



Salem Scribbles

JULY 2019

Salem United Methodist Church
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UPCOMING EVENTS

“Proclaim liberty through all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.” (Leviticus 25:10)



- July 4th – USA 243rd Birthday
- July 9th – Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm
- July 11th – UMW Meeting at Noon
- July 14th – Murat Chanters Perform
- July 14th – Bikes & Ice Cream in Zionsville
- July 15th – Administrative Board Mtg 7 pm
- July 20th – Ice Cream Social & Dinner 4-7 pm
Co-Chairs Donna & Andy Ricketts
- July 28th – Pie Plate Challenge
- July 28th – Salem Cemetery Tour by Ben Pauley
- July – Picnic & Back-2-School Celebration
To Be Confirmed
- TBD – Book Bag Blessing (Backpacks) for youth
returning to school - Date T B D

- Aug 6th - Missions Meeting 6:30 pm
- Aug 8th - UMW Evening meeting 6:30
(date and time to be confirmed.)
- Aug 25th - Children/Youth Recognition and
Celebration - Sunday School Teacher
Thank You. Coordinated by Youth
Ministries.

NOODLE MAKING
DATES COMING!



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PASTOR'S PEN

To My Awesome Church Family,

Welcome to Summer!!! As we begin another Conference year, I have to tell you that you are stuck with me again! (You can't see me, but I'm doing my happy dance!) The 11th session of the Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church which was held at the Convention Center in Indianapolis has now come and gone. We had an extra day this year as we had to elect 8 clergy and 8 laity delegates each plus 3 alternates to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. That process took a long time as each delegate must be elected by a simple majority as instructed by the Discipline. We used really cool hand-held voting devices for the first time which gave us real time voting results. We worshipped and prayed, heard reports from vital parts of our Conference, listened to speeches for and against motions, petitions and recommendations. We witnessed 69 clergy retiring, commissioning of 9 provisional elders, ordination of 13 elders in full connection, baptisms of children, celebration of the lives of pastors and their spouses. The youth and young adults of our Conference (aka Emerging Leaders) gave passionate soul stirring ministry reports. There was a junior in high school named Molly who also is the assistant to the Conference secretary preached as if there were no tomorrow. If we continue training up our young people to follow the life of Christ, then we as a denomination are going to be okay.

There was so much more that happened Wednesday evening through Saturday afternoon that I don't have enough space to tell you all about it. If you have access to the internet, then you might want to see some of the short videos from the Conference website summarizing the days (<https://www.inumc.org/annual-conference/ac-updates/>). I will say one thing - it was made very clear to us that we are going to continue to work to be an inclusive church loving everyone. We as the Indiana Conference are going to follow the ruling of General Conference, and it is well understood that there are many people who don't agree, but we are going to keep the main thing the main thing which is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We have been empowered to remember our baptism and be a witness for Christ (From Water to Witness). (Continued on page 3)

In the love of Christ,

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 st Lexi Hipsky | 1 st Haven Starkey | 2 nd Mary Ann Holmes |
| 2 nd Jason Isaacs | 3 rd Adam Kruger | 3 rd Sydney Kruger |
| 5 th Bill Butler | 5 th Harry 'Bing' Stum | 6 th Jen Kidder |
| 8 th Wolf Faulkner | 9 th Reece Butler | 11 th Millie Lewis |
| 14 th Tina Lizama | 18 th Mason Cruz | 18 th Avery Faye Davis |
| 19 th Virginia Crose | 20 th Bob Overman | 21 st Teri Cruz |
| 21 st Hazel Lynn Hand | 21 st Mary Josephine Hand | 23 rd Chaleen Crose Faulkner |
| | 26 th Brian Earnhart | 30 th Will Alexander |

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Jake & Marlene (Hampton) Kregers
- 2nd Eric & Janet Holcomb
- 7th Mark & Angie Hough
- 7th Rev. Phil & Millie Lewis
- 7th Steve & Kathy Sharp
- 13th Dave & Carole Tucker
- 27th Freddy & Teri Cruz



