



Salem Scribbles

December 2019

Salem United Methodist Church
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 1 – 1st Sunday of **Advent**
Dec 1 – **Salem "Lights Up"** for Christmas Eve
Coordinator, Virginia Crose
Dec 4, 11, 18 – **Choir Practices** 6:30 pm
Dec 8 – **Christmas Cheer Bags** by UMC
Assembled after Service
Dec 10 – **UMW Christmas Meeting** at 6:30 pm
IUMCH Gift Boxes will be assembled.
All women are welcome to attend.
Dec 14 – **Youth Christmas Program** dress
rehearsal at 10 am.
Dec 15 – **Annual Youth Christmas Program**
during
Worship
Service.
All in
program
please
arrive by
9 am or
sooner in
lower level
to get into
your costumes in preparation for the
program. (2007 Picture)



- Dec 22 – **Sound Ecologies Concert** 5 pm
Dec 24 – **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
9:00 pm -- Tradition Service w/special music
Dec 28 – **Blood Drive** 12 – 5 at Whitestown
Municipal Complex - Susan Ottinger
On-Going - Pick up a **Merry Christmas Pin** for
yourself and extra pins to share with others.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

- Jan 5 or 12, 2020 - **Taking Down the Greens**
Coordinator, Virginia Crose

PASTOR'S PEN

To My Awesome Church Family,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!! The sanctuary is dressed in Advent splendor. It always amazes me how quickly like clockwork the sanctuary transforms with all the hands, feet and muscles of those who work so hard to honor God's house of worship during this very important season.

By the way, Happy New Year! Yes, I know this isn't the January Scribbles. A new common Lectionary year begins with the first day of Advent. We just left Lectionary year C and we are entering Lectionary year A. You thought I really had lost my marbles, didn't you? (*a little giggle*)

Think about some of your favorite Christmas Carols, because on December 8th we will have an insert where you can make your request for the first Sunday of Christmas. This will give the music department time to get some of these together.

If you have not seen the movie 'Overcomer', all is not lost. It comes out on DVD December 16th. I've already pre-ordered my copy which is due to arrive December 19th. I can't wait!!! I am planning to do the Overcomer Bible Study sometime the end of February or the first of March. Please let me know which day of the week would be the best for you to attend an evening Bible study.

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!!!!

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Gina Kirkland aka PG

P.S. You can say Merry Christmas to me!!!



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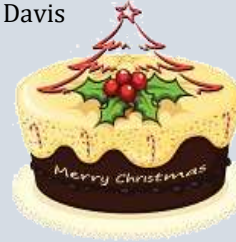
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 4th Sarah Johnson | 14th Ginger Bright | 27th Norma Patton |
| 4th Thomas Overman | 17th Michael Alexander | 28th Chris Isaacs |
| 6th Britney Lee Maker | 19th Athan Starkey | 28th Deanna King |
| 7th Raylynn Renee Grayson | 21st Delaine Davis | 31st Pam Hill Gibson |
| 9th Diana Ward | 23rd Chalmer Crose | 31st Nora Lee Davis |

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5th Bing & Ann Stum
 10th Mike & Jill Hampton
 28th Rev. Jim & Linda Miller

(If you or a family member is not on our birthday and/or anniversary monthly list used in Scribbles and would like to be, please give name/month/day to Martha Randel at SiSRandel@gmail.com Please send prayer list additions or deletions to Martha Randel also.)



THE FOLLOWING	ARE IN NEED OF	OUR PRAYERS
Arnold's Grandson	Travis Heckart	Danny Price
Pat Arnold's Sister's husband	Louise Hoagland	Carolyn Reutter
Asher	Mariam Fisher Hutsen	Mrs. Ray Robert
Phyllis Bakeis	Libby Keck	Donita Roberts
Brenda	Natalie Kruger	Grandma Robin
Carolyn and daughter Anna	Gina Kirkland	Micah Romig
Christy - Danelle Friend	Jennifer Lee	Deputy Sam Scott
Conceptione Family	Britney Maker	Stephanie Seifts
Jim Curry	Sorin Martin	Sandra Sharp
Marge Curry	Gerald McGowen	Marvin Starkey
Danny	Ashley Medaris	Ann & Bing Stum
Laura Eisner	Nhut Milender	Aaron Taylor
Ryan Davis family	Jim & Linda Miller	Jane Taylor
Carla Fletcher	Carol Moyer	Brenda & Steven Taylor
Debbie	Lauren Overman	Larry Thatcher
Lisa Flynn	Jessica Pabst	Paul Thomas
O Hamilton	Betty Paddock	Martha Vail
Rush & Ruth Harmon	Annie Palmer	The Walker's
Harney Family	The Patton's	Betty Weatherford
Brittani Hawk	Phil	Peter Yoder
Haven's Grandma Robin	Ruthie Dawson Jett	Rose Yoder
Al's family and friends	Dawn, Susan and Mark	



Prayers for the Starkey family with the passing of Frank Starkey, brother of Joyce Cunningham and Janet Petsch;, and cousin to Marvin, Mark & Marshall Starkey.

