



# Salem Scribbles

November 2019

**Salem United Methodist Church**  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



- Nov 3 – **Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
Nov 3 – **All Saints Sunday**  
Nov 3 – **The Ark/Creation Museum Presentation.** 2020 trip information at 10:45 am  
Nov 5 – **Missions Mtg** 6:30 pm  
Nov 6, 13, 20 – **Choir Practices** at 6:30  
Nov 9 – **Delta Kappa Gamma Breakfast Mtg** at Salem -hosted by UMW 9:30 am  
Nov 10 – **Salem UMC Veterans' Recognition Program** with Steve Jeffris  
Nov 10 – **Charge Conference** at 3:30 pm at Christ UMC in Westfield (318 N. Union)  
Nov 12 – **Trustee Meeting** 6:30 pm  
Nov 14 – **UMW Meeting** at Noon  
Nov 16 – **Assembly & Packing of OCC Boxes**  
Nov 17 – **Prayer Blessing** of OCC Boxes  
Nov 17 – **It's OKAY to Say Merry Christmas Pins**  
Nov 18 – **Administrative Board Mtg** 7 pm  
Nov 24 – **Fletcher Place Donations** due today.  
Bill Butler, coordinator  
Nov 24 – **Holiday Lunch Pitch-In** 11:30 am  
Nov 28 – **Thanksgiving Day** - Give special thanks today  
✠ **Drumstick Dash** in Broad Ripple at 9 am supporting Wheeler Mission  
✠ **ZGravy Chase** in Zionsville 8:30 am supporting Boone County Boys & Girls Clubs
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- Dec 1 – **Hanging of the Greens** after Worship Service—Virginia Crose, coordinator  
Dec 1 – **Salem Lights Up for Christmas**  
Virginia Crose, coordinator  
Dec 10 – **UMW Christmas Meeting** at 6:30 pm  
Children's Home Gift Boxes will be assembled.  
Join us for our Christmas Celebration  
Dec 8 – **Christmas Cheer Bags**  
Assembled after service  
Dec 14 – **Youth Program Practice** at 10 am  
Dec 15 – **Annual Youth Christmas Program**  
Dec 24 – **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** 9 pm  
Dec 25 – 

## PASTOR'S PEN

To My Awesome Church Family,  
I think that with Thanksgiving around the corner, November is count your blessing time. I seriously try to thank God as much as possible every day. Recently y'all, I can't tell you all how blessed I am right now!!! Amidst all the stressful changes I am dealing with, I am so blessed to be counted as a child of the Most High God. I am so very blessed to serve one of the most ministry/mission involved churches in the North Central District of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. I am blessed to have people who surround me with support and prayers during this very difficult time for my family and me. I praise God that I have been allowed some of the grieving time needed to work through losing my mother in May and my awesome soulmate of a husband the end of July. I thank God that I've been pampered by my Godmother/Big Mama, the Rev. Margaret Mitchell Giddings of Atlanta, GA during Khamiya's fall break. I'm thankful for my family of origin and the family God has presented to me. As I stated in my sermon October 20<sup>th</sup>, I had a major moment with God on my back porch just simply basking in His creation and my surroundings. I could not help but continuing to verbally thank God for the breeze, thank God for the sunshine, thank God for the colors of the trees, thank God for the squirrels and the other animals in my back yard, thank God for the wonderful temperatures, and thank God for the opportunity to be able to come to Him anytime I need to talk to Him and you know what? I have even thanked God for receiving Reggie into His loving arms. Every single day is a time to be thankful!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-28 says <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray continually, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not treat prophecies with contempt <sup>21</sup>but test them all; hold on to what is good, <sup>22</sup>reject every kind of evil. <sup>23</sup>May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. <sup>25</sup>Brothers and sisters, pray for us. <sup>26</sup>Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup>I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters. <sup>28</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. As I continue this very difficult journey of grief, I desperately hold on to God's unchanging hand to keep me stable in troubling waters of having no pension from Reggie as we were not married when he retired in 1998 and he did not know he needed to change his marital status before he passed. By knowing

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 2nd Eric Hand      | 11th Jay Harmon       | 24th Nathan Hand    |
| 4th Mike Thayer    | 11th Steve Sharp      | 27th Jeff Johnson   |
| 6th Judy Washburn  | 16th Jon Peterson     | 28th Stacy Dieckman |
| 7th Phyllis Bakeis | 19th Courtney Isaacs  | 28th O Hamilton     |
| 7th Paula Overman  | 23rd Rush Harmon, Jr. | 28th Kelli Starkey  |

- NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**  
 4th Bill & Danelle Butler  
 16th Brian & Mollie Earnhart

