



Salem Scribbles

March 2020

Salem United Methodist Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS



2020 – Service of Holy Communion will be held the first Sunday of each month unless there is a need for a schedule change.

March Choir Practice Tentatively 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 6:30 pm

March 3rd – Monthly Missions Mtg 6:30 pm

March 6th – Friday Night Movie “Overcomer”

Monday Bible Study 7:15 pm - March 23 & 30,

April 6, 13 and 20. Leader – Pastor Gina

March 7th – Salem’s Lenten Breakfast

8 am (Saturdays in March through 4/4)

March 8th – Daylight Savings Time

March 10th – UMW Meeting 6:30 pm

March 10th – Trustee Mtg @ 6:30 pm

March 15th – North Central District Meeting

See Pastor’s Pen for complete information.

March 16th – Admin Board Mtg @ 7 pm *(All*

officers, board chairs & committee members are encouraged to attend meetings...only six a year.)

April 4th – Salem UMC Spring Clean 9 am

April 5th – Palm Sunday and Pitch-In at 11:30

& Salem Egg Hunt following lunch

April 7th – Missions Comm Mtg at 6:30 pm

April 9th – Maundy Thursday Service -7 pm

April 10th – Good Friday

April 12th – EASTER Sunday...*Sunrise Service at*

7:30 am – Breakfast – Reg. Service 9:15

April 14th - UMW Meeting 6:30 pm



REMEMBER: June 8 & 9
Monday & Tuesday
Salem’s Creation Museum
and Ark Encounter
Pilgrimage
(See Virginia Crose
for information –
317-873-2956)



PASTOR’S PEN

To My Awesome Church Family,

Welcome to the Lenten season! Wasn’t it just yesterday we were getting ready for Advent and the Hanging of the Greens? Whew! Time is rushing by at record speed. Y’all don’t forget to Spring Forward on March 8th. I don’t want to be the only one at church that day. *(giggle)*

I am so very excited to celebrate my third year as your pastor on March 1st. (yay!) We have grown to love each other like the family of Christ. I am still planning to begin the 5-week Overcomer Bible study on Monday, March 23rd from 6 pm to 7:15. I’m very excited about this study. Friday, March 6th we will have a movie night with popcorn. Bring your favorite lounging or lawn chair so you can watch the movie in comfort. I hope we have a full house as this movie explains many of the obstacle we have in our spiritual journey. I’m a bit concerned that our adult Sunday School has dwindled down to nothing. We must empower our souls with knowledge of God’s Word. We want to make study as convenient as possible. I understand for those of us who do not drive at night that Sunday School is the perfect option.

Again, this year, I only have one person who has expressed an interest in Confirmation class. Maybe there is one or two more who might be interested on Saturday mornings of Lent, from 9:45 am to 11:30, to be confirmed Easter Sunday. For those who are also interested in becoming a member of Salem, please let me know as soon as possible. “Membership has its Privileges” especially when it comes to making decisions for the church!

The North Central District meeting is Sunday, March 15th at 3:00 pm hosted by Carmel United Methodist Church. Our business that day will include: Election of Equalization Members to Annual Conference (new process), Adopt the Budget for 2020, Adopt the new Structure for the NC District. There will also be a time for worship, fellowship, and announcements about important things happening throughout The Connection.



Pastor Gina

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1st Sharon Walker	5th Danny Thomas	15th Tracy Puiia
2nd Joyce Cunningham	9th Rebecca Ottinger	16th Debbie Oatis
4th Judy Lamar	9th Lauren Sharp	20th Hanna Killilian
4th Kathy Mehlhop	10th Jim Cunningham	21st Mark Hough
4th Janet Petsch	12th Nancy Saubert	22nd Natalie Dieckman
5th Joshua Thayer	14th Violet Thomas	26th Lauren Overman

(If there are corrections/additions to the birthday, anniversary and/or prayer list, please contact Martha Randel at SiSRandel@gmail.com.)



