



Salem Scribbles

April 2019

Salem United Methodist Church
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UPCOMING EVENTS



- April 3, 10 & 17 – Choir Practices 6:30 pm
- April 6 & 13 – Lenten Breakfast at 8 am
- April 1, 8, & 15 – Bible Study 6:00-7:00 pm
- April 9th – UMW Evening Meeting at 6:30 pm
- April 13th – Salem Spring Clean 9:00 am
Volunteers welcome! All Ages!!
- April 14th – Palm Sunday Service
Pitch-in at 11:30 am
Egg Hunt following meal
- April 18th – Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm
(Maundy means 'commandment')
- April 19th – Good Friday



- April 21st – EASTER – Christ has Risen!
Sunrise Service 7:30 am
Sunrise Breakfast follows
Easter Worship Service 9:15 am
- April 27th – Blood Draw-Whitestown Complex



- 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
- May 12th – Mother's Day
- May 14th – Trustee Meeting at 6:30 pm
- May 20th – Administrative Board Mtg 7 pm
- May 26th – Memorial Day at Salem
- May 27th – National Memorial Day

PASTOR'S PEN

To My Awesome Church Family,

The Lenten season is in full swing. For those who have attended the Lenten breakfasts this year, have you simply been spiritually fed? Salem has some gifted folks as part of our church family. Our Lenten Bible study on Monday nights entitled *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* written by Rev. Adam Hamilton has been most informative and interesting. It has made me move visiting the Holy Land to a much higher priority on my bucket list. I seriously hope it has helped the participants to search deeper within themselves and remember to strive to deepen our relationship with Christ.

As many of you have noticed, I've been a bit more exhausted lately. My mother is ill and has been diagnosed with renal failure, and we are awaiting her appointment with a nephrologist in Muncie. She only has one kidney as the CT scan shows that her right kidney shriveled up to almost nothing and is not functional at all. She is an independent, strong, spunky and determined lady, but it is still very hard seeing her in such pain in her overly swollen legs. Now on a better note, we have finally been approved for some respite nighttime hours so I can get a little bit more sleep. We are awaiting the total hours per week, and I guarantee that I will fully utilize them. I'm telling you this last month I asked you to keep me accountable and you have. I want to be at my best as I serve as your pastor.

We had to say goodbye to another part of the Salem family when Bob Curry was received into the arms of Jesus last month. More than ever I am feeling the need to make sure I let as many people who mean the world to me know how much they are loved and appreciated. The Salem Church family is 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, and 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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 7th Becky Cervenka | 7th Rev. Jim Ewing (83) | 8th Cole Beanblossom |
| 9th John Holmes | 10th Joyce Starkey | 13th Kyle Bright |
| 13th Brian Kidder | 16th Sarah Hasewinkel | 18th Clara Curry |
| 18th Mollie Earnhart | 20th Karrie Hamerin | 20th Warren Killian |
| 20th Martha Randel | 23rd Dylan Hamerin | 27th Sharyn Taylor |
| 24th Avalyn Jean DeLucio (Diane Ward's relative) | | |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Paul & Kristy Eisenman
- 1st Scott & Ann Hokanson
- 6th Roy & Deanna King
- 6th Lloyd & Nelda Rohrbach
- 13th John & Mary Ann Holmes
- 14th Andy & Donna Ricketts
- 19th Jeremy & Kelli Starkey
- 24th Aaron & Rhonda Shipley
- 30th Shon & Suzanne Hough



(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		
Adam	Rush & Ruth Harmon	Carol Moyer
Alex & Henry	Brittani Hawk	Caden Nation
Annabelle Aldous	Travis Heckart	Jessica Pabst
Arnold's Grandson	Charles Hoagland	The Patton's
Pat's Brother-in-Law	Louise Hoagland	Patsy's sister Patty
Koryn Aughe	Mariam Fisher Hutsen	Cindy Paul
Aunt Nancy	Lisa Isaacs	Jon Peterson
Sean Bakeis	Tracy James	Natalie Postma
Shawna Baker	Myra Johnson	Danny Price
Skip Barker	Sarah Hand Johnson	Carolyn Reutter
Brenda	Kathy	Mrs. Ray Robert
Brian	Keaton	Shirley Jean Rogers
Rodney Carter	Libby Keck	Deputy Sam Scott
V. Conceptione Family	The Kirkland's	Stephanie Seifts
Marge Curry	Gail Klotz	Lisa Shipley Isaacs
Donna David	Maxine Lamar	Gregg Speer
Linda Lou Dawson	Jennifer Lee	Ann & Bing Stum
Carla Fletcher	Britney Maker	Jane Taylor
Lisa Flynn	Ashley Medaris	Brenda & Steven Taylor
Dale Funkhouser	Nhut Milender	Jill Will
Nancy Giles	The Miller's	Cody Wilson
O Hamilton		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, 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 ... Co-Editor.
 Prayers for wife Kim and the Dant family with the passing of Ron Dant.
 Prayers for the family of Liz Clossey on her unexpected passing.
 Prayers for the family of Jean Smith with her recent passing.
 Prayers for wife Marge and the Curry family with the passing of Bob Curry.

