



Salem Scribbles

August 2020

Salem United Methodist Church
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mondays - Overcomer Bible Study with Pastor Gina via ZOOM
- August 4 – Missions Meeting Cancelled
(Missions will meet impromptu after a church service if a need arises.)
- August 16 - Church picnic following Worship Service. *Bring your own picnic for you / your family plus beverage. No food will be shared with others. Bring lawn chairs or blanket - music will be played and all can socialize 'from a distance.'* Church restrooms will be open. *Hope to see you on the West Lawn under the tent. BoB O.*
- August – Youth Recognition Sunday T B A.



Keep students, teachers, parents, bus drivers and all who help our schools in your prayers.



- Sept 1 – Missions Meeting Cancelled
- Sept 7 – Labor Day
- Sept 12-13 – Lions Fall Festival Cancelled
- Sept 13 – Grandparents' Day
- Sept 8 – Trustee Meeting *(Marshall Starkey will confirm time and place or if ZOOM.) Meeting is usually at 6:30 pm*
- Sept 11– Patriot Day...
Fly the Flag
- Sept 21 – Admin Board Meeting 7 pm



PASTOR'S PEN

To My Awesome Church Family,

Happy August! I do not have the words to express how much I feel like Job in the bible. I'm thinking about changing my name to 'Jobina.' (giggle) On top of everything that has happened in the past several months, like health issues, being in the hospital, and celebrating the one-year anniversary of Reggie's death, I just found out there will be an addition to Kamp Kirkland as my daughter Ashley is expecting. Help me Lord Jesus!



I want to thank everyone who has attended our outside and drive-up worship services. It has been so nice to see many of your faces and to hear the "honk-honk" amens. During the stay at home period, it was really difficult to preach to a camera and now to get your feedback on a Sunday morning is absolutely wonderful! You never miss your water till your well runs dry.

I want to thank Rev. Glenn Howell for being available to help Salem during my time of illness. His sermons were very enlightening and well-executed. I want to let you all know that I am taking extra measures to take care of my health and wellbeing. It is very difficult for natural lifelong caregivers to spend time on self-care, but this little lady learned a difficult lesson.

The Kamp Kirkland family thanks all of you 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

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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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 3rd Gene Saubert | 7th Stephen Taylor | 23rd Ron Hough |
| 4th Ann Stum | 9th Ann Hokanson | 25th Danean Thatcher |
| 5th Brian Hand | 15th Samantha Starkey | 27th Jay Gibson |
| 5th Tyler Overman | 18th Brenda Ward | 28th Gail Klotz |
| 5th Margeret Yde | 20th Chuck Hamerin, Jr. | 28th Linda Miller |
| 6th Rachael Hamerin | 21st Roy King, Jr. | 29th Harry Bivens |
| 7th Jeremy Starkey | 22nd Ritchie Thatcher | 29th Lezlee Dieckman |
| | 23rd Jeff Ottinger | |

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3rd Cary & Becky Cervenka
 6th Josh & Lynette Moon
 7th Tim & Susan Ottinger
 18th Chris & Lisa Isaacs
 23rd Rush & Ruth Harmon



(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 - same with prayer list - let Martha know of additions/deletions.)