PRAYER LIST		
Alex & Henry	Rush & Ruth Harmon	Carol Moyer
Annabelle Aldous	Brittani Hawk	Caden Nation
Arnold's Grandson	Travis Heckart	Jessica Pabst
Arnold's Sister's Husband	Charles Hoagland	The Patton's
Koryn Aughe	Louise Hoagland	Cindy Paul
Aunt Nancy	Mariam Fisher Hutsen	Betty Paddock
Sean Bakeis	Lisa Isaacs	Natalie Postma
Shawna Baker	Tracy James	Danny Price
Skip Barker	Myra Johnson	Carolyn Reutter
Brenda	Sarah Hand Johnson	Mrs. Ray Robert
Brian	Niece Joyce	Micah Romig
Rodney Carter	Kathy	Deputy Sam Scott
Conceptione Family	Keaton	Stephanie Seifts
Marge Curry	Libby Keck	Gregg Speer
Jim Curry	The Kirkland's	Marvin Starkey
Donna David	Maxine Lamar	Ann & Bing Stum
Carla Fletcher	Jennifer Lee	Jane Taylor
Lisa Flynn	Lily	Brenda & Steven Taylor
Dale Funkhouser	Britney Maker	Judy Washburn
Nancy Giles	Ashley Medaris	Cody Wilson
O Hamilton	Nhut Milender	Peter Yoder
Nick Hipsky	Jim & Linda Miller	Andy Ricketts

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 senior graduates as they begin new chapters in their lives. Keep our vacationing families and friends in our prayers as they travel. Prayer for those who have experienced recent flooding and tornadoes. Prayer for those with unspoken needs.

IF GOD CAN BRING YOU TO IT - GOD WILL SEE YOU THROUGH IT!

"Greater love has no one more than this: to lay down one's life for his friends."
 ~~ John 15:13
 Thank You June 6, 1944 D-Day Veterans



ASK THE PASTOR

Dear Pastor Gina,

I thought you should know that there are several people who don't feel comfortable receiving communion by the way of intinction (dipping the bread in the cup) because of the possibility of the spread of germs. What can you do about this method of communion?

Sincerely,
An Innocent Bystander



Dear Innocent Bystander,

Thank you so much for sharing the thoughts of others and possibly yourself. Can I make a compromise? To save our mother earth from the littering of single use plastic cups, what if we continue to offer communion by the way of intinction and offer a small tray of individual cups for those who prefer them. That way we are meeting the needs of all concerned. This could be a great win – win situation because we would never want to cause anyone to not receive the sacramental bread and fruit of the vine and at the same time being good stewards of the earth.

Much love, Pastor Gina (aka PG)

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(Continued from page 1) 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, 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!!!! The Kirkland's

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

It was a happy one for our fathers on June 16th. UMW presented Lowes Gift Cards to the honorees. Aaron Shipley drove the furthest to be with his daughter, Lisa Isaacs. Scott Kruger had the most children present at church {Brandon, Sydney & Adam}, and Bill Arnold has the most children, grandchildren and great grandchildren (31) with another one on the way!



IF YOU BUILD IT - THEY WILL COME

(And Danean did! Here's a report from Danean.)

The Operation Christmas Child Hygiene donation display is set up in the side sanctuary near the stairs. Anyone who would like to contribute items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes may stop by and easily identify needed items. Please take a labeled popsicle stick as a reminder of which item(s) and how many for which you plan to shop. The popsicle sticks can be returned in the bag with your donation. The youth greatly appreciate your continued support of this project. Together, we are helping spread Christian love and the word of God to sixty children around the world through this Samaritan's Purse Program.

The next OCC Fellowship Challenge will be a Pie Plate Challenge on July 28th. Start brainstorming recipes which can be prepared in a pie plate and brought to Sunday morning fellowship. We will vote on our favorite recipe by placing a piece of money in the corresponding bowl. Votes will be tallied by individual pieces of money. All funds collected will benefit the OCC project. Thank you!!

Danean Thatcher

OCC ACTIVITY UPDATE

Thanks to the generosity of Salem family and friends, the youth have raised sufficient funds for recipients of the Salem OCC Boxes to receive The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship course.

The goal is to supply recipients with workbooks and New Testaments, and also provide them with trained local teachers who will help introduce them to Jesus Christ and how they can follow Him. Students also receive a graduation certificate - all for the cost of a fast-food lunch! For more information please visit updates@e.samaritan.org and THANK YOU Salem!

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14



LOVE GIFT 2019

UMW awarded their fourth Love Gift to Andy Mehlhop as a thank you for his volunteer work at Salem in the service to Jesus the Christ. A monetary donation has been made in Andy's name to the United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon.