“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”
 ~~John 5:11 (KJV)



ASK THE PASTOR

Dear Pastor Gina,

I know that I asked a question last month and I apologize in advance, but there is something seriously bothering me. Who really owns Salem Church? I heard someone say the we own our church and someone else said that it belongs to the United Methodist Church. Which one is it?

Sincerely,
Not a Methodist



Dear Not a Methodist,

Thank you for your awesome question. The Book of Discipline for the United Methodist Church is the fundamental book outlining the law, doctrine, administration, organizational work and procedures of The United Methodist Church. **2501. Requirement of the Trust Clause for All Property-1.** All properties of United Methodist local churches and other United Methodist agencies and institutions are held, *in trust*, for the benefit of the entire denomination, and ownership and usage of church property is subject to the *Discipline*. This trust requirement is an essential element of the historic polity of The United Methodist Church or its predecessor denominations or communions and has been a part of the *Discipline* since 1797. It reflects the connectional structure of the Church by ensuring that the property will be used solely for purposes consonant with the mission of the entire denomination as set forth in the *Discipline*. The trust requirement is thus a fundamental expression of United Methodism whereby local churches and other agencies and institutions within the denomination are both held accountable to and benefit from their connection with the entire worldwide Church.

In consonance with the legal definition and self-understanding of The United Methodist Church (see ¶ 141), and with particular reference to its lack of capacity to hold title to property, The United Methodist Church is organized as a connectional structure, and titles to all real and personal, tangible and intangible property held at jurisdictional, annual, or district conference levels, or by a local church or charge, or by an agency or institution of the Church, shall be held in trust for The United Methodist Church and subject to the provisions of its *Discipline*. Titles are not held by The United Methodist Church (see ¶ 807.1) or by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, but instead by the incorporated conferences, agencies, or organizations of the denomination, or in the case of unincorporated bodies of the denomination, by boards of trustees established for the purpose of holding and administering real and personal, tangible and intangible property.



2. The trust is and always has been irrevocable, except as provided in the *Discipline*. Property can be released from the trust, transferred free of trust or subordinated to the interests of creditors and other third parties only to the extent authority is given by the *Discipline*.

3. Local churches and other United Methodist agencies and institutions may acquire, hold, maintain, improve, and sell property for purposes consistent with the mission of the Church, unless restricted or prevented by the *Discipline*.
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Therefore, all of this says no, Salem does not own the building or the land. Hope this helps.

Much love, Pastor Gina (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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YOUTH FUN WORK DAY

Please help prepare the Salem Egg Hunt by FILLING THE EGGS on Sunday, **April 7th** (following Worship Service) from 10:30 a.m. until about 12 Noon. Adults may join in the fun too! Refreshments will be provided. See Paula Overman for more details.

SALEM'S EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

This beautiful, inspirational service will be at 7:30 a.m. on April 21st. The choir has prepared some lovely music. To volunteer or participate with this service in any way, please see Paula Overman 317-445-9597.

EGG HUNT DONATIONS

Want to help with needed items for the Salem Egg Hunt? Please see the list of some needed items to fill the eggs. Rolls of quarters are accepted as kids love to find a coin in the eggs. There is also a list for prizes as each participant will receive a prize. Please bring your donations to church by **April 7th**. You may give them directly to Paula or you may leave them downstairs in the Fellowship Hall on a designated table which will be clearly marked for the egg hunt. For more details, please contact Paula Overman at pover5220@aol.com or call 317-445-9597. Thank you.

SALEM'S EASTER BREAKFAST

Your assistance is needed to help prepare, serve and/or clean-up for Salem's Easter Morning Breakfast on April 21st. 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 saleumc_bulletin@sbcglobal.net.

**THE LIST**

Items for filling the plastic eggs are:

Rolls of Quarters (3) Bags of Smarties Candy (2)
 Bags of Skittles Candy (3) Bags of M & M's (4)
 Bags of Small Foil-Covered Chocolate Eggs (2)
 Bags of Gummy Life Savers (3)

Items for prizes are:

Barbie Doll (2) Jewelry for Young Girl (2)
 Hot Wheel Cars (6) Lego's (3)
 Large Play Balls (3) Kites (2)
 Basketball (1) Soccer Ball (1)
 Volleyball (1) Bubbles Toy (1)

UMW FIRST EVENING MEETING OF 2019!