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

7th - Chalmer & Virginia Crose
 9th - Bill & Phyllis Bakeis
 10th - Jim & Joyce Cunningham

THE FOLLOWING NEED PRAYERS

Maddy Anderson	Marty Hill	Betty Paddock
Ruth Anderson	Steve Hipsky	Annie Palmer
Tonda Anderson	Louise Hoagland	Rev. Wayne Patton
Aunt Bobbie (90)	Mariam Fisher Hutsen	Jon Peterson
Arnold's Grandson	Ruthie Dawson Jett	Rodney Peterson
Arnold's Brother-in-Law	Keaton's father Tim	Danny Price
Phyllis Bakeis	Libby Keck	Donna Price
Brenda	Roberta Keith	Carolyn Reutter
Connie Chamberlin	Gina Kirkland	Mrs. Ray Robert
Danelle Friend Christy	Gail Klotz	Micah Romig
John Cummings	Natalie Kruger	Marlene Schneider
Conceptione Family	Jennifer Lee	Aaron & Ronda Shipley
Jim Curry	Britney Maker	Deputy Sam Scott
Marge Curry	Sorin Martin	Stephanie Seifts
Eleanor 'Baby' Evans	Sue Martin	Sandra Sharp
Carla Fletcher	Gerald McGowen	Marvin Starkey
Debbie	Ashley Medaris	Ann Stum
Laura Eisner	Jim & Linda Miller	Aaron Taylor
Mary Ann Feeley	Al Mizen Friends	Jane Taylor
Lisa Flynn	Mark Mizen	Brenda & Steven Taylor
Sharlene Grizzle	Barb Montelegre	Ritchie Thatcher
O Hamilton	Carol Moyer	Martha Vail
Rush & Ruth Harmon	Charlie Noble	The Walker's
Mr. Haney's Son	Ashleigh Overman	Warren's Cousins
Brittani Hawk	Lauren Overman	Betty Weatherford
Travis Heckart	Jessica Pabst	Margeret Yde



Pray for our Salem UMC family. Pray for our troops, near and far; persecuted Christians everywhere; people in hospitals and nursing homes; and those who suffer from conflicts around the world including terrorism. Pray for victims of natural disasters. Pray for persecuted Christians and for victims of church fires, wildfire, storms and flooding. Pray for peace and safety for any and all refugees who are God's children throughout the world. Pray for those with unspoken requests. Pray for wisdom by our politicians, and pray for our country. Pray for our local first responders, EMS, medical teams, fire fighters and police who give immediate help for those in need. Pray for our protectors, border patrol officers, security guards, and for victims of crimes. Pray for our church family as we look to a way forward. Pray for our community, country and the world. And do continue to pray for "Old Man Cline!"
 {All Mankind}

Apologies for misspelling of any names...to update information for prayer list please contact Martha at SiSRandel@gmail.com – Scribbles Co-Editor.

Prayers for Rev. Wayne Patton and family with the loss of his wife, Norma Patton.

Praises for Marie Urick's nephew, Doug Thomas, who recently had a stroke but is now doing well with no apparent lingering symptoms.

Praises for Kathy Mehlhop's sister in law, Tonda Anderson, whose results from recent surgery were benign!

Praises for Margeret Yde's grandson, Owen, whose vision has improved!



ASK THE PASTOR

Dear Pastor Gina,

Why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, why do we wear green, and is it a religious holiday?

Sincerely,

Love My Green



Dear Love My Green,

That is an awesome question. St Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture on or around March 17. It particularly remembers St Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the fifth century. St Patrick's Day is celebrated in countries with people of Irish descent with the United States being among one of them. Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration held on March 17, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

St. Patrick was a 5th-century missionary to Ireland and later served as bishop there. He is credited with bringing Christianity to parts of Ireland and was probably partly responsible for the Christianization of the Picts and Anglo-Saxons.

