



Salem Scribbles

January 2015

Salem United Methodist Church

Minister: Rev. Jim Miller 317-429-9090 Cell 317-450-1461

Coming Events

Jan 4th – Removal Advent Decorations

Jan 13th – Trustee Mtg 6:30 pm

Jan 14th – Missions Mtg 7 pm

Jan 19th – Administrative Board
Meeting 7:00 pm

Jan 22nd & 29th – Tentative Choir
Practices 6:30 pm

January 25th following Church Service...
**Catered Lunch for all Salem Members/
Friends to visit and learn more about the
“Future of Salem Church” topic.**
Everyone welcome...of all ages, too.

DONATION DROP OFF TIMES for
3rd Annual Rummage Sale 9 am-2 pm
1) Sunday, Feb 1st after church
10:30 am—12:00 pm
2) Wed., Feb 4th 3 pm – 8 pm

Feb 7th – The 3rd Annual Salem Indoor
Rummage Sale (*see flyer information*)

Feb 21st – Salem Chili Supper
(Chair Natalie Kruger)

*The approved 2015 Church Events Calendar,
updated Membership List, and 2015 Board
Officers, Trustees & Committee Chairs/
Members are available in the foyer. You
may also refer to the church website for
Salem events.*



Pastor's Pen

Linda and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for expressions of love and gratitude particularly during this Christmas time of the year. All the kind words, the cards and the gifts are deeply appreciated. We wish you all the very best for the New Year.

Thank you, also, for giving us a two-month sabbatical. We will be visiting family members in Florida, Arizona and Texas where the weather is warm. Our first Sunday back will be the first Sunday in March. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Jim and Linda

The **2014 Salem Youth Christmas Program** is now available on our website www.FriendlyCountryChurch.org as well as are previous programs and a variety of other recorded Salem events thanks to Dominic Lizama's time and expertise. You may view by going to: <http://salemumczionsville.org/videos/christmas-programs.html> and <http://salemumczionsville.org/videos/special-events.html>
As you view the 2014 program, you will see “practice did make perfect!”



Birthdays

2 nd – Terry Robinson	7 th – Ruth Markland	11 th – Bill Walker
12 th – Ken Haselby	12 th – Bill Stagg	13 th – Martha Graves
13 th – Joseph Lamar	14 th – Ben Pauley	19 th – Dorothy “Dodie” Bear
19 th – Scott Kruger	21 st – Laine Butler	23 rd – Colt Crose
27 th – Kathy Houx	27 th – Justin Ottinger	27 th – Mike Hampton
29 th – Dominic Lizama		31 st – Pam Hill-Gibson



Anniversaries

13th – Bill & Sharon Walker



The following need your prayers

Leonard Alexander	Marcia (Lowder) Baker
SGT Joshua Barrows	SGT Jessica Barrows
Joshua Barrows, Jr.	Gene & Dodie Bear
Connie Chamberlin	Mary Clayton
Alta Davis	Peg Eaton
Lana Funkhouser	Sharlene Grizzle
Mark Hancock	Chuck Hamerin
Paul Hollingsworth	Dustin Hudson
Tanya Irwin	Lucy Johnson
Adeline Leslie	Britney Maker
Jim's Aunt Ila	Kayla Miller
David Milliner	Arlene & David Nichols
Martha Ogborn	Mary Jean Ottinger
Annie Ottinger	Joe Overman
Wayne & Norma Patton	Mabel Ann Pavey
Jon Peterson	Cody & daughter Zoey Pittman
Jane Taylor	Danielle Tooley
Bonnie Trosky	Martha Starkey
Ann & Bing Stum	Bill Walker
Gary & Raymond Swope, Jr.	Krissy Wall
Chuck Vogt	Marilyn Yount

Vic & Dawn Lebel – grandparents of Autumn Hansen
 Violet's Uncle Bob Scout, sister-in-law Theresa
 Hoagland & great niece Courtney Romney.
 Ray Robert whose sister passed w/brain aneurism.
 Charlie's friend Sherrill May who lost her 18-year-old daughter in November. His niece Addi Leslie with a brain tumor, and Jim Wilson who lost his wife recently...his daughter Julie Wilson is Charlie's niece...the wife was her step mother. Prayers for the Scout family with the passing of Isabelle Scout, Violet Thomas' aunt.



