



# SALEM CHURCH

*God is still speaking*

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**December 2024**

*Proposed Mission Statement: Building a community around the love of Jesus where all are welcome.*



Rev. Matthew Hunt

### THANK YOU!

The church's generosity for Minister's Appreciation Month was VERY touching for me. Thank you for the kindness, the prayers, the cards, the gift card to The Patio, and the \$500. The daily prayers uplifted me. I am very glad to be the minister at Salem Church. And, I appreciate you all too!

### Christmas Eve Special Offering

The **Christmas Eve Special Offering** is dedicated to **Housing Solutions Quincy**. Jayne Clouser is on the board of directors. It is a team of people working in conjunction with organizations like the YWCA, Quanada, and the Salvation Army. The goal is to build and create more affordable housing. Our community has a significant housing crisis for those with no home and those who need quality low cost housing options. Quincy is extremely limited in housing options for those who are in need. December 15th, Ryan Roberts (from Housing Solutions Quincy) will be attending worship, sharing in song, and sharing with us for 3-5 minutes in a Minute for Mission about HSQ.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

*Pastor Matt*

### **JANUARY SERMON SERIES**

January 2025 I have a sermon series planned, so make a mental note and mark your calendars!

#### **Sermon Series: "Stepping into the Unknown"**

Focus: Embracing courage and faith as we face uncertainty.

#### **January 5, 2025 (Epiphany Sunday):**

*"The Courage to Follow"* (Matthew 2:1-12)

The Magi's bold journey into the unknown.

#### **January 12, 2025 (Baptism of the Lord):**

*"Trusting the Voice of God"* (Mark 1:4-11)

Jesus' baptism as a model of faith in God's call.

#### **January 19, 2025: "Venturing in Faith" (John**

*1:43-51)* Following Jesus into unfamiliar paths.

#### **January 26, 2025: "Casting Nets into Deep**

*Water"* (Mark 1:14-20)

Trusting Jesus' call to take risks for the sake of the Gospel.



Salem Evening Guild would like to thank everyone for all the help setting up for the Bazaar. We had a lot of volunteers and booth works, plus people who contributed to the Bakery Booth. You were all in our thoughts and prayers. We didn't have the best turnout but made a good profit.

Blessings to all, Wanda Hamann-Salsman, Guild President

Our December meeting will be on Dec 18 at 5:30 in the Lounge. This will be our Christmas party with a catered meal. Members of the Guild are to bring a grab bag gift of at least \$1. Guests are invited again this year.



Pastor Matt expressed his gratitude for Pastor Appreciation Month with the assistance of Salem youth.



October was Pastor Appreciation Month. We celebrated Pastor Matt with cake!

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## December 2024

### Birthdays

12/2 Sylvia Holzgrafe  
Melba Loos  
12/5 Richard Lohmeyer  
12/6 Velma Klusmeyer  
12/8 Debbie Husar  
12/10 Cindy Lohmeyer  
12/12 Ricky Elder  
12/16 Bob Fox  
12/20 Jane Mitchell  
12/21 Ken Kammerer  
12/22 Kathie Clark  
12/23 Sandy Constable  
12/24 Lee Charity  
12/31 Katie Nebe

### No Anniversaries



## Prayer Request

*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*

Leah Brice	Steve Hibbard
Judy Bushaus	Ken Kammerer
Jerry Carnivale	Bill Mitchell
Carolyn Carper	Valerie Ortbal
Laurie Charity	Wanda Hamann-
Gary Daggett	Salsman
Cindy Davis & Family	Catherine Verneti's
Victoria Dry	Sister
Bob Fox	Joyce Winn

## Dates to Remember

**Sunday, December 1**  
9:00 am: Breathe Deep Worship  
with Communion  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

**Tuesday, December 3**  
4:30 pm: Property Task Force  
5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 pm: Choristers Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 7**  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
Saturday Meals