St. Patrick's revelers thought wearing green made one invisible to leprechauns, fairy creatures who would pinch anyone they could see (anyone not wearing green). People began pinching those who didn't wear green as a reminder that leprechauns would sneak up and pinch green-abstainers. On St Patrick's Day, it is customary to wear shamrocks, green clothing or green accessories. St Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish. I hope this helps.

Much love, Pastor Gina

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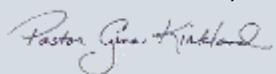
Bishop Julius Trimble is presenting The State of the Church: A Conversation with Bishop Trimble at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 21st at Fishers UMC, 9691 E 116th St, Fishers, IN 46037. He will share details about the Protocol, offer perspective, and clarify priorities of the church in Indiana: but he also wants to hear from you. Come ready to share in this dialogue about the state of The United Methodist Church.

Just as a reminder, my hours for my second job at Liberty Christian Elementary School are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. If you need to get in touch with me during those hours, please leave a message on my cell phone. I try to check it during breaks.

The Kamp Kirkland family thanks you all for all your heartfelt prayers, phone calls, texts, meals, and greeting cards as we handle the many challenges before us every day. Thank you also for everything you do to make us feel accepted, respected, supported and loved as your pastor and pastor's family. We sincerely love all of you!!!!

P.S. I love you and you can't do anything about it!!!

In the love of Christ,



Pastor Gina Kirkland aka PG

As a reminder, if anyone would like or needs to contact me, I want to make sure you have my contact information. I do accept text, email and Facebook messages.
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2020 CHILI SUPPER REPORT

There are approximately 200 white tigers in the world. There are approximately 200 giant anteaters living in zoos around the world. And there were approximately 200 people served at the 2020 Chili Supper, receiving agape love at Salem UMC.

This year we cooked and served nine roasters of red chili, two roasters of white chili, and one crockpot vegetarian chili. Plus 112 hot dogs! I felt very loved on the night of the Chili Supper, as did every guest who visited with our church family that evening. Our congregation knows how to love on each other, and on the people in our community. Some may say we are as rare as the giant anteater, and as beautiful as the white tiger. Well done, Salem.

When it was all said and done on Sunday, we cleared around \$1790.00. Thank you to every person who made the Chili Supper a reality.

Many blessings,

Natalie Kruger, Salem Chili Supper Chair



LENTEN BREAKFASTS AT SALEM

The Lenten season has begun. Salem UMC will host an 8:00 a.m. breakfast and worship service on each of the Saturdays of Lent. A continental breakfast will be followed with an inspirational message each week (3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28.) On the sixth and final Saturday morning of April 4th a hot breakfast will be served. Our speakers include Pastor Gina Kirkland, Ben Pauley, Luke Garrigus, Charlie Noble, Brian Earnhart and Bob Overman. Please plan on joining us for this season of reflection. Bring a friend, too. Holy week begins with Palm Sunday on April 5th



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our first meeting of 2020 will be Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. This is a new time and day of the week for UMW. We hope this change in schedule will allow some of our young mothers and/or working ladies to join us for fellowship and devotions as we strive to serve God and our community. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing each of you.

President, Paula Overman



LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

\$52.82 was paid to The Caring Center for the 2019 fourth quarter Loose Change collections. All money collected for the first quarter of 2020 will be sent to Fletcher Place.

Treasurers, Andy Mehlhop & Donna Ricketts

2020 SUMMER CAMP

Have you noticed all the camp posters placed around Salem Church for your review?!? Camp spaces are filling up quickly, so the sooner you sign up the better. For information or contacts you need, see or call **Marie Urick** → 317-769-6331. Marie also has the I-Cash Code

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2020

The kids are off and running again for the 2020 OCC project. Now is a great time to find clearance items following the holidays, including Valentine's Day.

As you shop, please look at the clearance items to see if anything would work in the boxes...plus it will save money for you, too! Thank you for again participating and supporting this project!



