



Salem Scribbles

MAY 2019

Salem United Methodist Church
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UPCOMING EVENTS



- May 2nd – National Day of Prayer
Love one another. John 13:34
- May 7th – Missions Comm. Meeting at 6:30 pm
- May 9th – UMW Meeting & Setup at 10 am
- May 10th – Mother’s Day Celebration 6:30 pm
with special entertainment at 7:30.
Those attending entertainment only
must sign guest sheet-see Paula
- May 12th – Mother’s Day
- May 14th – Trustee Meeting at 6:30 pm
- May 19th – Armed Forces Day
- May 19th – Annual Culinary Collage – Fletcher
Place Fundraiser at U of Indy Campus.
1 – 3:30 pm. Admission \$10 – age 12
& under free. 317-694-5096
- May 20th – Administrative Board Mtg 7 pm
- May 26th – Memorial Day at Salem
- May 27th – National Memorial Day
- May 30th – Ascension Day {Christians celebrate
the Ascension of Jesus the Christ into heaven.}



- June 9th – Pentecost {Marks end of the Easter cycle. Commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames to the Apostles.}
- June 14th – Flag Day
- June 16th – Father’s Day
- June 21st – First Day of Summer



PASTOR’S PEN

To My Awesome Church Family,

Christ the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! I have my white sandals on as I am typing. I pray that we get to experience a full season of spring unlike last year when it went from winter to summer. (giggle)

This will probably be the shortest newsletter note that I have ever written. My mother Shirley Rogers, will most likely have earned her heavenly wings by the time this letter goes to press. As her primary caregiver I am spending as much time possible caring for her. Please pray that I can remain strong as the oldest of her children. I thank God for the privilege to serve my mama in her last days. I am so glad we are in the season of Eastertide as we are assured of resurrection because of Jesus.

Salem Church family, you are very special to me and I am so glad that the Lord has sent me this way. I love you all so very much and I’m going to make sure I let you know that as often as I can because we never know when the Lord will call any of us home. I challenge you also to let those people close to you know how much they are loved as God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

The Kamp Kirkland family thanks you all for all your prayers, phone calls, meals, 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,

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2nd Gov. Eric Holcomb | 8th Audrey Lamar | 20th Isaac Sean Killian |
| 2nd Lee Shelburne | 10th Christa/Caitlin Noble | 22nd Andy Mehlhop |
| 2nd Leah G. Overman | 11th Rev. Jim Miller (86) | 23rd Joshua A. Barrows, Jr. |
| 3rd Kelly Yde Barbato | 11th Larry Randel | 23rd Paul Thomas |
| 3rd Suzanne Hough | 11th Jane Taylor (97) | 24th Ashleigh Overman |
| 4th Rachel Hazewinkel | 12th Scott Hokanson | 24th Paisley Kay Harshbarger |
| 5th Brandon Davis | 15th Rev. Phil Lewis | 25th Lilyanne DeLucio |
| 5th Micah Faulkner | 18th Megan Hokanson | 28th Stephen Hipsky |
| 7th Charlie Noble | 20th Jacy Hill | 31st Freddy Cruz |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 27th Ron & JoBeth Hough
 28th Jim & Judy Washburn



(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 SiSRandel@gmail.com)

PRAYER LIST		
Alex & Henry	O Hamilton	Nhut Milendar
Annabelle Aldous	Rush & Ruth Harmon	Jim & Linda Miller
Arnold's Grandson	Brittani Hawk	Carol Moyer
Pat A's sister's husband	Travis Heckart	Caden Nation
Koryn Aughe	Charles Hoagland	Jessica Pabst
Friend's Aunt Carolyn	Louise Hoagland	The Patton's
Aunt Nancy	Mariam Fisher Hutsen	Cindy Paul
Sean Bakeis	Lisa Isaacs	Natalie Postma
Shawna Baker	Tracy James	Danny Price
Skip Barker	Myra Johnson	Carolyn Reutter
Brenda	Kathy	Mrs. Ray Robert
Brian	Keaton	Deputy Sam Scott
Rodney Carter	Libby Keck	Stephanie Seifts
Conceptione Family	Shirley Jean Rogers	Gregg Speer
Marge Curry	Reginald Kirkland	Jim Curry
Donna David	Gail Klotz	Marvin Starkey
Carla Fletcher	Maxine Lamar	Ann & Bing Stum
Lisa Flynn	Jennifer Lee	Jane Taylor
Dale Funkhouser	Britney Maker	Brenda & Steven Taylor
Nancy Giles	Ashley Medaris	Cody Wilson
Mary Hamerin		Peter Yoder

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 victims of church fires, wild-fire, 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, our 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 ... Co-Editor.

