



SALEM

CHURCH

God is still speaking

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**September
2026**

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



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Have you ever wondered what God was doing—or why God wasn't doing anything at all?

If so, you are in good company.

Beginning September 13, we will start a new four-week sermon series called **"Faith When God Doesn't Make Sense: Lessons from Habakkuk."** Habakkuk is a short Old Testament book built around questions that still sound remarkably familiar today. Why does God allow suffering? What do we do when God's answers aren't the answers we wanted? How do we wait when nothing seems to be changing? And can we still find joy when life doesn't unfold the way we hoped?

Over four weeks, we will follow Habakkuk from **"How long, O God?"** to his remarkable declaration, **"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord."**

Habakkuk reminds us that faith doesn't require us to pretend we have everything figured out.

Sometimes faith isn't having all the answers. Sometimes faith is trusting God while we wait for them.

I hope you'll join us September 13 through October 4!

Blessing and Peace,

Pastor Matt

Splash into Re:Charge

Rally Day!

Sept. 13



Coffee Hour Schedule

September

9/6 Jeannie & Company

9/13 The Hillebrenner's w/ Judy & Connie

9/20 The Deege's & The Goehl's

9/27 Debbie, Cindy, and Charlie

October

10/4 The Moran's & The Hellige's

10/11 The Spory's

10/18 The Edwards'

10/25 The Stitt's

**Church Announcement: Worship will continue in the Fellowship
Hall for September**

But Fear not! The A/C Unit is on the way!



Dates To Remember

Saturday, September 5th

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, September 6th

9:00am Salem Worship

NO Re:Charge

Tuesday, September 8th

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 9th

6:00pm Resource/Property Meeting

6:00pm Caring Ministry Meeting

Thursday, September 10th

4:00pm Loads of Love

5:15pm Connections Ministry Meeting

Saturday, September 12th

10:30am Paws & Prayer Pet Food
Distribution

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, September 13th

9:00am Salem Worship

10:30am Rally Day!

5:00pm BJ's Café Trivia Night– First
Christian Church

Tuesday, September 15th

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 16th

5:30pm Evening Guild Meeting

6:00pm VMST

Saturday, September 19th

11:30am Health Fair/Toiletry Distribution

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, September 20th

9:00am Salem Worship

10:00am Fellowship Tailgate Carry-In

10:30am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

Newsletter Deadline**Tuesday, September 22nd**

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24th

4:00pm Loads of Love

Saturday, September 26th

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, September 27th

9:00am Salem Worship

10:30am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

Tuesday, September 29th

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal



September 2026 Birthdays

9/4 Katie Hoffman

9/4 Patti Tipton

9/5 Kelsey Vail

9/13 Josh Hawkins

9/16 Mara Simmons

9/16 Washington Tipton

9/17 Ed Hibbert

9/17 Kelly Klingele

9/18 Mary Tipton

9/25 Sophia Brice

9/29 Sam McKelvie

9/30 Laurie Charity

September Anniversaries

9/11 Patti & Richard McNay

9/29 Kathy & Curt Fauble

Salem Evening Guild

Join us for our NEXT Meeting **9/16**
@ 5:30 in the Lounge

- ♦ Planning the Fall Rummage Sale
 - ♦ Set up 9/28 through 10/1
 - ♦ *The sale is 10/1 ,10/2, 10/3*
- ♦ We need assistance with setting up tables in the fellowship hall

Trivia Night @ First Christian Church

Event location: 1415 Maine Street, Quincy, IL

- Teams decided by random drawing at the door
- \$10/ person
- Doors open at 4:30/ Trivia begins at 5:00
- All proceeds support BJ's Café
- Food available for a donation

Backpack Packing Gang

Judy Bushaus, Kathy Willing, Kathie Clark, Sharon Higgins & Jeannie Kanauss lead the charge to get our donated school supplies packed and delivered! Salem donated \$565 and enough supplies to fill 87 bookbags.





It's Bell Choir Rehearsal Time Again

Rehearsals begin Tue. Sept. 8th
5:30 – 6:30 in room 207

New adult members are always welcome
Come Play with Us!

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)
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)
Apr	\$ 11,695.96	\$ 23,761.00	(\$12,065.04)	(\$35,209.09)
May	\$ 9,131.59	\$ 29,970.38	(\$20,838.79)	(\$56,047.88)
Jun	\$ 13,514.06	\$ 26,435.83	(\$12,921.77)	(\$68,969.65)
Jul	\$ 16,026.49	\$ 34,543.58	(\$18,517.09)	(\$87,486.74)
Total	\$ 105,061.74	\$ 192,548.48	(\$87,486.74)	(\$87,486.74)
Amount Used from Endowments to Cover Deficit				

Tailgate Carry-In



- Sunday, September 20th at 9:45 a.m.
- Wings provided
- Bring foods, snacks & dips to share
- Wear your favorite jersey or team colors
- **Sponsored by Caring Ministry**

Pride In The Park

This year pride in the park is scheduled for
September 20, 2026 at Clat Adams Park

**Salem will have a booth at this event. Come
out and support us!**

*If you are interested in having your
organization or business represented
at pride in the park, please contact:
Tristatediversitycoalition@gmail.com*

Let's make this year
another success!