PALM SUNDAY EGG HUNT

Calling all children and grandchildren of Salem families... It's nearly time for the annual Salem Egg Hunt. On April 5th following the church pitch-in lunch the search begins. The meal begins at 11:30 a.m. The egg hunt starts at approximately 12:15 p.m. (rain or shine) Sign-ups for the children aren't required for participation in the event, **but they do help with the planning.** Please share your child's name and age with Paula Overman. Remember to bring a basket or bag for gathering eggs. Contact Paula at 317-445-9597 email pover5220@aol.com.

YOUTH EGG STUFFING WORK-DAY

Please help prepare for the Salem Egg Hunt by FILLING THE EGGS on Sunday, March 29th (following Worship Service) from 10:45 a.m. until about 12 noon. Adults may join in on the fun too! Refreshments will be provided. Please see Paula Overman for more details.



EGG HUNT DONATIONS

Want to help with needed items for the Salem Egg Hunt? Please see the list of some of the needed items for filling the plastic eggs and for the prizes our young seekers will receive. Each participant will receive a prize and of course the candy they find too. Please have your donations to church by **Sunday March 29th** You may give them directly to Paula or you may leave them on the table marked EGG HUNT downstairs in fellowship hall. For more details, please contact Paula Overman at pover5220@aol.com or call 317-445-9597. Thank you

SALEM'S EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

This inspirational service in celebration of our risen savior, Jesus Christ, will be at 7:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday April 12th to help plan this service or to participate in any way please see Pastor Gina or Paula Overman.

SALEM EASTER BREAKFAST

Your assistance is needed to help prepare, serve and straighten up the kitchen for Salem's Easter Morning Breakfast on Sunday April 12th It will immediately follow Sunrise Service and end before the 9:15 Worship Service begins. To sign-up or obtain more details, please call Bob Overman 317- 445-9536 or email him at salemumc_bulletin@sbcglobal.net



SAFE PARKING

At the 'back door' please always keep the center lane open. You may park near the building or near the grassy area. However, the center lane is used for dropping off people/items and then moving on to park elsewhere. The reason for keeping the center lane open is so no one parking at the lower level gets blocked in and can easily pull out to exit from the center lane, down the 'hill' and out the cemetery exit gate. This allows for maximum safety.

Additionally, if you park on the side of the church where the road is located – whether parallel or diagonally – always make sure your car is completely off the road, not sticking out even an inch! There is heavy traffic on Kissel Road, and we certainly don't want any fender benders. Be very careful as you back up to exit those parking spaces.

Thank you.



LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS FOR EGG HUNT

For egg filling, candy must be individually wrapped

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| (4) Rolls of Quarters | (4) bags of Smarties |
| (6) bags of Skittles | (6) bags of M&M's |
| (4) bags of foil-covered chocolate eggs | |
| (4) bags of Gummy Life Savers | |
| (6) bags of Reese's peanut butter eggs | |

For prize awards to the seekers

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| (3) large kites | (1) soccer ball |
| (1) basketball | (1) Nerf football |
| (1) kick ball | (2) board books |

Please see Paula Overman for additional items needed.

MANY THANKS TO...

- ✚ February refreshment providers – **The Forthum’s, , Lynda Wayman, Shipley’s & Chili Supper Leftovers.**
- ✚ Our faithful acolytes – **Ruth, Haven, Khamiya, Sydney, Rebecca & Kaitlyn**
- ✚ February smiling greeters – **Marie Urick, Deb Shook & Pat Arnold**
- ✚ **Moms, dads & kids supervised by Danean Thatcher** for baking goodies, the profits of which go towards the 2020 OCC boxes.
- ✚ **Eric Hand** and **Tim Ottinger** for transporting Rummage Sale leftovers to The Caring Center in Lebanon.
- ✚ **Eric Hand/Missions** reported best profits ever for Rummage Sale - **\$1,414.13!**
- ✚ **EVERYONE** who donated, worked, attended, plus brought friends and family to the Annual Chili Supper.
- ✚ **Natalie Kruger** who fed the ‘200’ by chairing this year’s Chili Supper and always with a smile on her face!! Her family also plays a huge role in supporting her and helping in many ways, as does our Salem family.
- ✚ **Salem Choir, Director Luke** and **Pianist Tina** for putting in practices in order to present lovely songs in February.
- ✚ **Sound Ecologies** for presenting classical guitarist **Joseph Jones** for another entertaining recital by a very talented young man.
- ✚ **“Stones Crossing”** for beautiful Gospel Bluegrass music at Salem’s February 16th Worship Service. The Mark Graham family of singers have many close personal ties to Salem Church. Salem is positive Grandma Louise Graham was very pleased with their blessing of music for Salem that Sunday morning.