Pray for our troops, near and far; persecuted Christians everywhere; people in hospitals-nursing homes; and those who suffer from conflicts around the world. Special thoughts and prayers for Curtis Michaels – a private in basic training at Ft. Benning, GA; for Garrett Baston, Marine Randy Bowlen, and National Guard Private Logan King, as well as Garrett Houx who is now stateside. Also, Steve Hipsky's friend John Canfield serving 3rd tour in Afghanistan.

Tim's January Report

"Never a Christmas morning, Never a new year ends...But someone thinks of someone; Old days, old times, old friends." One of my favorites. How we cherish those we meet along life's way. Happy New Year Everyone! It is human nature I suppose to close out the year gone by and make a list or plans for the one before us. Resolutions, they say. What are yours?

My Resolutions

#1 Read the Bible. In 2014 it really hit home that no matter what we do - serve, love, give and worship our Lord and Savior - one MUST include reading scripture. There is so much in the greatest Book ever written. Everyone should read the Bible. Everyone. And yes, that includes you.

#2 For me it will be stepping up further to how I spend my time and how I spend my money. There are no material goods that will bring happiness as much as loving and caring for others. That includes your personal time, endeavors and financial support of causes in which you believe. Don't leave it up to someone else. The world needs you. Now.

#3 Keep Moving. Keeping your physical health is right up there at the top. Do all you can to exercise in a way you enjoy. Overdoing it can cause problems later as much as not moving enough. Devise a plan and get with it... one step at a time.

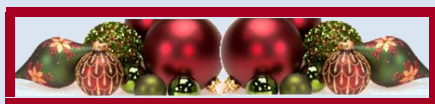


January 25

Again, I want to remind all about our catered luncheon and open discussion about the future of Salem. Think and read about religion and our rapidly changing community over the few weeks ahead. Prepare some thoughtful questions and comments to make this an exciting and productive time together.

May 2015 bring you the best in serving our Lord, good health and prosperity!

Tim



UMW NEWS...The ladies of UMW enjoyed a lovely pitch-in luncheon at their December meeting. After the meeting, boxes were filled with goodies to be sent to each of the four cottages at The United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon. These goodies will be used for Christmas Eve parties for the children. Thanks to Paula Overman for chairing this project and all UMW members who helped!



Larry R. presents Christmas Cheer Bag to Gene & Dodie Bear

Thank you to all who contributed goodies for our Christmas Cheer Bags and to those who helped to deliver the Cheer Bags. Twenty-two bags + were filled and delivered to our shut-ins. Also, our total giving to Fletcher Place for holiday giving was \$2,400+. Items were delivered by the Hamilton's, Washburn's, P. Overman and D. Ricketts.

UMW will not meet in January or February of 2015, but we are looking forward to a wonderful year of serving our Lord through service to our church and mission giving in 2015. We wish each of you a very Happy New Year!

Judy Washburn, UMW President

Fellowship Volunteers**JANUARY****Nursery Volunteers**

4th – The Kruger Family
 11th – Roy & Deanne King
 18th – The Yovanovich Family
 25th – **Volunteers needed**

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 11th – **Volunteers needed**
 18th – **Volunteers needed**
 25th – **Volunteers needed**