Prayers for the Hendricks family and Patsy Livengood with the passing of her twin sister, Patty.

Prayers for the Lanpher and Randel families with the passing of "Aunt Ilene Lanpher" of Thorntown.

Prayers for the family of Carolyn Reutter who recently passed.

Prayers for the family of Jacob Robertson who recently passed.

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him."

~ ~ I Corinthians 2:9 HIV



ASK THE PASTOR

Dear Pastor Gina,

I really would like to know what the reasoning is for Easter's date changing from year to year?

Sincerely,
The Easter Bunny



Dear Easter Bunny,

Thank you for your awesome question. I know there have been several folks at church who have asked me this very same question. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ's death and resurrection occurred at the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first Full Moon following the vernal equinox. The date of Easter changes, because the Paschal full moon can fall on various days in different time zones. But because Easter falls on a Sunday after the March 21 spring equinox, it will always occur on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. I hope this helps.

Much love, Pastor Gina (aka PG)

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**THE FINAL INSPECTION**

The soldier stood and faced God,
Which must always come to pass
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

'Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My Church have you been true?'

The soldier squared his shoulders and said,
'No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny,
That wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills got just too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't, I'll understand.'

There was a silence all around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.

'Step forward now, you soldier,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in Hell.'

Author Unknown~



**Honoring USA
Military Sacrifices
This Memorial Day**

ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Another Salem Egg Hunt has now become part of history. The cold, wet day kept us inside this year, but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of all that had gathered for this joyful event. A team of volunteers organized the prize table and hid nearly 900 eggs for thirty children to eagerly gather. Alex, Elle, Sidney and Brandon were the finders of the elusive silver prize eggs. There were plenty of smiles and sweets for everyone! Thank you to the congregation for your donations and support of this event. *Paula Overman*



SALEM EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST

A special thank you goes to Bob and Paula Overman for organizing this year's Sunrise Breakfast...always a special event on Easter. Thanks goes to helpers Marie Urick, the Washburn's, the Ricketts and the Starkey's. Donated sweets were prepared by Tina Hand, Mary Ann Holmes, Violet Thomas, Deanna King, the Butlers and the Fortum's. Thanks to those who donated financially too. The delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all!!

2019 SUNRISE SERVICE

A special thank you goes to Paula Overman for organizing this year's Sunrise Service and to the many youth who participated: Dylan, Rebecca, Ruth, and Khamiya. A thank you also goes to Danean Thatcher for her readings and to Director Luke Garrigus and the Salem Choir who provided beautiful songs for Sunrise Service.

A Special Personal Sharing was given by Dylan who included information about his twin brother who has passed, living only a few days after birth. Quoted from Dylan's message... "Billy Joel's song title... 'Only the Good Die Young' ... to me just means we all have some work to do before we go. Perhaps it's why our life spans continue to increase, but maybe we are living longer because we are straying away from God more and more. Our mission on earth is not done, it's only getting started. Each day is a new beginning to make a difference, and maybe I haven't done a good enough job. Maybe we haven't done a sufficient job. Let's keep remembering our purpose not only on this Easter Sunday, but each and every day we are fortunate enough to live this life."

This special Holy event was highlighted by the rising sunshine coming through Salem's beautiful stained-glass windows. You can never get enough of the beauty, aura and awe of Easter morning!

EASTER CHEER BASKETS

Sixteen Easter Cheer Baskets were assembled and distributed to friends and family of Salem. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this outreach project coordinated by UMW. The recipients so enjoy being remembered.



LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES

A huge thanks goes to Bob Overman and Paula along with Pastor Gina and all our speakers for this year’s Lenten Breakfast Series. All the messages were wonderful – if you didn’t attend, please plan to do so in 2020. At the final two weeks in April, Luke & Charissa Garrigus lead a hymn sing, and Pastor Gina portrayed Mary at Jesus’ tomb.