- ✚ **EVERYONE** who donated blood this month - the gift of life.
- ✚ **The OVERMAN’s** for organizing the Lenten Breakfast Series with guest speakers.
- ✚ **TINA HAND** for researching the organ and piano options for Salem UMC, aided by Luke Garrigus. Our Gem of and Organ will be repaired and preserved. And take-a-look at our new piano!! Thank you, Music Department!!

Lectionary Readings for March 2020

Lessons	March 1 st	March 8 th	March 15 th	March 22 nd	March 29 th
Old Testament	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7a	Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm	Psalm 32	Psalm 121	Psalm 95	Psalm 23	Psalm 130
Epistle	Romans 5:12-19	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Romans 5:1-11	Ephesians 5:8-14	Romans 8:6-11
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11	John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42	John 9:1-41	John 11:1-45

MARCH FELLOWSHIP & GREETERS

<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Volunteer Needed	March 1	Volunteer Needed
Deanna & Roy King	March 8	Volunteer Needed
The Butler’s	March 15	Deb Shook
Volunteer Needed	March 22	Pat Arnold
Volunteer Needed	March 29	Volunteer Needed



Wanting the very best for someone else regardless of the cost to yourself.



To seventh-grader Rebecca Ottinger in her first solo competition with ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association) with aunt Tina Hand as her piano accompanist. And she won a Gold Medal {1st Place} for her performance!! Rebecca is the daughter of Susan & Tim Ottinger.

"Homeward Bound" written by Marta Keen was her song of choice and no, it is not the Simon and Garfunkel version. This version is just beautiful, and Rebecca sung it at Salem a couple weeks ago - you can listen to this song on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=878OTcl6iw8>

ZIONSVILLE CHORALAIRES

Daughter of Steve Hipsky, sophomore Lexi is a member of this choir. They already have one Grand Championship this year. Below are some of their performance dates - you really need to try to attend one of their concerts. Their music is fantastic!!

- 2/8- Pike High School - 1st place Grand Champions!!
- 2/22- Franklin Central High School (Finish TBA)
- 2/29- Mooresville High School (Finish TBA)
- 3/10- ZCHS Winter Choral Concert (7pm)
- 4/28- ZCHS Spring Choral Concert (7pm)
- 5/8-5/9- ZCHS Show Choir Finale Concert (3 total shows)



Thank you, Joseph, for your beautiful music.



We baked and you enjoyed! Thank you.

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MARCH 2020

As we look toward the 2020 General Conference, to be held, May 5-15, in Minneapolis, Minn., the Indiana United Methodist Conference invites those who feel called and willing to commit time and energy to serving in Conference proceedings to learn more about the process for lay and clergy General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates, endorsements and election processes, the level of commitment required from a delegate, as well as details on how to submit your Willingness to Serve application. You may contact Pastor Gina for more information or assistance.

The deadline to submit a Willingness to Serve form is March 15.

<https://www.inumc.org/annual-conference/are-you-interested-in-becoming-a-2020-equalization-member/>

(Please reference [General and Jurisdictional Willingness to Serve](#), and [Conference Nominations' Volunteer Form](#)).

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COMING UP