



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

435 S. 9th Street
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**March
2026**

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



Rev. Matthew Hunt

During the season of Lent, we are invited to open our hearts a little wider.

One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of the four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. Through this offering, our giving reaches far beyond our local congregation. It supports disaster response, refugee assistance, and long-term development ministries through Wider Church Ministries of the UCC.

When hurricanes strike, when communities are displaced, when families are rebuilding after crisis — this offering becomes hands and feet on the ground. It allows our church to respond quickly, compassionately, and faithfully.

The Apostle Paul reminds us, *“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”* (2 Corinthians 9:7)

We give not out of pressure, but out of gratitude. We give because love is meant to move outward. We give because we belong to something larger than ourselves.

OGHS offering envelopes will be distributed before worship in March, and Sunday, March 15 will be Salem’s One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering Sunday. I invite you to prayerfully consider a gift above and beyond your regular offering.

Together, our generosity becomes hope.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Matt



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Salem United Church of Christ Operating Account - 2026

Month	Income	Expense	Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	YTD Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets
Jan	\$ 14,433.71	\$ 25,038.23	(\$10,604.52)	(\$10,604.52)
Total	\$ 14,433.71	\$ 25,038.23	(\$10,604.52)	(\$10,604.52)
				
	Amount Used from Endowments to Cover Deficit			

Greenmount Cemetery Spring Cleanup

March 16th– March 20th

ALL ITEMS (EXCEPT SHEPHERD'S HOOKS/STAFFS) MUST GO

PLEASE CONSIDER LENDING A HAND

1701 S. 12th Street, Quincy, IL (217) 222– 0582

Greenmount was founded by Salem Church in 1875



Do you have any ice
cream buckets?

Please consider giving
them to Victoria Dry!



Coffee Hour Schedule

May our coffee be strong, and our spirits freshly brewed

March

- 3/1 Debbie H. and Cindy D.
- 3/8 The Moran's and Hellige's
- 3/15 The Spory Family
- 3/22 The Edward's Family
- 3/29 The Stitt's Featuring David S.

April

- 4/5 Easter– NO Fellowship
- 4/12 The Simmon's W/ Charlie
- 4/19 The Imlah– Emerson Family
- 4/26 The Hillebrenner's W/ Judy

The Salem Pop-Up Choir is a great, easy commitment way to participate in service.

- **First practice at 10am on the Sunday before the performance**
- **Second practice at 8:40am the following Sunday**
- **Instruments AND children encouraged**

Pop-Up Choir NEXT practice 3/22 @10am

Performance 3/29 during service



SALEM CHURCH LENTEN SERMON SERIES:

Getting to Know *Jesus*

Sunday, February 22 First Sunday in Lent

“Jesus Welcomes the Children”

Mark 10:13–16

Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday in Lent

“Jesus Touches What Others Avoid”

Mark 1:40–46

Sunday, March 8 Third Sunday in Lent

“Jesus Eats with the Wrong People”

Luke 5:27–32

Sunday, March 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent

“Jesus Refuses to Condemn”

John 8:2–11

Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

“Jesus Is Moved by Compassion”

John 11:17–27, 32–44

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

“Jesus, the Unexpected Messiah”

Luke 19:28–40

Oh?



Salem's Easter Egg Brunch

YOU are invited!

Sunday, March 29th

Casserole Brunch @10

Easter Egg Hunt @11:15



Dates to Remember

March 2026

Birthdays

- 3/3 Felicity Koch
- 3/8 Marilyn Abbath
- 3/9 Heather Spory
- 3/10 Abbott Archer
- 3/13 Eileen Boden
- 3/14 Carol Hillebrenner
- 3/17 Ed Husar
- 3/18 Kerstin Stitt
- 3/19 Martha Deege
- 3/19 Katie Husar
- 3/21 Norma Reid
- 3/24 Alex Spory
- 3/26 Adam Spory
- 3/29 Karen Cookson
- 3/29 Denise Imlah
- 3/30 Hilda West

March 2026 Anniversaries

- 3/20 Denise Imlah &
Becky Emerson
- 3/22 Debra & Duane Phillips
- 3/24 Debbie & Ed Hibbert

Sunday, March 1st

9:00am Salem Worship
10:15am Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, March 3rd

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 7th

11:30am BJ's Café–
Saturday Meals

Sunday, March 8th

9:00am Salem Worship
10:15am Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, March 10th

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 11th

5:15pm Connections
Ministry Meeting
6:00pm Caring Ministry
Meeting
6:00pm Resource Ministry &
Property Task Force Meeting

Thursday, March 12th

4:00pm Loads of Love

Saturday, March 14th

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

Sunday, March 15th

9:00am Salem Worship
10:15am Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, March 17th

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 18th

6:00pm VMST Meeting

Saturday, March 21st

11:30am Health Fair/
Toiletry Distribution
11:30am BJ's Café–
Saturday Meals

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, March 22nd

9:00am Salem Worship
10:15am Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, March 24th

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26th

4:00pm Loads of Love

Saturday, March 28th

11:30am BJ's Café–
Saturday Meals

Sunday, March 29th

9:00am Salem Worship
10:00am Easter Egg Brunch
10:15am Youth and Adult
Re:Charge
11:15am Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, March 31st

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Event Pictures



We enjoyed a night out at Riverside BBQ while Salem provided childcare for the little ones.
Left Side– Tom Moran, Jeffrey and Kelly Johnson, Val Simmons, Adams and Heather Spory
Right Side– Brian Stitt, Linsey and Alicia Laughlin, AJ Simmons, and Kerstin Stitt

WE celebrated Pastor Matt's 10 year Salem Anniversary!





Rev. Dr. Kelly Johnson teaches the children about the transfiguration on February 15th. She did a great job delivering the Good News for Sunday service.



The inaugural pop-up choir performs "Sing".

Front Row— Norma Spory, Catey and Aurora Hellige, Sharon Higgins, Mara Simmons, and Jeannie Kanauss

Middle Row— Hadley Moran, Linsey Laughlin, Annette Newquist, Katie Hoffman, and Cassie Koch

Back Row— Adam Spory, Jeffrey Johnson, and David Schaffer