



# SALEM CHURCH

*God is still speaking*

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**March 2025**

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



Rev. Matthew Hunt

What is Ash Wednesday Worship?  
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of **Lent**, a 40-day season of reflection, repentance, and preparation for Easter. It is a time when Christians focus on turning toward

God, acknowledging human frailty, and embracing God's grace.

In **Ash Wednesday worship**, we are reminded of our **mortality** and **dependence on God**. The service includes:

- **Prayer and Scripture Readings** focused on repentance and renewal.
- **The Imposition of Ashes**, where a cross is traced on the forehead or hand with ashes as the words **“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”** are spoken. The ashes symbolize our mortality and need for God's grace.
- **A Call to Repentance**, inviting us to turn away from sin and follow Jesus more fully.

Ash Wednesday is **not meant to be gloomy** but rather a **holy invitation** to draw closer to God, embrace humility, and prepare our hearts for the journey toward Easter.

Blessings,

*Pastor Matt*



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Dates to Remember

### March 2025

#### 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 Martha Deege
- 3-19 Katie Husar
- 3-21 Norma Reid
- 3-24 Alex Spory
- 3-26 Adam Spory
- 3-28 Earl Bricker
- 3-29 Karen Cookson
- 3-29 Denise Imlah
- 3-30 Hilda West

#### Anniversaries

- 3-4 Carla and Gary Daggett
- 3-20 Denise Imlah and Becky Emerson
- 3-22 Debra and Duane Phillips
- 3-24 Debbie and Ed Hibbert

**Saturday, March 1**  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday  
Meals

**Sunday, March 2**  
9:00am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

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

**Wednesday, March 5th**  
5:30 pm: Ash Wednesday Meal  
7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Service

**Saturday, March 8**  
10:30 am: Paws & Prayers Pet  
Food Distribution  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday  
Meals

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

**Tuesday, March 11**  
5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 pm : Choristers Rehearsal

**Wednesday, March 12**  
6:00 pm: Ministries Meetings

**Thursday, March 13**  
4:00 pm: Loads of Love

**Saturday, March 15**  
11:30 am: Household/Toiletries  
Distribution  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday

Meals

**Sunday, March 16**  
9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Spring Congregational  
Meeting

**Tuesday, March 18**  
5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 pm :Breathe Deep Rehearsal

**Wednesday, March 19**  
6:00 pm: VMST Meeting

**Thursday, March 20**

*Newsletter Deadline*

**Saturday, March 22**  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday  
Meals

**Sunday, March 23**  
9:00 am: Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

**Tuesday, March 25**  
5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:45 pm: Breathe Deep Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 27**  
4:00 pm: Loads of Love

**Saturday, March 29**  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday  
Meals

**Sunday, March 30**  
9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge



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



## Scenes from the Valentine's party



Savannah Coehlo, Cleo Zimmerman, Cassie Koch, and Felicity Koch



Audrey Hoffman, Oliver Koch, and Linsey Laughlin



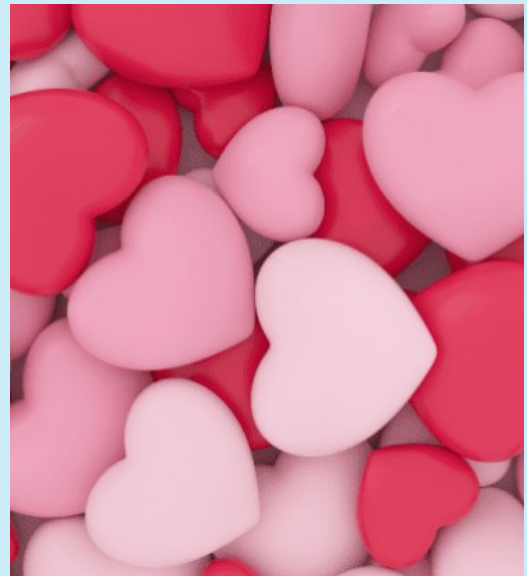
Flossy, Kirsten, and Axel Stitt



*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**

Carolyn Carper  
Laurie Charity  
Gary Daggett  
Cindy Davis and  
Family  
Victoria Dry  
Bob Fox  
Steve Hibbard  
Bill Mitchell

Wanda Hamann-  
Salsman  
Joyce Winn  
Rosie Foster  
Pat Brayman  
Donna Tappe  
Charmaine Starman  
Rich and Jayne  
Clauser





**Quincy Housing Solutions acquired their first house!**

**Salem contributed \$1,525 towards the purchase.**



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**2025 LENTEN SERMON SERIES**  
**"HEART WORK: A SEASON OF TRANSFORMATION"**

- ♥ WEEK 1: (3/9): "A CLEAN HEART" - PSALM 51:1-17
- ♥ \*WEEK 2: (3/16) "BREAKING THE CHAINS" - ISAIAH 58:1-12
- ♥ \*WEEK 3: (3/23) "REPAIRING RELATIONSHIPS" - MATTHEW 5:21-24
- ♥ \*WEEK 4: (3/30) "LOVING THE UNLOVABLE" - LUKE 6:27-36
- ♥ \*WEEK 5: (4/6) "LIVING SACRIFICIALLY" - ROMANS 12:1-2
- ♥ WEEK 6: (4/13) (PALM SUNDAY): "THE HEART OF A SERVANT" - JOHN 13:12-17

\*CONNECT GROUPS MEET THESE WEEKS