(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)



**The following need our prayers.**

PRAYER LIST		
Arnold's Grandson	Travis Heckart	Carolyn Reutter
Pat Arnold's Brother-in-Law	Louise Hoagland	Mrs. Ray Robert
Asher	Mariam Fisher Hutsen	Donita Roberts
Sean Bakeis	Myra Johnson	Micah Romig
Shawna Baker	Keaton	Deputy Sam Scott
Skip Barker	Libby Keck	Betty Wetherford
Brenda	Gina Kirkland	Sandra Sharp
Brian	Jennifer Lee	Stephanie Seifts
Rodney Carter	Lily	Marvin Starkey
Christy	Britney Maker	Ann & Bing Stum
Conceptione Family	Sorin Martin	Aaron Taylor
Marge Curry	Gerald McGowen	Jane Taylor
Jim Curry	Ashley Medaris	Brenda & Steven Taylor
Donna David	Jim & Linda Miller	Larry Thatcher
Carla Fletcher	Carol Moyer	Paul Thomas
Debbie	Jessica Pabst	The Walker's
Lisa Flynn	The Patton's	Betty Weatherford
O Hamilton	Betty Paddock	Cody Wilson
Rush & Ruth Harmon	Danny Price	Peter Yoder
Brittani Hawk		Rose Yoder

Pray for our Salem UMC family. Pray for our troops, near and far; persecuted Christians every-where; 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 peace and safety for any and all refugees. 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. And do continue to pray for "Old Man Cline!" *{All Mankind}*



For Prayer List updates, please contact Martha Randel at SiSRandel@gmail.com

Prayers for Mary Speck and family with the passing of Mary's sister.  
 Prayers for Charlie Noble and family with the passing of his Aunt Nellie (94 - sister to Charlie's mom.)

*PRAISES to Lynette Moon's friend Katie whose most recent CAT scan showed she is cancer clean!*

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life,  
 And this life is in his Son. ≈John 5:11

**ASK THE PASTOR**

Dear Pastor Gina,  
I know you don't usually answer the same person two months in a row, but I am wondering how you are REALLY doing? I know you and Reggie had a very special oneness and All Saints Day is coming up. Are you going to be able to handle it, and how can we help you through this?

Sincerely, Lovingly Concerned



Dear Lovingly Concerned,

Thank you for your awesome question. I'm getting a little more settled with my new reality without my soulmate. There are still good days and awful days, but I know God is with me every step of the way, and I have people who love and care for me. Yes, this transition is seriously rough emotionally, mentally, financially and spiritually, but I thank Jesus that His love, strength, grace and mercy are enough to sustain me in this temporary valley.



*Much love, Pastor Gina (aka PG)*

*(Continued from page 1)* Reggie's provider tendencies, I am pretty doggone sure also that he didn't know that two of his last three insurance policies (especially the mortgage insurance policy that he always told me would take care of the house after he was gone) was an accidental death policy that did not pay the claim as his death was not accidental. (Please check your policies before it is too late.) I am asking God to provide me with the resources to keep our home and other essentials. I know for sure the Lord has not brought us this far to leave us. I am applying for other part-time jobs that hopefully will not interfere with my primary responsibilities of Salem. But just in case it may from time-to-time, please forgive me.

I need to make sure I tell you that this year's Charge Conference is November 10th at Christ UMC located at 318 N Union St, Westfield, IN 46074. It starts at 3:30 pm. All members and constituents of Salem UMC are invited to attend. We must have 3-5 members plus myself in order to be counted at charge conference.

Salem Church family, you are extremely special to me, and I am so glad that the Lord has sent me this way. I wanted to thank you all for being so understanding during my time of grieving and also, I want to thank you for sincerely caring for your pastor who loves you all so very much. 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 heartfelt prayers, phone calls, texts, 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!!!!

*Pastor Gina*

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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**A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER**

Lord, so often times, as any other day  
When we sit down to our meal and pray  
We hurry along and make fast the blessing  
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing  
We're slaves to the olfactory (*good smelling food*) overload  
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold  
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more  
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for

*(prayer continued)*

For my family, my health, a nice soft bed  
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head  
I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those  
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know  
Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure  
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure  
That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place  
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace  
So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided  
And bless each and every person invited

AMEN

**ANNUAL CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER REPORT**

- ✓ Fifty gallons of noodles made, cooked and eaten!
- ✓ 400+ served
- ✓ Customers lines moved smoothly
- ✓ Plenty of seating for dining and visiting
- ✓ Profit \$4,258!!!