- † Fellowship providers – **Andy & Donna Ricketts, the Hipsky's, Mike & Nancy Thayer & Charlie Noble**
- † Nursery volunteers – **Danean Thatcher and Laine & Danelle Butler**
- † Acolytes – **Brandon, Sydney, Brianna, Austin, & Haven**
- † To the **teachers, parents and all helping participants** for the fabulous Annual Youth Christmas Program, *"Just a Little Christmas"*... Sound men **Bob & Joe Overman**, videographer **Dominic Lizama**, photographers **Natalie Kruger & Tina Lizama**, all who helped with the music. And of course, the **Youth** who played their parts so very well - Good Job!
- † To the **Choir, Charlie Noble, Tina Hand, Judy Washburn and Chad Brown** for specials, and assistant director **David Nolan**, for special music for the Advent Season.
- † To **Laine, Reece and Grace** for their special song, *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* during Salem's Advent Season. Well done!
- † **Judy Washburn** for her thoughtful Advent lessons during Children's Time and for organizing the beautiful and meaningful Christmas Eve Candlelight Service plus her lovely singing of *"Mary Did You Know."* Service participants **Margeret Yde, Danelle Butler, Tina Lizama, Tina Hand, Marie Urick, Salem Choir, Chad Brown, Linda Miller and Rev. Jim Miller.**
- † **UMW** and all who donated items /made deliveries for the Christmas Cheer Bags – plus the Christmas Eve Party Boxes for the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home.
- † **Bob Overman** and all the performers for putting together the *"Wishing You a Merry Christmas in Song – Salem Sings Christmas 2014"* CD. CDs are free – be sure to pick up your copy in the foyer.
- † To **Laine, Reece and Grace** for passing the Christmas Eve 'candlelight.'
- † **Judy Washburn and Paula Overman** for organizing and overseeing the poinsettias for Salem's Christmas Season and all who purchased them.
- † **Hanging of the Greens Leaders and Volunteers** for beautifying Salem Church for Advent.
- † To all who joined the choir for Christmas Caroling at Zionsville Meadows, Hoosier Village and Jane Taylor's following service on Sunday, December 21st.
- † **Bill & Phyllis Bakeis** for opening their beautiful home for the post-caroling party.
- † **Starr & Marshall Starkey** for assembling the stage for the Annual Christmas Program by Salem Youth and then its removal in time for other Christmas Services.
- † To the **30+ Amazon Wrapping Project Volunteers** and coordinator **Steve Hipsky** (along with **Martha Randel**) for organizing our second and successful effort for Youth Camp Fundraiser.
- † **Pastor Jim Miller** for his interesting and informative sermon series during Advent.
- † And a very special thank you to **everyone** who attended, learned, enjoyed, prayed, helped and participated in any way during December at Salem Church. How wonderful it is to be joyful as we celebrate our **Savior's** birth.



Synopsis of Rev Miller's Sermon

August 24, 2014

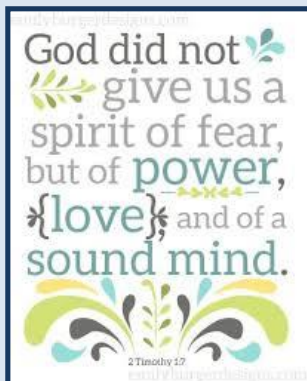
"When Faith Grows Cold"**Judges 16:15-21****2 Timothy 1:2-8****2 Timothy 1:6 "Rekindle the gift of God that is within you..."**

**Rekindle
the gift
of God that is
within you**

2 Timothy 1:6a

What does a Christian do when his or her faith grows cold? How do you "Rekindle the gift of God"? ...When church work has become mechanical ... when giving loses its sense of satisfaction ... when praying becomes meaningless ... when for several Sundays it is difficult to get out of bed to go to church?

Faith goes gradually and we may not even be aware of its leaving. We all have experienced periods of time when our faith became cooler than we realized. God hasn't moved: Jesus has not gone anywhere. If we don't feel close to God anymore, we can be very certain that it is because we are responsible.



We never lose our faith all at once. – It is the little compromises we make that erode our convictions and allow our faith to gradually weaken. The Bible is full of those kinds of stories. Faith can silently just slip away.

You are not the only one whose faith goes weaker at times. Even the great ones in the Bible experienced faith problems. Abraham once resorted to a lie to save his own skin. Simon Peter behaved himself in such a manner that the Lord would say, "Get thee behind me, Satan." When we are preoccupied with selfish concerns we become spiritually ill and the springs of faith dry up. We cannot recover the vitality of Christian faith until we move beyond our own selfishness.