PRAYER LIST		
Arnold's Grandson	Libby Keck	Jon Peterson
Arnold's Brother-in-Law	Roberta Keith	Rodney Peterson
Brenda	Gina Kirkland	Danny Price
Connie Chamberlin	Gail Klotz	Donna Price
Lisa Cox	Jennifer Lee	Don & Sue Quick
Virginia Crose	Britney Maker	Keith Quick
John Cummings	Sorin Martin	Mrs. Ray Robert
Jim Curry	Sue Martin	Micah Romig
Marge Curry	Gerald McGowen	Myra Roy
Bonnie Earnhart	Ashley Medaris	Deputy Sam Scott
Mary Ann Feeley	Nhut Milender	Aaron & Ronda Shipley
Lisa Flynn	Jim & Linda Miller	Deb Shook
Richla Grayson	Al Mizen friends	Jerry Smith
Sharlene Grizzle	Mark Mizen	Judy Smith
Rick Hamerin	Barb Montelegre	Mark Starkey
Rush & Ruth Harmon	Carol Moyer	Marvin Starkey
Brittani Hawk	Charlie Noble	Ann Stum
Travis Heckart	Ashleigh Overman	Aaron Taylor
Marty Hill	Brooklynn Overman	Jane Taylor
Steve Hipsky	Lauren Overman	Brenda & Steven Taylor
Louise Hoagland	Jessica Pabst	Preston Thomas
Ruthie Dawson Jett	Betty Paddock	Martha Vail
Sarah Hand Johnson	Annie Palmer	The Walker's
Keaton's father Tim	Rev. Wayne Patton	Diana Ward
	Kathy Houx	

Pray for our Salem UMC family. Pray for our troops, near and far; persecuted Christians everywhere; people in hospitals, nursing homes and retirement centers; and those who suffer from conflicts around the world including looters, rioters and terrorism. Pray for victims and survivors of natural disasters and COVID-19. Pray for victims and survivors of church fires, wildfires, storms and flooding. Pray for peace and safety for any and all refugees who are God's children through-out the world. Pray for those with requests unspoken. Pray for the wisdom by our politicians, and pray for our country and the world. Pray for our local first responders, EMS, medical teams, fire fighters and police who give immediate help for those in need. Pray for those 'on the front line of defense' - doctors, nurses, all medical personnel and support staff, those who are still working to provide us our needs such as groceries and other items. Keep our everyday working heroes in your prayers (truckers, USPS, FedEx, UPS, trash service, farmers, restaurant and fast food employees...stay-at-home moms and dads and work-from-home folks) ...so many people!! 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 in this time of unrest plus uncertainty due to the coronavirus. Special prayers for everyone - we are all essential. And do continue to pray for... "Old Man Cline!" {All Mankind}

Prayers for the family, friends and Toledo police department with the loss of Officer Anthony Dia in the line of duty on 07/04/2020. He leaves behind a wife and two young sons.

Prayers for the family, friends and Salem Church Family for the passing of Orian "O" Lavoid Hamilton. Both he and his wife Ann were long-time members of Salem Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in DC or to Salem UMC, 6701 S. 775 E. Zionsville, IN 46077.

Prayers for the family and friends of Ronald Green who was murdered in Atlanta, GA. He was a friend of Ashley Johnson, Gina's daughter.

Prayers for wife Ann, family and friends of Dave Olson with his recent passing. Dave was a friend of the Overman's.

Prayers for the family and friends of Danny Nielsen who passed away in Iowa. He was the brother of Boone County Sheriff Mike Nielsen.

**"The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."
 ≈Psalm 147:3**



FEAR vs LOVE

The next time fear talks you into thinking you need to take control, remember 1st John 4:18... "There is no fear in love...for perfect love drives out fear."

God's perfect love - His unconditional gift of grace - drives out our fear. We/You don't have to be in control today. That's God's job.



Praises for Doug Taylor who recently had open heart surgery to replace valve. All went well and Doug is doing fine... healing faster than expected!!

So happy to share with our Salem Family that many of our members and friends are doing well... Rev. Jim & Linda Miller, Mary Ann Feeley, Jon Peterson, Pastor Gina with improved health, Ann Stum and several others. Continue to stay in touch with our church family folks.

John Cummings, a friend of Steve Hipsky, successfully had a tumor removed from his stomach. Praises for his continued improved health!!



GREAT NEWS...I have two new grandbabies born during COVID-19! Maci Josephine Cunningham on February 25th and Wyatt Patrick Kidder on June 9th!
Joyce Cunningham (Jim, too)



The parking lot 'front row pew' is ALWAYS full at Salem's Outdoor Services!