All ladies of Salem Church – please plan to attend our first evening meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm. Snacks will be available as we conduct the meeting. Among several other projects, UMW is currently planning our Mother's Day Celebration for Friday, May 10th with special guest. We'll set up Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. on May 9th. And at this meeting we will be assembling our **Easter Cheer Baskets**, readying them for distribution. Hope you can attend!!

**PALM SUNDAY EGG HUNT**

Children and grandchildren of Salem Families... The Annual Salem Egg Hunt will take place on April 14th following the church pitch-in lunch which begins at 11:30 a.m. The egg hunt begins at approximately 12:15 p.m. (rain or shine.) Sign-ups for the kids 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 for gathering the eggs!! Thank!!
Pover5220@aol.com

**UMW LIST FOR EASTER CHEER BASKETS
SUGGESTED ITEMS NEEDED**

Approximately 13 Easter Cheer Baskets will be distributed. (Food items should be individually wrapped.)

Individual applesauce or fruit cups
 Easter candies or snacks
 Chips Crackers
 Granola bars Small boxes of raisins
 Apples Oranges
 Mints, Gum Postage stamps
 Lotions Chapstick
 Soaps Small tissue packs
 Hand sanitizer Small candles
 Sudoku books Fun socks or footies
 Devotional books Word search books
 Notepads, pen or pencils, & bookmarks

“...and Peter...”

Possibly the two most poignant words in the Bible.

Early on Sunday morning, a group of women have come to put spices on Jesus' body. It is a Jewish tradition. It's a lovely thing to do. Jesus was buried so quickly the previous Friday that they had missed the opportunity to provide this final kindness. Their chief concern is a practical one: How are we going to get inside the tomb? A heavy stone stands between them and Jesus.

As the tomb comes into view, they immediately begin to come to terms with three things that in a million lifetimes they never expected to see:

- The stone has been pushed aside.
- Jesus body has vanished.
- An angel is sitting there in plain sight.

The angels says what almost every angel says in biblical encounters: "Don't be alarmed." Don't freak out. Just breathe. "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified." The angel goes on... "He has risen!"

While the women attempt to process this cosmos-shifting bit of information, the angel adds an important job assignment: "Go, tell His disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you." (Mark 16:9) "Go, tell His disciples" – that would be the eleven remaining apprentices of Jesus, since Judas is now out of the picture – **"and Peter..."**

And those words are almost enough to make us cry. Peter was obviously one of the disciples. So why the special invitation? No one in the world that morning needed a word of reassurance more than Peter. No one stood in greater need of a personal invitation to meet the risen Christ than the guy who had crashed and burned in the most dramatic way possible. Peter had promised so much: "Lord, even if everyone else turns tail and runs, you can count on me." Then, in short order, he had said aloud three times that he didn't even know who Jesus was. The very man whom Jesus had said would be the Rock on which He would build His church had crumbled like a sand castle on a beach when hit by a wave.

The words **"and Peter"** appear only in the Gospel of Mark. According to a well-founded tradition, Mark had been the amanuensis or personal secretary of Peter during his later years of ministry. His Gospel is quite likely a "Peter's eye view" of Jesus' life and death. It's possible that Peter alone remembered that small detail of the angel's message to the women at the empty tomb. For him, those two words had changed everything.

And Peter. You're still one of the disciples. You are still invited. God isn't finished with you yet. And God isn't finished with us yet, either. Even if we cannot imagine recovering from the messes we have made of our lives, we're still on God's invitation list.

God is, after all, in the business of raising the dead.

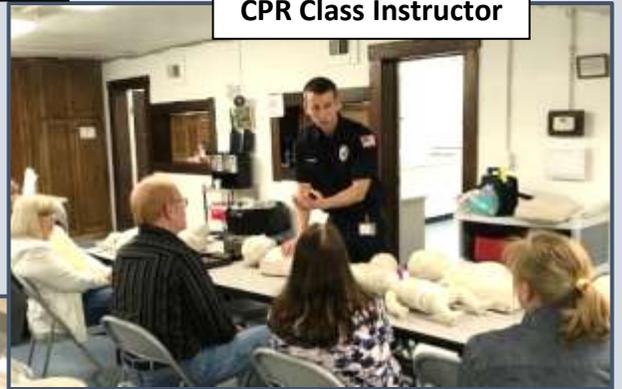


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**SALEM in PICTURES
CRP Training**