When you see this happening, try something great for God. If you have wondered how you can feel close to God keep in mind that it is you who must take the next step. Take a bold step forward for God. It is time for you to respond to the warmth of God's spirit and help make your life exciting again. Pick yourself up and try something for God's sake. Your faith in God can become rekindled.

Dear Father, we cannot expect to stay on top of the mountain all the time. When we find ourselves in the valley, help us to take steps necessary to regain the peace and the joy you have offered to us. Dear Father, renew a right spirit within us today. Amen.

**EMMANUEL**

God's Gift was the surprise of how Jesus came to be among us – and surprise gifts are the best! God With Us!

LESSONS OF LIFE

If it isn't right, don't do it.
If it isn't the truth, don't say it.
If it's not yours, don't take it.

"As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may you be adorned with His love, graced with His peace, and filled with His presence.

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

~ 2 Corinthians 9:15

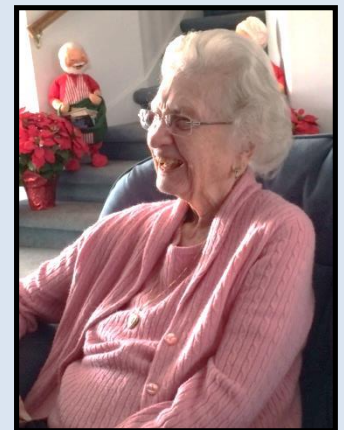




Thank You Continued

- ✚ To Trustee, **Bob Overman**, for cleaning Salem's front entrance doors. They look brand new!!
- ✚ To **Susan Ottinger** for taking the reigns as producer and director of the sensational 2014 Youth Christmas Program. Thanks to **all** who participated with extra rehearsals plus the dress rehearsal on Saturday before the program.
- ✚ To **all** who donated to the Bishop's Children's Fund which benefits many children here in Indiana.
- ✚ To **all** who participated and/or donated to the 2014 Drumstick Dash on Thanksgiving morning. Salem Church donated \$540 to Wheeler Missions in this effort and to Bob O. for organizing.

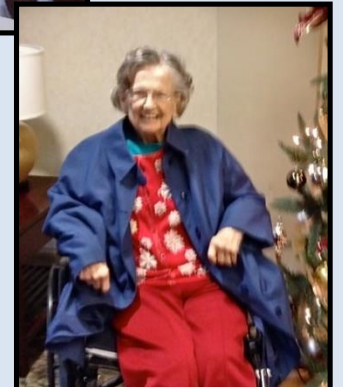
CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Jane Taylor enjoys Christmas Carols being sung by Salem Carolers on Sunday, Dec 21st.



Caroling at Zionsville Meadows and Hoosier Village.
Mary Jean Ottinger





Grace, Reece and Laine sing
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"



Judy Washburn gives her traditional
gift of song on Christmas Eve –
"Mary, Did You Know?"



Charlie Noble and Tina Hand provided
several duets during the Advent Season



Salem Music Dept & Choir provided
beautiful and meaningful music during the
Christmas Season.



Chad Brown 'home for the holiday' attended Salem's Christmas Eve Service and contributed to the beautiful service by singing a favorite of many, "O Holy Night." Chad is a former Zionsville resident and graduated from ZHS in 1992. He now resides in California.



AMAZON GIFT WRAPPING PROJECT

I want to extend my heartfelt thank you to the thirty-plus people who gave of their time to fill a shift (several worked multiple shifts) at Amazon wrapping gifts to earn dollars for Salem's Youth Summer Camp program. Several mentioned they enjoyed the fellowship with one another as they 'wrapped for a cause.' Salem worked eight shifts and wrapped over 2,600 packages, earning \$2,500 plus for the Camp Fund! THANK YOU!

