings,
*Pastor Matt and the
Vision and Ministry Support Team*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2024

Birthdays

- 5/4 Gary Daggett
- 5/4 Catherine Verneti
- 5/8 Jeannie Kanauss
- 5/17 Charlie Hall
- 5/17 Darlene Smith
- 5/20 Tony Gross
- 5/29 Dr. Debra Phillips

Anniversaries

- 5/2 Dr. Kerstin & Brian Stitt
- 5/3 Jayne & Rich Clouser
- 5/5 Norma & Carl Spory
- 5/6 Earl Bricker & Rob Cane
- 5/8 Karen & Rod Cookson
- 5/18 Carol & Michael Eddy
- 5/18 Samantha & Jordan Fuller
- 5/19 Kelly Klingele & Jane Mitchell

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



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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| Jewel Bartleson | Carolyn Kaiser |
| Nelly Bradshaw | Curt Moore |
| Carolyn Carper | Jenni Moran |
| Laurie Charity | Bobby Riney |
| Sandy Constable | Wanda Hamann- |
| Gary Daggett | Salsman |
| Cindy Davis & | Robert Sronce |
| Family | Andy Tappe |
| Victoria Dry | Kathy Willing |
| Denise Eastman | Joyce Winn |
| Bob Fox | Merle Woods |
| Paula Jones | |

Dates to Remember

Saturday, May 4
9:00 am: Breakfast Bunch,
Down Home Café
11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, May 5
9:30 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge
10:30 am: Breathe Deep
Worship with Communion

Tuesday, May 7
4:30 pm: Property Task Force
5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 8
6:00 pm: Ministries

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

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

Sunday, May 12
8:15 am: Bell Choir Rehearsal /
Chorister Rehearsal
9:00 am: Salem Worship
9:45 am: Special Congregational
Meeting
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Wednesday, May 15
5:30 pm: Evening Guild

Saturday, May 18
11:30 am: Health Fair—
Toiletries Distribution
11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, May 19
8:15 am: Bell Choir Rehearsal /
Chorister Rehearsal
9:00 am: Worship
9:45am: Birthday Cake Sunday
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 29
6:00 pm: VMST



Salem Evening Guild

The Salem Evening Guild will next meet on May 15 at 5:30PM in the Lounge. Plans are for a speaker, Linda Mayfield, presenting on the topic of the town of Siloam Springs before it became a state park east of Quincy. There will also be a short discussion on the success of the April rummage sale.

Any newcomers to Salem, please join us any time. Call Wanda for information on upcoming meetings: 217-222-3286.

Many thanks to anyone who helped with the rummage sale in any way—setting up, selling, donating items, or cleaning up after the sale.

*Thanks for your support,
Wanda Hamann-Salsman,
President, Salem Evening Guild*



The sanctuary was decorated with lilies donated by Salem members as memorials for of loved ones.



Salem Choristers filling the sanctuary with music on Easter Sunday.



Getting ready for the judging at the Pie in the Sky contest—clearly it will be a difficult decision.



Could Oliver's expression have anything to do with the fact his basket is empty?



An attractive bunch waiting for the go-ahead to find those eggs and the goodies within.



Nachos Bar

Sunday, May 5

After Breathe Deep Service
All the fixings will be provided. You bring side dishes—rice; Mexican corn; vinegar slaw; desserts; etc.



Don't forget the Rummage Sale

Fri, Apr 26—8:30am to 4:00 pm
Sat, Apr 27—8:00am to 1:00pm



**BIRTHDAY
CAKE SUNDAY**
MAY 19

Breakfast Bunch

Fellowship & Bible Study

All are welcome!
Saturday, May 4, 9:00am
Down Home Café, 509 S. 9th
Street, Quincy



Please RSVP to Cindy at 217-257-6970

Spotlight on...

Salem's Outreach Missions

Outreach Ministries Offering (Sunday, May 26)

We are gearing up for a big push on behalf of our Outreach Ministries Offering, May 26th. All six ministries will be featured in Sunday worship in May. The monies will be divided evenly between the six. Mission Moments for each will be during the Invitation to Give and are as follows: May 5 – BJ's Café & God's Garden; May 12 – Health Fair & Loads of Love; May 19 – Paws & Prayers & Unmet Needs.

On May 26, we will walk forward to give our offerings and pray for these ministries as they reach people's needs in critically important ways. We ask that your offering is over-and-above your normal giving.

These six ministries are foundational ministries of Salem Church. They represent the heartbeat of our faith community and are a tangible expression and extension of the social justice ministries of the Old Testament and Jesus in the New Testament. Please take some time to prayerfully consider your giving.

Health Fair Toiletries are provided for those who need to choose between food and hygiene. Since 2015, on the third Saturday of every month we offer laundry soap and fabric softener, dish soap, body soap, shampoo and conditioners, toilet tissue, paper towels, tissues, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, diapers, etc.



Loads of Love Loads of love assists others with their laundry needs. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday, anyone in need can go to the Washland laundromat from 4:00-7:00, with the last load going in at 6:30. We provide laundry detergent pods and dryer sheets, as well as up to \$25 worth of the cost to do their laundry.

BJ's Café Anyone who has need of fellowship and a free lunch can come to BJ's Café at Salem Church every Saturday from 11:30 to 12:30. A full, nutritious meal is planned, prepared, and served by several different church and community groups throughout Quincy – including several groups from Salem. We serve an average of 80-100 meals each week.



God's Garden Realizing that many people in poverty cannot afford to buy fresh veggies, we started a garden in 2016 to help meet this need. Since then, we have donated thousands of pounds of fresh vegetables to BJ's Café, Horizon's food pantry, and Quanada.

Paws and Prayers In 2018, a church member realized that some people needed to relinquish beloved pets because they could not afford food or care. Since then, we have supplied bags and cans of dog and cat food and treats, collars, bowls, coats and toys through a monthly distribution.



The *Quincy Area Partnership for Unmet Needs* was established to assist individuals and families who have exhausted all other avenues of assistance. Recognizing the importance of financial stability to quality of life, Unmet Needs pools private donations and church pledges to provide stability during a crisis or difficult situation.