Annual Conference Report
by Bob Overman

The 2019 Indiana Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church was held at the Convention Center in Indianapolis, Indiana June 12 – 15, 2019. Attendees for Salem were Pastor Gina Kirkland (Clergy), Paula Overman (guest) and Bob Overman (laity). This being my first Annual Conference I really didn't understand what was to come when I first agreed to attend as our Laity Representative. I thought this would be a four-day string of dry business meetings with down time in between. Boy was I wrong.

On Wednesday, we registered and grabbed a bite to eat then returned to a two-hour worship session. We prayed, we sang, we were treated to many speakers/leaders, with Pastor Rudy Rasmus of Houston, TX, giving the Message "Just Cross the Doggone Street." This message was followed by Holy Communion before adjourning for the evening. Almost forgot we were treated to an Ice Cream Social in the lobby and a chance to talk to others before leaving for the evening.

Thursday started at 8:30 AM for me with New Member Orientation. This mostly covered how to use our handheld voting units, which worked wonderfully. Then at 9:30 we had our first Plenary Session, Worship and Retiree Recognition Service. Retiring clergy and spouses were recognized and honored for their years of service to the church. This was followed by the first Plenary Session; the first business session of conference, the First Lady's address, and reports such as Nominations, CF&A Initial Report, 2019 Delegation and UMW Celebration. Then we were released for lunch.

We hustled to our "working lunch". Paula and I attended a lunch presented by the Intergenerational Leaders. Food was good, and we enjoyed hearing about the stories, programs and opportunities for laity to lead our local churches. We have some great young leaders in our conference!

We were finished with our luncheon with ten minutes to get to second Plenary Session, at 2:00 PM, which included the Emerging Leaders Address and where we actually voted on Petition #1. Then at 3:00 we stayed in Hall K for a Laity Session. This was a combined worship service and UMW and UMM reports and others. At 5:00 PM we were released to dinner.

Paula and I went to a dinner presented by the Indiana Confessing Movement and The Wesleyan Covenant Association. Again, a working meal.

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At 7:00 PM, our evening session started... "A Celebration of Ministry", at which we witnessed a Baptism, we worshiped, clergy were Commissioned and Ordained, as were Deacons and Elders. This session lasted past 9:00 PM.

Friday was pretty much the same schedule. Starting at 8:00 AM and ending after 9:00 PM. Worship was a little shorter and Plenary ramped up with more voting on Petitions and the process of voting for 2020 Delegates. A highlight of the afternoon session for me was the Bishop's "Episcopal Address." We were reminded "to keep the MAIN THING, the MAIN THING" and "The harvest is plentiful, the workers are few, you are called to be the workers in the field." Friday's evening session was a Celebration of Life Worship honoring clergy that passed this year.

Saturday started at 7:30 AM with a breakfast presented by the Indiana Conference. At 9:00, the final Plenary Session commenced as Clergy and Laity completed voting on the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegates to the 2020 conferences. We then voted on the conference budget. Then we voted on the big issues of Petitions 5, 6 & 7. These votes were VERY close, very emotional. These votes were to give our delegation instructions for 2020 on the Book of Discipline, not to change the Book of Discipline currently.

But before closing the session and the conference, we were given the Giving and Receiving of Appointments, and Pastor Gina Kirkland will be with Salem for at least one more year!

I very much enjoyed representing Salem at this year's Annual Conference! I hope to attend next year, as a representative or a guest, and would encourage others in the church to attend as well.

As Bishop Julius Trimble said, "I Love You, and there's nothing you can do about it!"

IT'S A BOY! Congratulations to the Kelly Barbato Family on the birth of their son, Dean Anthony. Grandma Margeret Yde is very happy and proud, too!



And look who was at Salem recently...
sister Elle and mom Lynette...
with newborn Annie!



SALEM in PICTURES

PENTECOSTAL FLAME



RECOGNITION OF FATHERS



BOB OVERMAN
Conference Representative



SALEM CHOIR WITH
PIANIST BRANDON VOS
AND GUEST DAVID NOLAN



HONORING FATHERS



MORE FATHERS
RECOGNIZED



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY

Lessons	July 7 th	July 14 th	July 21 st	July 28 th
Old Testament	2 Kings 5:1-14	Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-12	Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm	Psalm 30	Psalm 82	Psalm 52	Psalm 85
Epistle	Galatians 6:1-16	Colossians 1:1-14	Colossians 1:15-28	Colossians 2:6-19
Gospel	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13

MANY THANKS TO...