ANNUAL MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION DINNER

On Friday, May 10th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Dining Hall, we will celebrate **MOTHERS!** This year’s theme is “How Does Your Garden Grow?” Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased from Tina Hand, Paula Overman, Martha Randel and Donna Ricketts. Following our pitch-in meal we will move to the sanctuary to be entertained by guest speaker, First Lady Janet Holcomb with music by The Blue Rose Barbershop Quartet of which Salem’s Choir Director, Luke Garrigus, is a member. Bring your family and friends for this evening of fellowship, food and fun! (Husbands and children may attend the entertainment portion. Give names to Paula Overman if you plan to attend.)

Salem UMC

ATTENTION C.P.R. CERTIFIED RECIPIENTS

One-way (mouthpiece) airway key chain fobs are NOW available... “CPR Life Key” is free of charge, as is also the “CPR To Do List” (CPR Summary Sheet.) See Virginia Crose to obtain or for more information.

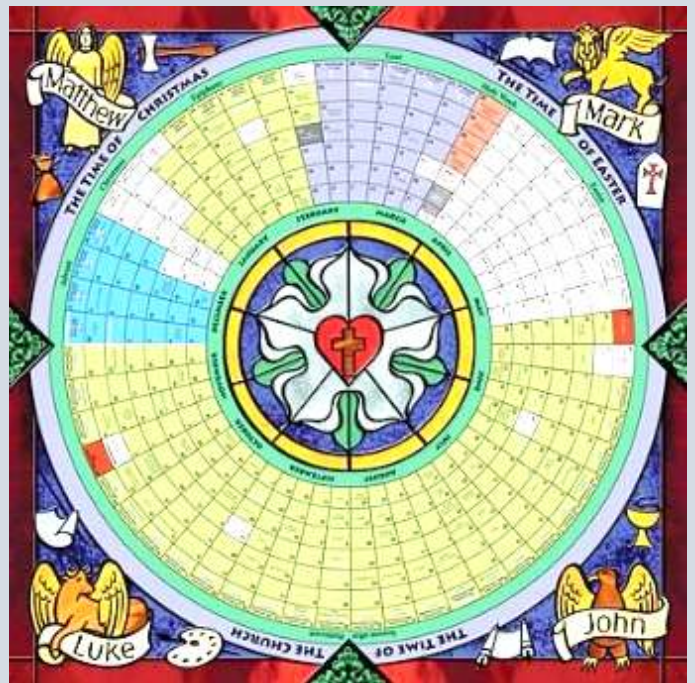
CONGRATULATIONS to the 22 CPR graduates at Salem. This CPR To Do List shares different responsibilities for successful resuscitation of a person in need with a 14 – 18 team of people, so Salem should be in good shape. Thank you from the ‘bottom of our hearts!’



MUFFIN TIN CHALLENGE

There were fourteen entries in this challenge. With a total of 758 votes cast, the winners were: 3rd place Brandon (72 votes); 2nd place Paula Overman (95 votes); and 1st place Ruth (168 votes)! \$163.30 was raised for the OCC project. Thanks to all for your generosity!!

Please do ‘shop sales’ to find items to include in the Christmas boxes for the youth OCC project.



FELLOWSHIP

The Forthums
Brandon & Sydney
The Ricketts
Volunteer(s) Needed

MAY

May 5th
May 12th
May 19th
May 26th

GREETERS

Mary Hamerin
Marie Urick
Pat Arnold
Volunteer Needed

LOOSE CHANGE – QUARTERLY GIVING

\$64.23 was collected in the 1st quarter and was paid to Fletcher Place. The next three quarters will go to Love, Inc; IUMCH; and The Caring Center. Everyone is encouraged to empty your pocket and purse change into Sunday’s offering plate! *Andy Melhion*

Lectionary Readings for May

Lessons	May 5 th	May 12 th	May 19 th	May 26 th
Old Testament	Acts 9:1-6	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-18	Acts 16:9-15
Psalm	Psalm 30	Psalm 23	Psalm 148	Psalm 67
Epistle	Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9-17	Revelation 21:1-6	Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5
Gospel	John 21:1-9	John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35	John 14:23-29

SALEM in PICTURES

The choir from a different view



Holmes are now Official!



