



# SALEM CHURCH

*God is still speaking*

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**May  
2026**

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



Rev. Matthew Hunt

## MAY IS SALEM CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRIES MONTH

Anchor Scripture ★ Micah 6:8

*“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”*

Throughout the month of May, we will once again focus our attention on the outreach ministries that help us live out our faith beyond the walls of our church.

Each Sunday, we will highlight two of our six outreach ministries during worship, learning more about how they serve our neighbors and embody compassion, justice, and care in real and tangible ways. Then, on **Sunday, May 24**, we will receive a special offering that will be divided evenly among all six ministries.

This year, our anchor scripture from *Micah* invites us to see generosity not just as giving—but as a way of living.

To **do justice...** to **love kindness...** and to **walk humbly.**

That’s what these ministries help us do.

They place us in the flow of God’s love moving outward—meeting real needs, restoring dignity, and reminding people they are not forgotten.

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## Outreach Ministries Schedule

**May 3** — BJ's Café and God's Garden

**May 10** — Health Fair and Loads of Love

**May 17** — Paws and Prayers and Unmet Needs

**May 24** — Special Collection for Outreach Ministries

Giving is one of the ways we align our lives with what matters most.

These six ministries are more than just programs—they are expressions of who we are as a church. They represent our shared commitment to showing up, offering hope, and making a difference in our community.

I'm grateful to be part of a church that lives this out so faithfully. I invite you to join me in giving as generously as you are able, trusting that even the smallest act of kindness can become something meaningful in God's hands.

*Blessings, Rev. Matt*

The Caring Ministry is proud to introduce our NEXT competition!

### Awesome Appetizers– May 24th During Fellowship

1. This is a team based competition. Grab a few buddies and/or family members to make something special. Everyone qualifies– no age restriction
2. Each appetizer must have at least 5 ingredients
3. Chips, crackers, and bread may be store bought
4. Everyone will have one vote. The appetizer with the most votes wins!
5. The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall

## Coffee Hour Schedule

*Where Beans and Blessings Meet*


### May

5/3 Deege's and Goehl's  
 5/10 Debbie H and Cindy D  
 5/17 The Moran and Hellige Family  
 5/24 The Spory Family  
 5/31 The Edwards Family

### June

6/7 The Stitt Family Ft. David S.  
 6/14 Catherine V, Linsey L, & Victoria D  
 6/21 The Simmons Family Ft. Charlie H.  
 6/28 The Imlah-Emerson Family

**CANCELLED: There are no Pop-up Choir plans for May**

<b>Salem United Church of Christ</b>				
<b>Operating Account - 2026</b>				
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)
Feb	\$ 8,880.86	\$ 26,096.42	(\$17,215.56)	(\$27,820.08)
Mar	\$ 31,379.07	\$ 26,703.04	\$4,676.03	(\$23,144.05)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,693.64</b>	<b>\$ 77,837.69</b>	<b>(\$23,144.05)</b>	<b>(\$23,144.05)</b>
Amount Used from Endowments to Cover Deficit				

# Dates To Remember

## **Saturday, May 2nd**

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

## **Sunday, May 3rd**

9:00am Salem Worship

10:15am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

## **Tuesday, May 5th**

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, May 7th**

6:00pm Connections Flower Event

## **Saturday, May 9th**

10:30am Paws & Prayers Pet Food  
Distribution

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

## **Sunday, May 10th**

9:00am Salem Worship

10:15am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

## **Tuesday, May 12th**

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

## **Wednesday, May 13th**

5:15pm Connections Ministry Meeting

6:00pm Caring Ministry Meeting

6:00pm Property Task Force and Resource  
Ministry

## **Thursday, May 14th**

4:00pm Loads of Love

## **Saturday, May 16th**

11:30am Health Fair/ Toiletry Distribution

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

## **Sunday, May 17th**

9:00am Salem Worship

10:15am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

## **Wednesday, May 20th**

5:30pm Evening Guild

**Newsletter Deadline**

## **Saturday, May 23rd**

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

## **Sunday, May 24th**

9:00am Salem Worship

10:00am Awesome Appetizers Contest

10:15am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

## **Wednesday, May 27th**

6:00pm VMST

## **Thursday, May 28th**

4:00pm Loads of Love

## **Saturday, May 30th**

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

## **Sunday, May 31st**

9:00am Salem Worship

10:15am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

**Our nursing home and shut-in members received cards from the Children's Re:Charge Class!**



**For Such a Time as This: *When the Moment Finds You***  
***NEXT Sermon Series May 17th– June 7th***

- ◆ **Week 1 Esther 2:5-18 *When God Seems Silent***
  - *Even when God seems absent, God is still at work*
- **Week 2 Esther 4:1-17 *The Moment Finds You***
  - *Faith responds when the moment finds us*
- **Week 3 Esther 5:1-8 *Courage in the Waiting***
  - *Faith is not just bold– it is patient and wise*
- **Week 4 Esther 6:1-14 *The Turn You Didn't See Coming***
  - *God is working in ways we cannot always see or control*



### May 2026 Birthdays

5/3 Gwen Zimmerman  
5/4 Catherine Verneti  
5/8 Jeannie Kanauss  
5/17 Charlie Hall  
5/29 Dr. Debra Phillips

### May 2026 Anniversaries

5/2 Dr. Kerstin & Brian Stitt  
5/3 Jayne & Rich Clouser  
5/5 Norma & Carl Spory  
5/7 Catherine & Daniel Hellige  
5/8 Karen & Rod Cookson  
5/18 Carol & Michael Eddy  
5/18 Samantha & Jordan Fuller  
5/19 Kelly Klinge & Jane Mitchell  
5/22 Katie & Mark Hoffman

## Salem's Evening Guild Meets May 20th

- Time 5:30 in the Lounge
- Rummage sale results
- Plan for the June Picnic

Our very own, AJ Simmons, was awarded a **\$5,000** Leonhart Grant. The money will be used to fund concerts for the benefit of our core ministries.

**Who is the second man in the bell choir? *Richard Schmitt is the mystery ringer!* He has been serving as a substitute ringer since January. He also plays bells for his home church, Central Baptist. We are very grateful to have his help when we are short handed!**

## Scenes From the Annual Easter Egg Brunch



Oliver Koch opens his eggs with Papa Joel– looking for surprises one egg at a time!



Audrey and Katie Hoffman– team work makes the dream work.



All of our intrepid hunters!

# Scenes From the Annual Easter Egg Brunch and Hunt



Flossy Stitt and Prynne Simmons try to get some of the harder eggs.



Val Simmons surrounded by love

Left– Mara and Aiden

Right– Prynne and Micah



Kirsten Stitt with Axel (left) and Flossy (right). You can always count on them to keep it real!

## Scenes From the Annual Easter Egg Brunch and Hunt



Our deputy easter bunnies for the day!



Papa AJ with Aiden— a chip off the old block



Audrey Hoffman— future leader in training (and professional pose-maker)

# Scenes From the Annual Easter Egg Brunch and Hunt



The always wonderful Spory Family.

Grandma Norma, Alex, Heather, Gracy, and Adam



Savannah and Jacob with Jesse, their newest blessing.



Debbie Husar, AJ Simmons, and Linsey Laughlin getting ready for brunch service.