And everyone in the tent wears a mask... right Mickey!?!



"Tailgating" is permitted in the parking lot - with no mask - when practicing social distancing. (Hipsky Family)

NOTE: Those in vehicles listen to the audio of the service on FM 102.5.

NEWS and UPDATES



Sunday Services

Salem UMC continues to conduct outdoor Sunday Worship Services. Everyone is welcome!!

Restoration & Preservation Projects

Salem is currently obtaining quotes on projects to preserve our beautiful and historic church building.

The stained-glass window framing will be enhanced and an upgraded layer of protection used (replacing the Plexiglass) to better protect the windows. Additionally, new siding will be installed.

Quotes are also being obtained to address the front porch and steps at the main entrance of the church.

These projects are being done to be mindful in taking care of our building. For additional information, please discuss with any Trustee.

The Trustees

New Banner

A new banner has been posted near the tent used for Sunday Services. It not only reminds Salem members and friends of the services, but has also brought in a few visitors.

Salem Remodel/Expansion

This project is currently on hold.

Operation Christmas Child for 2020

Although much of our day-to-day lives may look a bit different, God's love for us just like the mission of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child remains the same. Here at Salem we may have to make some adjustments, but as a group we still have the opportunity to share the Gospel with children around the world. You can learn more about the project by visiting <https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/covid-19/>.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our church-wide effort to fill sixty (60) shoeboxes — \$1.50 for pre-printed OCC plastic box, donate the shipping cost (\$9 each), and/or sponsor a child in the Greatest Journey Discipleship Program (\$6 each).

Any items you wish to donate for this project can be brought to church on Sunday, or arrangements can be made for on-line orders to be delivered to Danean Thatcher. This is a great time of year to shop school supply sales and get marked down summer shoes, clothing, and small toys. We can send anything that isn't liquid, food, medicine, or war related items. Boxes are packed for either a boy or a girl in one of three age groups: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Each box can be unique, and we like to send a school supplies/kit, personal hygiene items, and a WOW gift in each box.

Stay up-to-date by checking the church newsletter and with announcements during community time. The Samaritan's Purse website is a great resource as well.

Danean Thatcher
Coordinator



Scribbles co-editors ask for Salem members and friends to send in some good news - happy & fun news - to share. This page contains many of the responses. PLEASE ENJOY!



Brian Earnhart is happy to have saved this little guy off the road...what a small turtle! Good job, Brian.



Kathy Mehlhop is proud and happy for her brother Eric's son Ian as he celebrates his high school graduation at a block party!



BOCCE - Dad Scott Kruger has resurrected their bocce set for the kids to enjoy! Bocce is an Italian game similar to lawn bowling but played on a shorter, narrower green.



What fun for friends to deliver a birthday treat for the twins' birthday! Good job, Laine & Reece.

**"Train up a child in the way he/she should go,
and when older he/she will not depart from it."
≈Proverbs 22:6**



**Some of our Salem Youth
All great kids!!**

GOOD NEWS - UPDATES - INFORMATION - 'STUFF' *Continued*

NOTICE: Harry Bivens' son has received a job promotion, so both will be moving to Nashville, TN once their homes are sold. Harry will be moving sometime after September and will provide his new address to us. Once received, the address will be shared with our Salem family.

What a great congregation Salem Church has with an average of around 50 attending the outdoor services every week. BLESS YOU for keeping your church and Jesus in your lives!! God sees us!

While Salem usually does not do this, in this time of need for many this information is being shared via Scribbles. Our 'neighbor' just down the road - Colonial Village Daycare - is in need of employees to help care and teach the youngsters who attend (ages 2-6). Kathy Sharp's grandchildren currently attend there. Larry & Martha's four grandchildren attended there, and it was a wonderful experience for them. If you know of someone who needs a job and would be a good caregiver for the young, please have them call (317) 873-4223 (address is 7998 S 775 E - Zionsville.)