Kids work for OCC Project



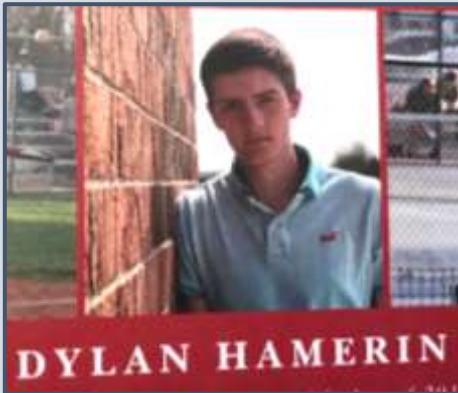
For Reggie Kirkland joining us on Easter Sunday
For the baptism of Raylynn Renee Grayson
For Margeret Yde's daughter Kelly & family moving back to Stonegate in June following baby's birth
For only a partial loss due to fire of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France, a house of worship with great historical meaning. It is a most famous Gothic Cathedral of the Middle Ages and is distinguished for its site, antiquity and architectural interest. Built in the 12th-14th centuries...850 years old...Notre Dame is French for "Out Lady," referring to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



To Lexi on being selected to the Show Choir at ZCHS!



To Elle who has a little sister...Ann Eileen Moon...born April 24th at 6:11 p.m. She is 6 lbs 4oz of joy! And to proud parents Lynette & Josh Moon.



For making Dean's List at University of Indy – and now a second time as a freshman!

MANY THANKS TO...

- ✠ April generous fellowship providers...**Virginia & Chalmer Crose, Donna & Andy Ricketts, Starr & Marshall Starkey and Easter Breakfast participants**
- ✠ April cheerful greeters... **Pat Arnold, Starr Starkey, Lynda Wayman & Mary Hamerin**
- ✠ April enlightening acolytes...**Haven, Rebecca, Khamiya, Sydney, and Ruth**
- ✠ **Pastor Gina** for leading the Bible Study on Simon Peter (flawed and faithful), and **ALL** who attended
- ✠ **ALL** who participated in the Spring Clean at Salem, and Tina & Eric Hand for the beautiful flowers in front of the Directory
- ✠ **UMW** for preparing and distributing the darling Easter Cheer Baskets, and ALL who gave donations
- ✠ **Salem Choir** for preparing special Holy Week musical productions, and a special welcome to our newest members Haven Starkey, Brandon Vos and John Holmes
- ✠ **Luke & Charissa** special "*Lamb of God.*" And to **Charissa Garrigus** for playing piano for Sunday Services during Tina's absence.
- ✠ **ALL** who donated to and participated in the Palm Sunday Pitch-In, coordinated by UMW
- ✠ **Pastor Gina** for offering a very blessed and special service on Maundy Thursday, the most meaningful celebration of Holy Communion in the year, as it was our Lord's (Jesus, the Christ) Last Supper. Definitely 'Food for Thought.'
- ✠ **Susan Ottinger** for organizing the very important and essential Blood Drive. Also to the **donors** – you gave the gift of life!
- ✠ **Judy Washburn** for coordinating the purchase and arrangement of the Easter lilies which especially contribute to the beauty of Salem's Sunrise and Easter morning services
- ✠ **Bob Overman** and **Bill Butler** for filling in for the April 28th Worship Service while Pastor Gina is spending time with her mother
- ✠ **ALL** who submit photos for Salem Scribbles – so many great shots – wish there was more room in newsletter to use more of them!

SALEM in PICTURES

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Greater Indy HABITAT for HUMANITY

K-Love Frame Build Friday May 25

First shift 7:30–10 a.m.

It is amazing how organized Habitat for Humanity is. We had 6 teams, each team building 4-6 different frames which will become the walls in the home. Basically, we lined up the wood and hammered nails. Lots of nails! Each frame had a template (top & bottom) to help line up the wood and get the correct spacing. Pre-drilled locations showed where the nails were to go. It was raining during our orientation but when we started the rain stopped and eventually the sun came out. It was a great way to spend the morning.

Team Salem UMC

Danean Thatcher

Bob Overman

Kathy Mehlhop

Andy Mehlhop

Two women working – men standing around. Hmm.

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LOL!