- ✚ June generous fellowship providers: **the Overman's, the Webb's, the Crose's, the Ottingers, the Starkey's, Eldon & Betty Forthum, Jon Peterson and Lynda Wayman.**
- ✚ June cheerful greeters... **Laura Eisner, Pat Arnold, Marie Urick & Mary Hamerin**
- ✚ June shining acolytes...**Haven, Rebecca, Khamiya, Sydney, Quinn, and Ruth**
- ✚ **Brandon Vos** for guiding the choir and beautifully playing piano in Luke and Tina's absences
- ✚ **Salem Choir** for their beautiful music for Father's Day and July 4th - and for past choir director David Nolan joining the choir on June 16th - glad to have you and yours visiting Salem!
- ✚ **Bob Overman** representing Salem at Annual General Conference - and for **Pastor Gina** and guest **Paula Overman** also attending.
- ✚ **UMW's** honoring activities for Father's Day
- ✚ **All** who donated to Kids Sack Lunch Program and to the volunteers who packed lunches on June 26th
- ✚ **Susan Ottinger** for assisting with the "Gift of Life" Blood Drive on June 24th
- ✚ **Danean Thatcher** for organizing the Salem Family Holiday World outing - always enjoyed by our youth!
- ✚ And to **Danean** for all her work with the youth and the year-long OCC project.
- ✚ **Paula Overman** (and **Bob** too) for her inspiring Children's Message Sunday morning, especially "Peek A Boo" on Ascension Sunday.
- ✚ **Ben Pauley** and team for bringing Sharlene and Susan to church during the month of May
- ✚ **Natalie Kruger** for being Community Time Leader during the month of May

UPDATED ADDRESS

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 Midland, GA 31820

Fellowship

JULY

Greeters

Volunteers Needed	July 7	Volunteer Needed
Volunteers Needed	July 14	Volunteer Needed
Volunteers Needed	July 21	Volunteer Needed
OCC Pie Pan Challenge	July 28	Volunteer Needed

PROPOSED NOODLE MAKING DATES

For October Noodle Dinner: Due to a scheduling conflict, Starr and Marshall Starkey plan to have the dinner noodle making sessions in the next few weeks. Their dates will be announced at Community Time and in the Bulletin.

UMW Bake Sale Noodles: Proposed dates and times are:
 Tuesday August 13th at 6:00 pm for families and everyone!
 Remaining dates will start at 9 a.m. The more that help, the sooner we'll be done. Ideally, we would like to have eight or more at each session.

- Wednesday, August 21st at 9 am
- Wednesday, September 11th at 9 am
- Wednesday, September 18th at 9 am
- Wednesday, October 2nd at 9 am

**EVERYONE
 WELCOME!**

YOU ARE INVITED TO UMW JULY MEETING

All ladies of the church are invited to attend this month's meeting on Thursday, July 11th at Noon. We will gather in Fellowship Hall to have a light lunch and devotions by Tina Hand and Susan Ottinger. There will be a brief business meeting.

Hope to see you there!

Co-Presidents Paula Overman & Judy Washburn



**2019 Andy's Ride Car & Truck Show
 July 6, 2019**

**American Legion Post #79 in Zionsville
 Visit www.AndysRide.com for details.**

Watch and listen for information on the upcoming Love, INC Annual Fundraiser with Randy Ollis and also Salem's booth at the Lions Fall Festival in Lions Park.

Salem Church mail for Annabelle Aldous is being returned. If anyone has her current address, please advise Kathy Mehlhop. Last known address was c/o Don Robbins, 102 W McKay Road, Shelbyville, IN 46176-3024. Communications is working to confirm if this is still an active address for her.

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Large enough to serve. ✝ Small enough to care.



JULY 2019

2019 Annual Ice Cream Social at Salem UMC



ice cream social & dinner

3rd Saturday in July

4-7 pm

Salem UMC ✝

A graphic for an ice cream social. It features a pink background with a white bowl of ice cream topped with three scoops of pink and white ice cream and a cherry. The text "ice cream social & dinner" is written in a bold, pink, sans-serif font. Below the bowl, the time "4-7 pm" is written in pink. To the right of the bowl, the date "3rd Saturday in July" and the location "Salem UMC" with a small cross icon are written in pink.

Let's have a BIG turnout. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, all those in your contact list or on Facebook!! Put out yard signs and street signs.