



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

435 S. 9th Street
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June 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

Even before Covid, church life had already started to change drastically from what we were used to in the decades that preceded. In 2024, we continue to adjust and make changes in order to birth and nurture faith, be inclusive, and educate people in matters of faith in ministry. Yes, our congregation

is on the smaller side of church compared to decades before, but we have been skillful at pivoting and adjusting in recent years.

One of the challenges we continue to experience is Christian education for our young people. Over the last 5 or 6 years we were able to have two classes for grade school youth. This fall we will be moving to a one class, one room model for all our grade school youth. This means pre-K through 5th grade will all be together. The reason behind this change is two-fold. One being difficulty in finding 2+ teachers for more than one classroom. The other issue is being able to plan for enough youth in each classroom on any given Sunday.

Seeing this need coming sooner rather than later, we assembled a youth Christian education team to evaluate the needs of the children and decide the best way to do a one room Christian educational experience for our youth. The input, feedback, and participation was excellent and we now have a plan in place for making this happen in the fall of this year.

I cannot stress to you how important this is for our congregation. It might surprise many of us, but children - including our own - often struggle to know important things like Christmas being about Jesus' birth (and not only about Santa) or Easter being about the resurrection of Jesus (and not only about the Easter bunny). Most will never learn about Abraham, Moses, David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lion Den, Jesus and Zacchaeus, Feeding of the 5000, the Prodigal Son, and the Good Samaritan without a class like we offer. These Biblical teachings and stories are how we nurture the faith and set young people up to have

meaningful relationships with God. We don't serve God or do ministry in a vacuum. The Biblical witness shows what we have done in the past, and it helps guide us in the present and into the future. Please pray for and encourage our young people, our teachers, and our families with children. This is essential for passing on the faith to the next generations.

Blessings,

Pastor Matt



Per a vote at the May 12 Special Congregational Meeting, the monthly Breathe Deep service, a contemporary service held on the first Sunday of the month, will begin at 9:00AM beginning on Sunday, August 4.



Do you have a favorite pin, something with meaning that you wear to share your feelings or opinion about something?

Wear it to church on Sunday, July 7.



Congratulations to Alex and Ricky Elder, parents of Josephine 'Josie' Margaret Elder, baptized on May 19, 2024.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 2024

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

Breathe Deep
Sunday, June 2 — 10:30am



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

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

Dates to Remember

Saturday, June 1

11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, June 2

9:30 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge
10:30 am: Breathe Deep Worship
with Communion

Tuesday, June 4

4:30 pm: Property Task Force

Saturday, June 8

10:30 am: Paws & Prayers—
Pet Food Distribution
11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals
4:00 pm: Bowling @ Casino
Lanes

Sunday, June 9

9:00 am: Salem Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge
3:30 pm: Children's Museum
Outing

Wednesday, June 12

5:30 pm: Ministries

Thursday, June 13

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 16

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

Wednesday, June 19

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

Thursday, June 20

Newsletter Deadline
4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, June 22

11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, June 23

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

Thursday, June 27

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, June 29

11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, June 30

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

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



**Saturday, June 8
4:00—6:00 PM**

Casino Lanes

**1201 N. 20th Street, Quincy
Salem's Connection Minis-
try will cover the cost of
bowling and shoes.
You bring snacks to share.**

**Drinks need to be purchased at the venue.
Bring friends and family!**

SOME SALEM SPECIAL EVENTS

Cinco de Mayo



Scrambling for the goodies after successfully breaking the pinata at the Cinco de Mayo fellowship event.

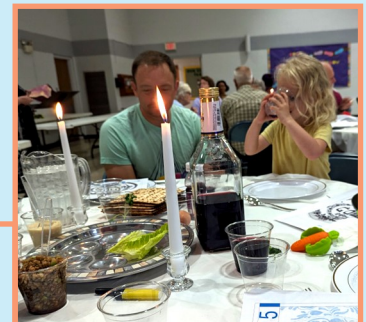


Flossie Stitt reading the four questions with the help of Denise Imlah. The four questions are questions read by the youngest child at a Seder. It signifies passing the traditions onto the next generation.

Passover Seder



Enjoying a Seder meal of roast chicken, potato kugel, tzimmes, charosets and coconut macaroons for dessert.



Experiencing a new cross-cultural experience as a family.



Who: *Anyone! Friends are invited, too!*

When: *Sunday, June 9*

Time: *3:30-5:30pm*

Place: *115 N. 4th Street, Quincy*

Let Katie Hoffman know you are coming:

217-257-5972



The Evening Guild June meeting will be our picnic. We will not have a meeting that night, just a catered meal and good company.

Bring a \$1.00 gift exchange for games. We will meet in the Lounge at 5:30 PM on June 19. We do not have meetings in the summer, so we will not meet again until September. Any questions, call Wanda at 217-222-3286.

Thank You!

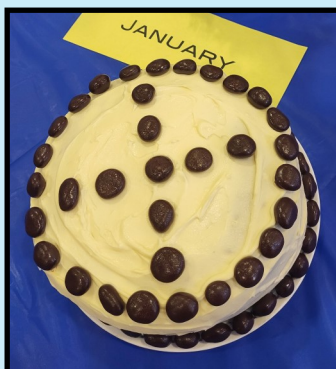
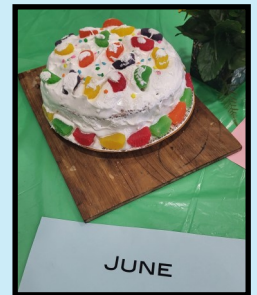
Thank you for the phone calls, cards, and messages received while I was recovering from a broken knee cap. Everything was greatly appreciated.

Kathy Willing



Birthday Cake Sunday

An annual event, Birthday Cake Sunday 2024 was a delicious affair. Many thanks to the following bakers who contributed a cake for those staying for fellowship to enjoy: Catherine Verneti; Heather Spory; Patrick Peters; Brian Stitt; Don Hunter & Bill Buss; Bobby Riney; Sandy Constable; David Schaffer; Martha Deege; Norma Spory; Debbie Hibbert; and Julia Liesen.



Happy Birthday