Prayers for the Steve Harney family (friend of Steve Hipsky) with the loss of their 24 year old son.

Prayers for the neighbor of the Starkey's & M. Hamerin and the Gehlbach family for Marc Gehlbach, Carmel Fireman, who recently passed in an accident.



"The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart." Psalm 34:18

ASK THE PASTOR

Dear Pastor Gina,
 What is a Blue Christmas church service, and why do some churches have it?



Sincerely,
 Just Wondering

Dear Just Wondering,
 That is an awesome question. Blue Christmas, in the Western Christian tradition, is a day in the Advent season marking the longest night of the year. This worship service is traditionally held on or around the longest night of the year, which falls on or about December 21, the Winter Solstice. On this day (really evening), some churches hold this special church service which recognizes that the holidays are sometimes "blue" or filled with difficult feelings around painful life events such as death, disease, poverty, or abuse. Some services may only honor people who have lost loved ones in that year, similar to an All Saint's Day service. The lighting of candles in loving memory of loved ones who have gone on to glory and offering the Lord's Supper is traditionally a part of the service on this day. The worship often includes opportunities for expression of grief and pain through scriptures and hymns as well as an opportunity to focus on the promise of hope of the Christ child.

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“Sound Ecologies” - Thank you for a wonderful November 24th Concert!

- Darrin & Natalie Isaac
- Charissa & Luke Garrigus
- Gavin Craig (not pictured)

Their next concert held at Salem Church will be on Sunday, December 22nd at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

(Sorry, but I just couldn't resist sharing!)

The Editor

2019 OCC Box Project a GREAT SUCCESS!

After almost a year of preparation, our Operation Christmas Child boxes are complete! It really was amazing to watch God work through our congregation, friends, and families to exceed our goal.

On Friday (11/15), 11 people worked for almost 4 hours at our "unpacking" party. We assembled Fishing Kits, Lego Kits, Bracelet Making Kits, Hygiene Bags, and Pencil Pouches. Bars of soap were placed in the soap boxes, crayons in the crayon boxes, and toothbrushes paired with tooth brush holders. We also flattened 10 soccer balls and secured an air pump with needle to each ball, as well as, 30 soccer balls. We removed as much packaging as possible to reduce the amount of trash being shipped and to make room for more items in our boxes. Everything was put in place for Saturday's assembly line.

On Saturday (11/16), 16 people came for our packing party. After watching a video about the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project and a few directions, we packed each box FULL of hygiene items, school supplies, toys, activities, crafts, stuffed animals, dolls, and sports balls. Every box contained a letter written by one of our youth. After securing the lid and attaching a label, the boxes were placed throughout the sanctuary in preparation for Sunday's blessing during service.

On Sunday (11/17), Pastor Gina led the congregation in prayer, not only over each box, but over the entire Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project: prayers of thanks for the generous hearts and many blessings God has bestowed upon our church family, prayers for all those involved in the process of getting the shoebox gifts into the hands of children all over the world and teaching them about The Greatest Gift, prayers that each child would be touched by the love of Jesus and they would come to know Him, prayers that through these shoeboxes and the children receiving them the family of God would multiply and grow. Please continue these prayers! Prayer is the most important thing we can include with each and every box we assemble.

The few items that didn't fit in our planned shoe boxes were available after service for individuals to "shop" and start building a box. After taking boxes home to complete, and adding personal notes to the children, these boxes were returned to church the following Sunday for one last delivery to an OCC drop off location. This brought our total number of shoe boxes packed in 2019 to **80!**

Thank you to each person that donated an item or helped the youth with their fundraising through Hire-A-Helper, Bake Sale purchases, Lasagna Dinner donations, walnut collection, and Fellowship Challenges. And a big thank you to our YOUTH who did such a good job on this project all year long! We are looking forward to starting our 2020 campaign in January.



Danean Thatcher





OCC PICTURES
Unpacking
Packing
Blessing



ATTENTION!! RUMMAGE SALE**QUESTION**

Closets overflowing? Downsizing? What to do?

ANSWER

Donate to Salem's Annual Rummage Sale Feb 1st

ATTENTION!! CHEER BAG DONATIONS

Chap stick, hand lotion or sanitizer, small tissue packets, Post-Its, pens, postage stamps, low/no sugar added treats, raisins, packaged crackers such as cheese or peanut butter flavors, juice boxes, pencils, note pads, diabetic type treats, crossword puzzles or word search books, fresh fruit or freshly baked items. Need on Dec 8th.

Thank you from UMW.

