



SALEM

CHURCH

God is still speaking

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September 2025

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



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Preparing for Ministry Together

In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul reminds the church that, *“Christ gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”* (Ephesians 4:11–12). Ministry is never just the work of one or two—it is the calling of the whole body of Christ, each of us bringing our gifts, each of us encouraged and equipped

to share God’s love.

This September, we take time to prepare for ministry in two important ways. On **Sunday, September 21**, we will dedicate our **ReCharge leaders** as the new season of adult and youth classes launches. Then on **Sunday, September 28**, we will dedicate the **home hosts and leaders for our new Connect Groups** as they prepare to begin in October. Each dedication is an opportunity for us to pray for and bless those who are stepping into roles of teaching, hosting, and spiritual leadership.

September also brings a chance to extend that ministry into the wider community as we join with others at **Pride in the Park**. Our presence there is one way we live out Christ’s call to radical love and welcome, reminding our neighbors that the church is a place of belonging and grace.

All of this prepares us for October, when both **Connect Groups** and a new sermon series launch: *The Fundamentals of Jesus: Reclaiming Faith by Returning to What Matters Most*. Together, we will return to the heart of Jesus’ teaching—loving God and loving neighbor—as the foundation for our lives and for the ministry we share.

Just as Joshua told the people before they crossed into a new season, *“Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you”* (Joshua 3:5). September is our time of dedication and preparation, so that when October arrives, we are ready to step into God’s wonders with courage, faith, and joy.



September 2025

Birthdays

9/4 Katie Hoffman
 9/4 Patti Tipton
 9/5 Kelsey Vail
 9/16 Washington Tipton
 9/16 Mara Simmons
 9/17 Ed Hibbert
 9/17 Kelly Klingele
 9/18 Dorothy Baker
 9/18 Mary Tipton
 9/25 Sophie Brice
 9/29 Sam McKelvie
 9/29 Gabriel Tipton
 9/30 Laurie Charity

Anniversaries

9/11 Patti & Richard McNay
 9/29 Kathy & Curt Fauble

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

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 2nd

5:30pm Bell Choir
Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 3rd

6:00pm Property Task
Force and Resource
Ministry

Saturday, September 6th

11:30am BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, September 7th

9:00am Salem Worship at
Moorman Park
10:00am Fun activities and
Lunch

Wednesday, September 10th

6:00pm Ministry Meetings

Thursday, September 11th

3:30pm Loads of Love

Saturday, September 13th

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

Sunday, September 14th

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

Tuesday, September 16th

5:30pm Bell Choir
Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 17th

5:30pm Evening Guild
6:00pm VMST

Saturday, September 20th

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

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, September 21st

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

Tuesday, September 23rd

5:30pm Bell Choir
Rehearsal

6:45pm Breathe Deep
Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25th

3:30pm Loads of Love

Saturday, September 27th

11:30am BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals
4:00pm: Casino Bowling
Night

Sunday, September 28th

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

Tuesday, September 30th

5:30pm Bell Choir
Rehearsal

6:45 pm Breathe Deep
Rehearsal

Coffee Hour Schedule

Thank you for our volunteers for brewing up some community

September

9-7 Victoria Dry, Linsey Laughlin, Catherine Verneti

9-14 Connie Mowen, Ric and Carol Hillebrenner

9-21 Charlie Hall, AJ and Val Simmons

9-28 Sheryl Goehl, Kevin and Martha Deege

October

10-5 Debbie Husar, Cindy Davis, Becky Emerson and Denise Imlah

10-12 The Morans and Helliges

10-19 The Sporys

10-26 The Edwards

**The Connections Ministry
Invites you to BOWLING NIGHT!**

No Cost for bowling OR Shoes

**Food Provided*
(However, drinks must be
purchased from the bowling shop)**

**Casino Lanes- Saturday,
September 27th from 4pm-6PM**



And now an announcement for a fun activity!