THANK YOU EVERYONE – for your donations, time, pumpkin decorations, and support for Salem’s successful community outreach with our annual chicken noodle dinner!! Let’s do it again in 2020!

*Starr & Marshall Starkey*

**FLETCHER PLACE CHRISTMAS DONATIONS 2019**

*Donations Requested from Salem:*

- New Clothes for Children ages 9 months - age 2
- New Toys for Children ages 9 months - age 2
- Monetary Donations - Fletcher Place will purchase needed items with the funds
- Pork & beans

*Delivery Times: (check with Bill Butler as to where)*

Dec 2 - Dec 4

*Volunteer Times: (check with Bill Butler)*

Sorting Dates and Times

Monday Dec 2 - Friday Dec 6

9 am - 12 pm or 12 pm - 3 pm

Day of the Event Date and Times

to help parents select clothing and gifts for their children

Saturday Dec 7 - two options

8:30 am - 12:30 pm or 12:30 - 4:00 pm

*This year’s location is:*

Church Within

1125 Spruce Street

Indianapolis, IN 46203

**ANNUAL UMW BAKE SALE REPORT**

- ✓ Over eighty one-pound bags of noodles sold out quickly this year!
- ✓ Lots of other treats and goodies sold too
- ✓ Over \$1,000 earned from Bake Sale
- ✓ A variety of pecans are still available for sale - \$10 to \$12 a bag
- ✓ UMW pens with stylus are for sale at \$2 each!

THANK YOU EVERYONE – for your donations, time, and support for UMW’ bake sale and pecan sale!!

*UMW - Susan O., Coordinator*

**OCC UPDATE - Walnuts to Waveland**

Our first walnut run was made on Oct 26th - buckets of rain didn’t stop the delivery of buckets of walnuts! Over 3,000 pounds of walnuts were delivered!

Thanks for the help and generosity of so many, and there are still walnuts to be delivered! The season has been extended to November 9th, so plans are to deliver a final time on that date. Continue to look for the container at church to drop off your stragglers.

*(See pictures on following page.)*

It is time to get organized for our shoebox packing event. Nov. 10 will be used to “pre-pack” some items and get organized. Final assembly we be done on Nov. 16, followed by an all congregation prayer for the OCC boxes on Nov 17. All 2019 OCC boxes will be delivered to designated drop off locations by Nov 18-25 during National Collection Week.

Thank you for your support and effort in making this such a successful project. Through Samaritan’s Purse, Salem will be blessing sixty children with a box filled with items representing God’s blessings and the most important gift of all...the knowledge of THE Christmas Child, Jesus, and His love for each of them.

*Danean Thatcher, Coordinator*



WALNUTS FROM HERE ENDING IN WAVELAND - EARNING DOLLARS FOR OCC!!

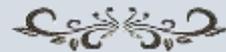


LOOSE CHANGE UPDATE

\$44.42 was collected in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and paid to Lebanon's Indiana UM Children's Home. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter contributions are being collected for The Caring Center.



Andy Mehlhop, Treasurer



SPECIAL EVENTS WHICH HELP MANY

Alzheimer's Walk in Indianapolis - Mary Hamerin works for this cause by collecting financial support. She raised over \$1,200 in donations from Salem family and friends and extends a hearty thank you for your support!



Upcoming Walks/Runs

SOUND ECOLOGIES RECITAL SERIES

2nd in the Series

On October 20th talented Charissa Garrigus presented a wonderful Piano Recital at Salem UMC - the 1st in a series of musical presentations. Next on the docket is a Composition Recital showcasing the music of Indianapolis composer, Luke Garrigus. Music featured in this program will include the world premiere of his first piano sonata, a collection of solo piano music titled "Fish Music," and more.

This free recital - the Music of Luke Garrigus - will be at 5 pm on Sunday, Nov. 24th at Salem United Methodist Church.



**ATTENTION!!****QUESTION**

Closets overflowing? Downsizing? What to do?

**ANSWER**

Begin cleaning out and gathering items now to Donate to Salem's Annual Rummage Sale Saturday, February 1, 2020.

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

Salem congregation will again be given an opportunity to participate in the "Light Up for Christmas Eve" project initiated by the Missions Committee. Let's join together for this event on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – don't miss it!!

**SALEM HONORS VETERANS**

Salem Veterans - on Sunday, November 10th, please bring your fellow buddies and their families to the 9:15 am Service where Veterans will be recognized and celebrated. Wear head cover, dog tag and any part of your uniform 'that still fits.' We are very appreciative of your service, so be 'at ease' and enjoy this special service for you!