SALEM'S JOURNEY

June 8 & 9, 2020

Join Salem on our trip to the Creation Museum and ARK Encounter! Mark your calendar now to save these dates for your vacation. See Virginia Crose for information and registration forms. Deposit of \$150 per person with registration form is due January 15, 2020 - deadline for final payment for the trip is April 1, 2020

JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

**The First Sunday of Advent:****"SALEM LIGHTS UP FOR CHRISTMAS"**

Salem congregation will be given an opportunity to participate in the "Light up for Christmas Eve" project initiated by the Missions Committee and coordinated by Virginia Crose, as we all join together for this event. Sunday, December 1st – don't miss it!!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Only **TWO** weeks away so the Salem Sunday School Department is already working on plans for this year's program to be presented on December 15th at our 9:15 am Service. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 am.

All participants should see Teri Cruz or Martha Randel to get fitted for your costume (Dec 1 or 8.)

UMW NEWS

Our Christmas meeting & lite dinner will be held on December 10th from 6:30 – 8 pm. Following dinner, we'll assemble the Christmas party boxes for the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon. Please plan to join us.

The 2020 UMW meetings will move to Tuesday evenings in an effort to help grow our membership. Thank you for your support of this year's fundraiser (selling Pecans) and our annual bake sale which featured our homemade noodles, and many other treats.

We still have a few pecans for sale; see Tina Hand or any UMW officer to make a purchase.

UMW 2020 officers have been elected and they are:

President Paula Overman,
Vice President Judy Washburn,
Treasurer Donna Rickets, and
Secretary Tina Hand.

**NOT FREE...but a good deal!**

Need a great stocking stuffer? Consider our UMW pen! Please help support our sale of ink pens...only \$2.00 each, all with black ink, gray and silver color, very attractive, stylus included, printed with Salem United Methodist Church... Zionsville, Indiana!

See Tina Hand or any UMW member to purchase! Thank you for your support.

Continue to buy Meijer Gift Cards too!



MANY THANKS TO...

- † Nov. generous fellowship providers: **UMW, the Croses', the Overman's, Brandon & Sydney.**
- † Nov. welcoming greeters: **Marie Urick, Pat Arnold, Deb Shook, and Mary Hamerin.**
- † Nov. acolytes: **Alina, Rebecca, Khamiya, Kaitlyn, Sydney, Ruth, & Haven.**
- † **Virginia Crose & Tim Ottinger** for the **All Saints Day** presentation greatly appreciated by many families.
- † **UMW** for hosting the Delta Kappa Gamma breakfast.
- † **Ben Pauley** for lovely altar flowers honoring Veterans and to **Diana Ward** for her Veteran's Program at The Hearth.
- † **Our Veterans** who were honored on Nov 10th. **Aaron Shipley** won as best dressed!
- † **Susan Ottinger** for her work with blood drives.
- † **District Meeting attendees: PG & Khamiya, Virginia C., the Overman's and the Randel's**
- † **ALL** who donated to Fletcher Place, and the **Washburn's & Randel's** who will be delivering our items 1st week of December. Coordinator, **Bill Butler** too.
- † **EVERYONE** who is sharing the greeting **MERRY CHRISTMAS** with special pins this season.
- † Hanging of the Greens **GROUP** and **ALL** who participated in Salem's Annual Holiday Pitch-in.
- † Salem **PARTICIPANTS** who ran/walked in the Drumstick Dash or ZGravy Chase Thanksgiving morning in support of Wheeler Mission and the Boone County Boys & Girls Club.
- † **All Salem Board Officers & Committees** who keep our church running smoothing all year so Salem can be the best it can be. Our **Volunteers** play a role in this also!
- † **YOU...**for being here to worship our Lord, Jesus Christ.



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER

Lessons	December 1st	December 8th	December 15th	December 22nd	December 29th
Old Testament	Isaiah 2:1-5	Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 35:1-10	Isaiah 7:10-16	Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalms	Psalms 122	Psalms 72	Psalms 146:5-10	Psalms 80:1-7,17-19	Psalms 148
Epistle	Romans 13:11-14	Romans 15:4-13	James 5:7-10	Romans 1:1-7	Hebrews 2:10-18
Gospel	Matthew 24:36-44	Matthew 3:1-12	Matthew 11:2-11	Matthew 1:18-25	Matthew 2:13-23

FELLOWSHIP	DECEMBER	GREETERS
Betty & Eldon Forthum	Dec 1st	Marie Urick
K. Houx & Starkey's	Dec 8th	Volunteer Needed
The Butlers	Dec 15th	Volunteer Needed
Volunteer(s) Needed	Dec 22nd	Pat Arnold
Volunteer(s) Needed	Dec 29th	Lynda Wayman

January 5, 2020 Fellowship by Laura Eisner & Julie Rajski

ATTENTION!! PARTY GIFT BOXES
If you would like to donate to the six boxes to be assembled for the IN United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon for their Christmas/New Year Celebrations, please see Paula Overman or Judy Washburn. Thank you - UMW

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WORSHIP JESUS' BIRTH AT SALEM