Steve Hipsky
Project Coordinator



SUMMER CAMPS

Some of the 2015 summer camp information has been received. Even though it is early in the year, this information allows you to give some thought about which camp your child(ren) may want to attend and to sign up now. Information is in the foyer or you may contact me at 317-574-3400 or marieu@vwcoa.com.

Marie Urick, Camp Coordinator





Memories from the 2014 Salem Youth Christmas Program
"Just a Little Christmas"



The 3 Wise Women are ready.



King Herod, soldiers & shepherds are ready.



Joseph & Mary are ready.



Emcees Lexi & Reece are ready.



And Director Susan is ready...action!



**Mason, Brianna & Grace
 "The Angel talks to Mary"**



**Mason, Brianna & Grace
 "The Angel talks to Joseph"**



Nick as Caesar Augustus, Emperor in Rome.



Mason, Sophia, Grace
"No Room at the Inn"



Angels
proclaim
"Glory to
God in the
Highest. Peace
on Earth! Good
Will to Men!"

Shepherds
came.



Evil King Herod tried to find the Baby Jesus to do Him harm.
The Three Wise 'Women' worship Baby Jesus as do the
King's soldiers...but no one tells the King how to find Jesus.



God warned Joseph
about King Herod so
he took Mary and Baby
Jesus to Egypt for safety.



After King Herod died and it was safe, they returned to Nazareth where Baby Jesus grew up.

The Beginning...The Light!



Judy Washburn teaches about the Advent Candle.



Salem CD Singers



Salem CD Performers



Salem CD Choir



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service**



Attention Treasure Seekers

Salem 3rd Annual Indoor Rummage Sale Benefiting Salem Missions

WHO: EVERYONE is invited! Community is Welcomed!

WHAT: Friends and family of Salem United Methodist Church kindly donate new and gently used items...such as clothes, toys, books, games, kitchen, home goods, garden, furniture and tools. The list of accepted items is endless! This is a perfect time to clean out a closet or the garage to make room for new/other items. Purge those treasures and donate your items to the Salem Missions rummage sale.

Then everyone is invited to come **SHOP** all the donated treasures on **Saturday, February 7, 2015. From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.** *(Items are not to be used for re-sale.)*

The best part? NO price tags! For all treasures you choose to take home, please make a tax deductible donation to Salem's Mission fund! It's a Win Win for everyone!!

WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 2015 @ 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: Salem United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall

ALSO! Bake Sale – benefiting youth summer camp

Q&A

When can I drop off donations?

Three convenient options:

- 1) Sunday, Feb 1st after church @ 10:30 am -12:00 noon
- 2) Wednesday, Feb 4th @ 3pm - 8pm

What if I have a question about items I want to donate?

Salem Missions will accept all new and gently used donated items, but if you have a question, please do not hesitate to contact Paula or Tim.

What if there is inclement weather on the day of the sale, February 7th.

The sale is scheduled regardless of the weather.
No rain date (nor snow date) is planned.

How can I help with Salem Indoor Rummage Sale?

We would love your involvement! Please contact Paula or Tim to let them know you would like to help!

What happens to the donated items after the sale?

Salem Missions will be donating all of the remaining treasures to local charities once the sale is complete.

What if the item is too big to bring to Salem?

Bring a photo of the item along with item details such as description and/or any pertinent measurements. The Missions Team will display the photo of your item the day of the sale and will even help transport the item if someone is interested.

Contact Information if you have additional questions

Paula Overman

Phone: 317-445-9597 (c)

Email: POver5220@aol.com

Tim Ottinger

Phone: 310-614-0635 (c)

Email: tjottinger@gmail.com

We hope to see you at the 3rd Annual Salem Indoor Rummage Sale.

THANK YOU for your continued support of Salem Missions.

Salem United Methodist Church

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www.FriendlyCountryChurch.org

Large enough to serve. ✝ Small enough to care.



Fletcher Place Project

Thank you to all who helped sort and distribute items at Fletcher Place on November 29, 2014. And a special thank you to Bill and Danelle Butler for suggesting and coordinating this project for Salem Church.