**Sunday, December 8**  
9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge  
11:00 am: Appy Holidays  
Potluck  
2:00 pm: Carols, Cookies, and  
Cocoa; Good Samaritan

**Tuesday, December 10**  
5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 pm: Choristers Rehearsal

**Wednesday, December 11**  
6:00 pm: Ministries—Holiday  
Gathering

**Thursday, December 12**  
4:00 pm: Loads of Love

**Saturday, December 14**  
10:30 am: Paws & Prayers—  
Pet Food Distribution  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
Saturday Meals

**Sunday, December 15**  
9:00 am: Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

**Tuesday, December 17**  
5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 pm: Praise Band Rehearsal

**Wednesday, December 18**  
5:30 pm: Evening Guild  
Christmas Party

**Friday, December 20**  
*Newsletter deadline*

**Saturday, December 21**  
11:30 am: Health Fair—  
Toiletries Distribution  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
Saturday Meals

**Sunday, December 22**  
9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

**Tuesday, December 24**  
7:00 pm: Candlelight Service

**Thursday, December 26**  
4:00 pm: Loads of Love

**Saturday, December 28**  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—  
Saturday Meals

**Sunday, December 29**  
9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge



**Pastor Matt and VMST President Sharon Higgins reviewing the agenda of the Fall Congregational meeting. A revised Constitution was adopted and the 2025 Budget passed after some discussion. Other business included an update on the process of changing Salem's name and accepting the members of Salem Ministries and Task Forces.**



**HAPPY ST. NICHOLAS DAY**

*Salem Youth, bring your (clean) shoes on Sun, Dec 1 for St. Nicholas to fill. Pick up your treat-filled shoes on Sun, Dec 8, at the 'Appy Holidays event.*



**CONNECT**

**FOSTER KIDS**

Salem's Caring Ministry has selected **Connect Child & Family Solutions** as the beneficiary of the annual Giving Tree. Connect is a community-based nonprofit that partners with local fostering agencies, both public and private. Connect's mission: providing support to foster children and families by connecting them with community resources and solutions.

**From November 24 to December 22**, Caring will ask Salem members for contributions to the organization. The items can be new or gently used, for any age child up to 18 years. Connect will use these items to create starter packs for children entering the foster care system. Any monetary gifts will be used to purchase items that are in short supply. Children often arrive with nothing. Here are some suggestions: *crib sheets; twin bedding; mattress protectors; socks and underwear; pajamas or unisex sweats; toothpaste and brush; monetary gifts; baby hygiene items; diapers-bottles-pacifiers; duffle bag or backpack for mobility; blankets.*



If you would like to honor a loved one with a poinsettia or Christmas memorial, please get the necessary information to the church office by **December 15**. You may send it by email: [office@saalemquincy.org](mailto:office@saalemquincy.org), or drop it in the mail. The office is open and staffed on Tuesday and Thursday from 9-12. The cost of the poinsettias this year is \$10.



**Micah 7:7** - But as for me, I watch in **hope** for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

**Colossians 3:15** let the **peace** of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

**Luke 2:10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

**Colossians 3:14**

And above all these put on **love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony

**These two events are connected—make cookies for our Good Sam friends in the morning and deliver them in the afternoon!**

**Bring some friends!**

**Sunday, Dec 8, 11:00 am after Re:Charge**

**Happy Holidays!**

*Bring your favorite appetizer - make ornaments to take home and cookies to deliver to our friends at Good Sam that afternoon.*

**Carols, Cookies, and Cocoa**  
**Sunday, Dec 8 - 2:00 pm**

Join in a visit to Good Samaritan Home to visit our older Salem Family

**sing carols – drink cocoa – eat cookies**





## 2024 Hanging of the Greens

*Top Row: Connie Mowen, Kathie Clark, Martha Deege, and Heather Spory  
Bottom Row: Joel and Felicity Koch, Norma and Adam Sparty, and Kirsten Stitt*



**Thank you to all of the volunteers who made  
our worship space so beautiful!**