BJ's Café

SALEM UCC'S COMMUNITY MEAL

With Heartfelt Thanks To:

David Schaffer & Friends

Edwards' Family

Michelle Wiemelt & Friends

Jeannie, Sharon, Denise & Friends

Trinity UCC

Thank you for serving in this ministry.



Back To School 2026



Cleo Zimmerman- Kindergarten

Gwen Zimmerman- PreK

**Principal Katie Hoffman's first year
leading the Mendon Mustangs.**

Felicity Koch- 1st grade





Ezra Elder– 7th grade

Audrey Hoffman– PreK





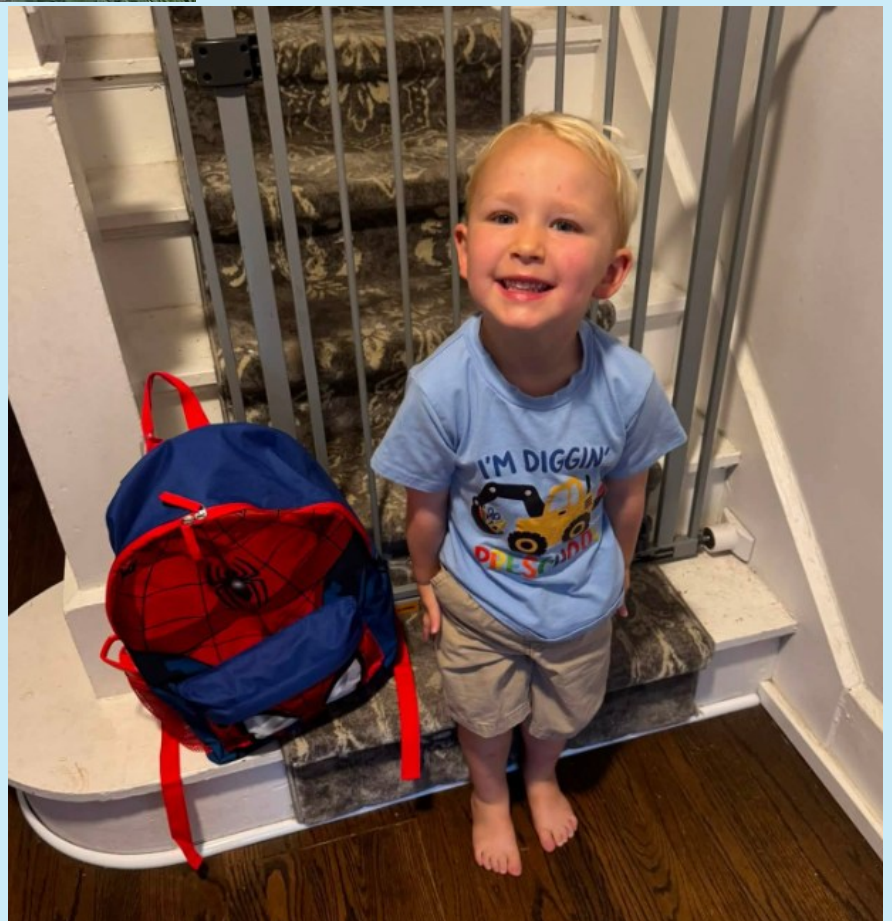
Mara Simmons– 2nd grade

Prynne Simmons– 4th grade

Aiden Simmons– PreK

Micah Simmons– PreK

Oliver Koch– PreK





Gracy Spory– 6th grade

**Adam Spory– 5th year teaching
at QJHS**

Alex Spory– 4th grade

Axel Stitt– 4th grade

Flossy Stitt– 4th grade

Aurora Hellige– 8th grade





2026 Youth Re:Charge Leaders

Front Row— Catey Hellige (PreK– 1st), Linsey Laughlin (6th-8th), Debbie Husar (substitute), Cindy Davis (2nd– 5th), Norma Spory (2nd-5th), Heather and Adam Spory (6th– 8th)

Back Row— Jayne Clauser (6th-8th), Val Simmons (PreK– 1st), AJ Simmons (6th-8th), David Schaffer (substitute), Charlie Hall (substitute), Rev. Matt Hunt

Mark your calendars for the FALL rummage sale

Friday, October 2nd from 8:30 to 4:00

Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00 to 1:00

Saturday \$1 Bag Day

Salem Fellowship Hall



Re:Charge for All Ages

Re:Charge offers a Sunday lift for our whole church family—a chance to pause, reconnect, and grow in faith together. Children, youth, and adults each have spaces designed to help them learn and recharge in ways that fit their stage of life.

Children & Youth Classes

- **PreK–1st Grade:** Gentle stories, songs, and playful activities that introduce God's love.

- **2nd–5th Grade:** Interactive Bible exploration that builds curiosity and confidence.

6th–8th Grade: Conversation based sessions connecting Scripture with real life questions.

Adult Formation

- **Faith Trek** — A guided journey through Scripture and spiritual practices.

- **Digging Deeper with Pastor Matt** — Reflect on Sunday's message and explore how it speaks into daily life.

Adult Sunday School — Multi-generational learning, fellowship, and Scripture study.

No matter your age or stage, there's a place for you to belong, learn, and be refreshed. Classes meet **after fellowship time from 10:30–11:30am**.



Save the Date!
October 2nd– 4th
Church Getaway @
The Ursa Retreat
House