Sponsored by



The
Good Samaritan Home Foundation
United Hearts Family Fest

Entertainment:
Silver Bullets
Liz Bentley

September
13TH
2025
AT TRINITY CHURCH
2020 S. 24TH, QUINCY



FAMILY – FUN – FELLOWSHIP
Something for everyone!

Games for All Ages

Trinity UCC Make & Take Crafts and Photo Booth, Bounce Houses, Obstacle Course, and Yard Games

Entertainment

Liz Bentley 11:00am – 1:30pm
Silver Bullet Band 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Holding Hearts Quarter Auction

Local Food & Drink Trucks

Kohl Wholesale Food Tent
Lickins' BBQ
All Puckered Up
Farm Stand Bakery and Brew the opal bakery shop.
Tri State Sno Biz
Soda, Beer & Wine
Trinity UCC Bake Sale

Purchase tickets in advance and save!



Tickets can be purchased at the event, in advance at Good Samaritan Home, or by scanning the QR code.

Tickets are required for all food, drinks, games and activities.





Salem has made a donation for this worthwhile fundraiser!

All earnings will be given to Good Samaritan Home

Salem Kids Return to School



Axel and Flossy Stitt- 3rd Grade



Mara and Prynne Simmons- 1st & 3rd



Felicity Koch- Kindergarten



Gracey and Alex Spory- 5th & 3rd

Even MORE Salem Kids!



Audrey Hoffman- Pre K



Ezra Elder- 6th Grade



Aurora Hellige- 7th Grade



Hadley Moran- 6th Grade

Thoughts From Left Field

Our Children, Our Legacy

I feel a tremendous amount of joy as I look at our kid's back to school pictures. We have the fortune to be a part of their journey, and get to show them how to be ambassadors of God's love. Just look at our congregation on any given Sunday. Our children are witnessing diverse families of all shapes, sizes, and orientations. Our doxology uses gender neutral language. In addition, both men and women take the offering, deliver the message, and administer communion.

We are building up the next generation of Christian leaders— those who are not afraid to be unique, ask questions, and love wholeheartedly. This is seen through their participation in God's Garden, Loads of Love, and Saturday Meals.

Proverbs 27:17 reads, **"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."**

If you will allow it, these young leaders will change your perspective. I encourage you to emulate the acceptance and love you see in each of these children. Afterall, they are the ones that will carry our faith's torch into the future.



Katie Hoffman and Barb Edwards accepted a \$2,000 Community Grant for Loads of Love. This will fund the ministry for 2 months!

And Now a Message from President Wanda

The **Salem Evening Guild** is open to **ALL** women and men of Salem Church. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except for January, February, and March. We even have a Christmas party with a catered meal in December.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, **September 17th at 5:30pm**, in the lounge. It will be a short gathering to discuss the upcoming rummage sale.

We will need help after church on **Sunday, September 28th** to set up tables for the rummage sale. The sale runs from September 29th to October 1st, and then again on October 3rd and 4th.

The October meeting will be held on the 15th at 5:30. We will have snacks and drinks as we plan for the Holiday Bazaar. The public will be able to rent booth space.

On **November 19th**, we will have another short meeting to discuss the Christmas party. The party will be on **December 17th**. There will be a catered meal and games!

Condensed Meeting Agenda

***All meetings are held at 5:30**

1. September 17th– Plan for the rummage sale
2. October 15th– Plan for the holiday bazaar
3. November 19th– plan the Christmas Party
4. December 17th– Christmas Party

NO meeting January, February or March

Scenes from Rev. Dr. Reverend Becky Emerson's Ordination Ceremony



(left to right)- Rev. Matt Hunt, Rev. Tim White, Dr. Rev. Becky Emerson, Rev. Kathy Lawes

Becky answering questions pertaining to her ordination.



The freshly ordained Dr. Rev. Emerson delivers the benediction. Fun fact— her stoll was made by her niece!



Becky and Denise enjoying the service together. Seeing this beautiful couple support each other in their faith journey makes my heart smile.