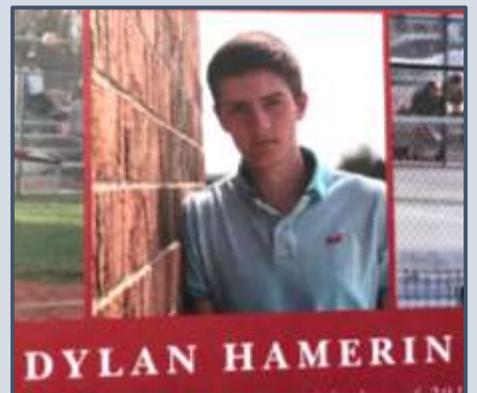
**Matt Mellencamp
CPR Class Instructor**



On the marriage of
Mr. & Mrs. Garrigus
Charissa & Luke
March 23, 2019



A special welcome to tenor
Brandon Vos from Salem Choir.
Charlie Noble now asks... "does
that now mean I have to sing
the correct notes?"



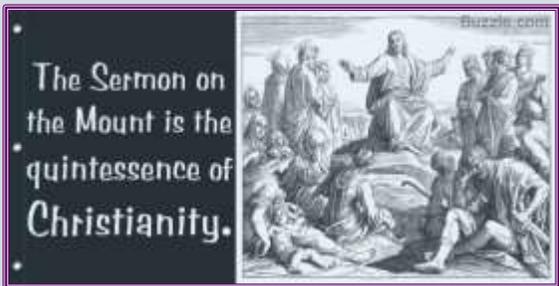
For making Dean's List at
University of Indy – in his first
semester as a freshman.

MANY THANKS TO...

- ✚ March generous fellowship providers...**Ottinger family, Eldon & Betty Forthum, Lynette Moon & Alyssa Guitar, Mary Hamerin, Linda Wayman & Jon Peterson, plus OCC / Muffin Tin Challenge.**
- ✚ March cheerful greeters... **Starr Starkey, Mary Hamerin & Pat Arnold**
- ✚ March sparkling acolytes...**Haven, Rebecca, Khamiya, Sydney, Brandon, and Ruth**
- ✚ **ALL** who attended the CPR classes, **Salem** for underwriting the cost, and **Virginia Crose & Kathy Mehlhop** for coordinating sign-ups for both sessions.
- ✚ The **Overman's** for hosting Friday Night Movie in March.
- ✚ **Pastor Gina** for leading the Bible Study on Peter, and **ALL** who are attending.
- ✚ **Charlie Noble** for organizing Salem's Pacer outing, and to **Salem** for sponsoring several youths from the Lebanon Children's Home. All who attended had a great time (and are requesting lower seating in 2020.)
- ✚ **Salem Choir** for inspirational songs during Lent. **Charlie's** always great on the trumpet!!
- ✚ **UMW** for hosting the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority meeting with meal.
- ✚ **The Overman's** for organizing the Lenten Breakfasts – and to our first four speakers: **Charlie Noble, Bob Overman, Bill Butler and Brian Earnhart.**
- ✚ **ALL** who participated and voted in the Muffin Tin Challenge.



FELLOWSHIP	APRIL	GREETERS
Chalmer & Virginia Crose	April 7th	Pat Arnold
Andy & Donna Ricketts	April 14th	Starr Starkey
Easter Sunday	April 21st	Lynda Wayman
Marshall & Starr Starkey	April 28th	Mary Hamerin



“We love because He first loved us.”
 ~~1 John 4:19

Lectionary Readings for April

Lessons	April 7 th	April 14 th	April 21 st	April 28 th
Old Testament	Isaiah 43:16-21	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalms 118:14-29
Psalms	Psalms 126	Psalms 31:9-16	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Psalms 150
Epistle	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 2:5-11	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Revelation
Gospel	John 12:1-8	Luke 23:1-49	Luke 24:1-12	John 20:19-31

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April 2019



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

Thanks to all who participated in the Muffin Tin Challenge...greatly appreciated!! Now the youth are planning to assemble fishing kits, sewing kits, and tic-tac-toe games for our OCC boxes. A list of supplies will be made and posted for these projects. Also, keep an eye out for some awesome clearance deals. The OCC boxes can include fun crafts, activities, and toys that often go on sale after holidays such as Easter. Thank you for your support of all the youth projects...the kids are learning about helping others.

Danean Thatcher, Coordinator

SUGGESTED/REQUESTED MONTHLY DONATIONS NEEDED for OCC BOXES

January	Hats, gloves & scarves
February	Accessories (watch, hair accessories, glasses)
March	Kids' quality handmade crafts
April	Small stuffed animals
May	Hygiene Items
June	Small toys for girls and boys
July	Clothing items for girls and boys
August	School supplies
September	Games (small size to fit into box)
October	Letter or note with picture
November	\$9 donations for shipping boxes
December	Prayers – sent with each box