Many of you may remember Larry Randel speaking about a prayer found tucked into the Bible of his Uncle Virgil Lanpher when he passed away just a few years ago. Many of you asked for a copy so for those of you who don't have it, the prayer is below. While a devout Christian man, Virgil would also approach things with a sense of humor. He taught a Sunday School class for many years, and as he aged, so did his class. He ended up teaching the 'Seniors Class' (no, not high school seniors.) He often discussed the hereafter with his opening being... "okay, I just walked into this room then wondered ...what am I here after?" *{Sure - go ahead and groan!!}*

A PRAYER

(Ann Chellman of Conifer, Colorado)

Lord, Thou knowest that I am growing old!

Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless detail...Give me wings to get to the point!
Seal my lips when I am included to tell of my aches and pains; they are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.
Keep me thoughtful, but not nosy; helpful, but not bossy!

With my vast store of wisdom and experience, it does seem a pity not to use it all!
But Thou knowest, Lord, that I do want a few friends left at the end. Amen.

MANY THANKS TO...

- ✚ Our worship team led by Bob Overman for setting up needs pre-Sunday Worship Service and then taking down and putting items away...to be prepared for the next Sunday. They are a hard-working team of individuals who help to facilitate these weekly services.
- ✚ Our devoted congregation continuing to meet for our Outdoor Sunday Services.
- ✚ Ben Pauley for providing a beautiful patriotic bouquet for the alter in July.
- ✚ Tina Hand for coordinating the return of the church's organ sometime soon.
- ✚ Marie Urick for her meticulous work in organizing and cleaning up/out various areas in the lower level of the Salem Building
- ✚ Our Administrative Board for continuing to make sound decisions for Salem during these trying times with many challenges.
- ✚ Our Trustees for continuing to meet and discuss future actions needed for the facilities of the church.
- ✚ Bob Overman and his 'music selection team' for providing some wonderful hymns/songs for our Sunday Services.
- ✚ Ben Pauley, Larry Randel and Virginia Crose for keeping the outside of our church and parking lot clean. Also, to the Hands for maintaining the flower bed and shrubs around the outdoor directory.
- ✚ Eric Hand and Ben Pauley for providing transportation to church for Susan Funke, et al as needed.
- ✚ Our Community Time Leaders: Larry Randel, Danean Thatcher and Natalie Kruger.



FLOWERS or WEEDS

A Children's Time Topic by Paula Overman

What do you think...flowers or weeds? God made Queen Anne's Lace, chicory, bachelor buttons and more. God made roses, geraniums and sunflowers too. How does one tell the difference? Is one a real flower? Or just a weed? What's real? What's fake? Ponder the topic and maybe...realize...perhaps you may see what is outside - but it is what is inside that really counts...particularly with people. God knows.

Lectionary Readings for August 2020

Lessons	August 2nd	August 9 th	August 16 th	August 23 rd	August 30 th
Old Testament	Genesis 32:22-31	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Genesis 45:1-15	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Exodus 3:1-15
Psalms	Psalms 17:1-7, 15	Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Psalms 133	Psalms 124	Psalms 26:1-8
Epistle	Romans 9:1	Romans 10:5-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Romans 12:1-8	Romans 12:9-21
Gospel	Matthew 14:13-21	Matthew 14:22-33	Matthew 15:21-28	Matthew 16:13-20	Matthew 16:21-28

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Richard Halverson, who served as Chaplain of the U.S. Senate from 1981 through 1994, typically concluded every service he led with the benediction below because he was convinced those words brought more encouragement to more people than anything else he ever said:



***You go nowhere by accident.
Wherever you go, God is sending you.
He has a purpose in your being there.
Christ who indwells you has something He wants
to do through you, wherever you are.***



***Believe this.
And go in His grace and love and power.
Amen.***