

Salem Church  
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ENGAGE, EQUIP, and EMPOWER to REFLECT JESUS CHRIST

Dear Friends of Salem,

This letter is a brief update and an invitation to Salem's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival which will be held on Saturday, June 22 from 4-7.

Our dream of creating a barrier free worship place has become a reality! We began worshipping in the new building at the beginning of 2019. The welcome space is completed and includes a coffee area where people can gather and enjoy each other's company. The labyrinth is available for meditation time and paths have been cut through the wooded area which provide additional opportunities for reflection with God and nature. A grant was received to provide funds for outdoor activities; soccer field, basketball court and softball diamond. Hopefully these areas will be completed by the Strawberry Fest time.

There is a lot of energy and excitement stirring at Salem and an expectation for what God has for our mission in this community. At the same time, we note that the passing of our friend, mentor, and church leader, Bob Sauder, was a painful shock to us all. We are committed to moving forward with this ministry as a tribute to Bob and his faith that God has called us to build in this space for such a time as this.

We invite you, your family and friends to come and enjoy the fresh strawberries, ice cream, pulled pork sandwiches and popcorn. We have something for ALL ages: inflatables, car and tractor show, petting zoo, wagon rides, hymn sing (4:30 – 5:30), country store, Chinese drawing, 50/50 drawing, and LIVE auction at 6. (One of the last wooden buckets crafted and signed by Bob Sauder will be auctioned off during the live auction).

We hope you will mark the date on your calendars and will come and spend time with us.

SATURDAY JUNE 22 from 4-7.

Hymn sing from 4:30 to 5:30.

Live Auction at 6!

Dee Custar, for Salem's Pastoral team  
Carol Smith, Strawberry Fest Chairperson