



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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December 2025

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



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Breathe Deep Worship – A Season of Gratitude and Transition

Looking Back with Thankfulness

For more than two years, the Breathe Deep service has been a meaningful and courageous step for our congregation. In a church known for its beloved traditional worship—pipe organ, grand piano, and hymns—this monthly contemporary service allowed us to explore new musical expressions together.

We are deeply grateful to the musicians who offered their time, talent, and passion to lead us in worship throughout this season.

A Natural Transition

Beginning this month, the first Sunday of each month will **no longer be a dedicated Breathe Deep service**. Instead, we are moving toward a new model in which the Praise Team may participate on *any number of Sundays* throughout the year, depending on the flow of worship and their availability. Rather than being tied to a single Sunday or responsible for an entire service, they will have opportunities to offer contemporary music as it fits naturally within our regular worship. One confirmed opportunity will be Christmas Eve.

Looking Ahead with Hope

Our commitment to a rich and varied worship life remains strong. We give thanks for all the ways God has worked through the Breathe Deep service, and we look forward to the new possibilities and blessings that this next chapter will bring.

Blessings, Paster

Salem Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

12/24 @ 7pm

Please join us for this beautiful
service



Coffee Hour Schedule

Thank you for our volunteers for brewing up some community

December

12/7 The Deege's featuring Sheryl Goehl

12/14 Debbie Husar & Cindy Davis

12/21 The Spory's

12/28 The Moran's & The Hellige's

What is a barista's favorite exercise at the gym?

The French press

Why did the kangaroo stop drinking coffee?

It made them too jumpy!



Fellowship time is a GREAT opportunity to get to know new people!

Tips for conversation starters:

What is your Hogwarts house? Do you like R2-D2 and why? What did you think of the service today? Did you see the crazy kangaroo in the newsletter?

And Now a Note of Gratitude from Pastor Matt!

October was Minister Appreciation Month, and Salem Church went far above and beyond anything I could have imagined. Thank you for the gift card to my favorite coffee shop, Java Jive in Hannibal. Thank you for the delicious cake. Thank you to the children for the artwork and messages that brightened my days. Thank you for the generous \$300 gift. And thank you for the extra Sunday off—I'm hoping to use it to visit my daughter in Oklahoma after the holidays.

I'm also deeply grateful for the *many* text messages of love and encouragement that came pouring in for days. I hold each of those words close to my heart. You will never know how much your kindness throughout October meant to me. You did so much that I'm sure I'm forgetting something—but please hear my genuine gratitude for every act of care.

I love Salem Church. I love being your pastor. And I love each of you.

Pastor Matt

Merry Soupmas Lunch

December 7th following Re:Charge

5+ soups! Gingerbread craft! Ugly
Sweater contest!

*please wear your "best" sweater!

Fun for ALL ages



Loads of Love Fundraiser

Sponsored by the Caring Ministry

Loads of Love is one of Salem's CORE ministries. This vital service helps families with free laundry services. **The average cost is \$1,000 per month!**

You can help by donating laundry pods, dryer sheets, and coin or currency. There is a donation basket at the end of the vestibule.



This fundraiser runs until January 4th.

Please consider helping with an extra donation. Every bit helps!

**December 7th
@ Good Sam
2pm**

*Singing, treats, general
merrymaking, guitar and uke
music!*

**Everyone welcome.. No
children required!**



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dates to Remember

December 2025

Birthdays

12/2 Sylvia Holzgrafe
 12/2 Melba Loos
 12/5 Richard Lohmeyer
 12/8 Debbie Husar
 12/10 Cindy Lohmeyer
 12/13 Kenny Simpson
 12/14 Catey Hellige
 12/16 Bob Fox
 Isabella Winn
 12/20 Jane Mitchell
 12/22 Kathie Clark
 12/24 Lee Charity
 12/31 Katie Nebe

Anniversaries

No December Anniversaries!

Thursday, Dec 4th

7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec 6th

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, Dec 7th

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

Tuesday, Dec 9th

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Dec 10th

6:00pm No meetings–
 Ministry Christmas Party

Thursday, Dec 11th

3:30pm Loads of Love

Saturday, Dec 13th

11:30am Paws & Prays Pet Food Distribution
 11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, Dec 14th

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

Tuesday, Dec 16th

5:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Dec 17th

5:30pm Evening Guild

Saturday, Dec 20th

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

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, Dec 21st

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

Wednesday, Dec 24th

7:00pm Candle Light Service

Sunday, Dec 28th

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

If you would like to honor a loved one with a poinsettia or Christmas memorial, send details to the church office by **December 17**. Drop them in the mail or send by email: office@saalemquincy.org. **The cost of the poinsettias is \$12.**