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Only six weeks away, 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. Youth 'of all ages' are welcome to participate. There are speaking and non-speaking parts...parts for those who like to dress in a costume, behind the scene needs...and more! Parents, grand-parents and kids – if you want to be in the program please let the coordinators know right away...Martha Randel, Natalie Kruger & Paula Overman. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, Dec. 14th at 10 am with *maybe* a few practices following Sunday School. Please mark your calendars now to save these times for preparing for the Christmas Program.

**GOD ON THE MOUNTAIN**

By Tracy Dart

Judy Washburn recently sung this song at Salem. The lyrics are beautiful and moving. Many folks asked to have the lyrics- your request is fulfilled! Thank you, Judy, for bringing this to Salem UMC.

Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain.  
And you've got peace of mind like you have never known.

But things change, and you're down in the valley.  
Don't lose faith child, you're never alone.

For the God on the mountain, is still God in the valley.

When things go wrong, He'll make them right.  
And the God of the good times, is still God in the bad times.

The God of the day, is still God in the night.

We talk of faith when we're up on the mountain.  
But the talk comes easy when life's at its best.  
But it's down in the valley of trials and temptation,  
That's when your faith is really put to the test.

For the God on the mountain, is still God in the valley.

When things go wrong, He'll make them right.  
And the God of the good times, is still God in the bad times.

The God of the day, is still God in the night.

**MANY THANKS TO...**

- † Oct. generous fellowship providers: **the Ottingers, the Holmes, Dinner Leftovers by Marshall & Starr Starkey, the Croses and Margeret Yde.**
- † Oct. welcoming greeters: **Marie Urick, Pat Arnold, and Mary Hamerin.**
- † Oct. acolytes: **Rebecca, Khamiya, Kaitlyn, Sydney, Ruth, & Haven.**
- † **Bob Overman** for giving the message on Laity Sunday.
- † **Starr & Marshall Starkey** for chairing the annual Chicken Noodle Dinner – an important fundraiser for Salem UMC.
- † **ALL** who helped in anyway with the Chicken Noodle Dinner – it just can't happen without all of you!!
- † **UMW and ALL** who helped in anyway with their annual Bake Sale and Fundraiser...and making noodles too!
- † **THOSE** who spent an October Saturday morning sprucing up Salem's parking lot, green areas and directory shrubs/flowers during the annual Fall Cleanup...**Andy M, Brian E, Eric H, John H, Larry R, Marie U & Bob O**
- † **Shalom House volunteers: Laurie E, Charissa G, Luke G, Brenda N, Ottinger Family and Hand Family.**
- † **Susan Ottinger** for her work with blood drives.
- † **Salem Choir, Pianist Tina Hand and Director Luke Garrigus** for special October musical selections.
- † **Virginia Crose** for coordinating The Creation Museum/The Ark trip in June 2020
- † **Deb Shook** for donating her Crown of Thorns painting to Salem UMC (and thanks, Marshall for hanging pic.)



Have faith the size of a mustard seed.

**Lectionary Readings for November**

Lessons	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	November 10 <sup>th</sup>	November 17 <sup>th</sup>	November 24 <sup>th</sup>
Old Testament	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Isaiah 65:17-25	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalms	Psalms 119:137-144	Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21	Psalms 118	Psalms 46
Epistle	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel	Luke 19:1-10	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43

**FELLOWSHIP & GREETERS for November 2019**

Please check the Fellowship/Greeter Sign-Up Clipboard to view November volunteers ad to sign up!  
Thank you.

**PLEASE HELP** - It's time to assemble Salem's **Christmas Eve Tealights** to be given out on the 1st Sunday of Advent. Young and old alike may gather in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Service to attach the label to each tealight. Tealights need to be ready for distribution the 1st Sunday of Advent. Thank you.  
*Virginia Crose - Coordinator*

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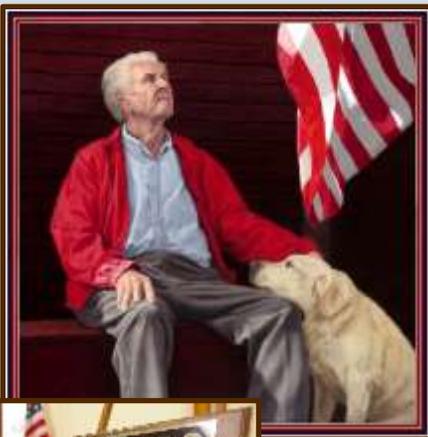
Large enough to serve. ✝ Small enough to care.



November 2019

## HERE WE GO – A BUSY SEASON BEGINS!!

Honoring Veterans



Thanksgiving



Hanging of the Greens



Previous Salem Youth  
Christmas Play  
Participants!!