



Salem Scribbles

March 2015

Salem United Methodist Church

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

Coming Events

Choir Practices – March 4, 11th, 18 & 25
at 7:00 pm. Tentative – Confirm
with Tina Hand (*we may try a
Thursday from time-to-time.*)

March 6th – World Day of Prayer

March 8th – Girl Scout Sunday &
Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 10th – Trustee Meeting /6:30 pm

March 10th – Pacer Game 7 pm
(See Charlie Noble for details.)

March 11th – Missions Committee
Meeting at 7:00 pm

March 12th – UMW Meeting at Noon

March 16th – Administrative Board
Meeting at 7 pm

March 28th - Salem Church Spring
Clean-Up at 9 am

March 29th – Palm Sunday Pitch-In and
Salem Egg Hunt 11:30 am

April 2nd – Maundy (Holy) Thursday Service at
7 pm

April 5th – Sunrise Service at 7:30 followed by
breakfast followed by Regular Worship
Service at 9:15 am



Pastor's Pen

Salem Church is most grateful to Rev. Jim Ewing for being with us in February during Rev. Miller's absence. His sermons and prayers were enjoyed by all. We now better understand how Faith can be a failure (misplaced, bargaining and one-sided) or a success (persistent like Job, waiting on eternity for full reward and undertaking something that is too big for self)... God's Agape love ...and our encounter with God. Thank you, Rev. Ewing, for being with us.

Rev. Jim Miller returns to Salem in March. Below are his sermon topics:

March 1 st	"On Considering Selfish Ambition"
March 8 th	"Religious Code Words"
March 15 th	"Serenity"
March 22 nd	"It Is Finished"
March 29 th	"On Heading the Right Direction"



Colors of the Christian Seasons

- Purple** - is used during preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent.
- White** – is used during Christmas and Easter.
- Green** – is for the season after Epiphany and Pentecost.
- Red** – is used on the days of Pentecost.

*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in
it, the world, and all who live in it."*

Psalm 24:1

Birthdays

1 st – Sharon Walker	2 nd – Joyce Cunningham	2 nd – Seann Stone
4 th – Judy Lamar	4 th – Kathy Mehlhop	4 th – Janet Petsch
4 th – Nelda Rohrbach	4 th – Betty Thayer	5 th – Joshua Nathanael Thayer
5 th – Danny Thomas	9 th – Rebecca Ottinger	9 th – Lauren Elizabeth Sharp
10 th – Jim Cunningham	12 th – Nancy Taylor	14 th – Violet Thomas
14 th – Elliott Hampton Henry	15 th – Maxine Lamar	15 th – Tracy Puia
16 th – Debbie Oatis	21 st – Mark Hough	22 nd – Natalie Dieckman
	26 th – Lauren Elizabeth Overman	

Happy Birthday



Anniversaries

7th Chalmer & Virginia Crose
 9th Bill & Phyllis Bakeis
 10th Jim & Joyce Cunningham
 11th Don & Patsy Livengood

The following need your prayers.

(To update prayer list, see Martha Randel)

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
Mike Hampton	Paul Hollingsworth
Dustin Hudson	Sydney Kruger
Tanya Irwin	Roy King
Adeline Leslie	Sydney Kruger
Britney Maker	Marilyn (Violet's cousin)
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
Martha Randel	Zoey Pittman
Charles Schooler	Deanna Thomas
Jane Taylor	Rebecca Ottinger
Danielle Tooley	Bonnie Trosky
Martha Starkey	Ann & Bing Stum
Bill Walker	Chuck Vogt
Jim Kirby	Marilyn Yount
Vic & Dawn Lebel – grandparents of Autumn Hansen	
Violet's Uncle Bob Scout, sister-in-law Theresa Hoagland & great niece Courtney Romney. Prayers to Ben Pauley on the passing of his cousin, and to Diana Ward with the passing of her sister, Ruth Hoffbeck, of Palatine, IL.	

(Apologies for misspelling of any names...the Editor.)

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 currently stationed at Fort Campbell, KY; 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.



Synopsis of Rev Miller's Sermon

2014

"Holding Fast to What is Good"

Psalm 84:5-12

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22



1 Thessalonians 5:21c-22 "Hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil."

The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians is underscoring to be careful what you disregard or toss aside. He says: "Love one another. Rejoice always and pray constantly, giving thanks in all circumstances. Test everything and hold fast to what is good."

Do not let dust and cobwebs gather on these three important things.

1. Love one another
2. Rejoice always
3. Pray constantly

Hold onto what is good with both hands.

Paul was referring to things of the heart, the spirit, and the soul. Do not let the world confuse you about the priorities of life. Do not let the world perplex you about what is worthy and what is worthless. Do not let the world baffle or bewitch you or mislead you. Test everything by the measuring stick of Christ's sacrificial love and hold fast to what is good.

John Wesley's three rules for living are:

1. Do no harm
2. Do Good
3. Stay in love with God

In 1 Thessalonians 5, Paul describes three things that we need to do with all our strength, power and might.

- Don't throw away the spirit of gratitude
- Do not throw away the spirit of hope
- Do not throw away the spirit of love

Be careful what you discard. Don't throw away gratitude. Don't throw away hope. Don't throw away love.

"Dear Father, help us to hold fast to what is good because what we hold onto becomes a part of us. Amen"



TIM'S MARCH REPORT

**'In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.'**

From the "Hymn of Promise"

Wow! Not so much snow but it's been a cold one. I'd say Rev. Miller and Linda picked a good time for warmer climates, but we're glad to have them back home! Many thanks for Rev. Mayflower and Rev. Ewing who so dutifully and enthusiastically brought us great messages in January and February.

Season of Lent

How wonderful a time, the 40 days of Lent. I hope you are truly taking the time to reflect and be still with our Lord in prayer, fasting and doing works of love. We look forward to Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday on March 29th.

Seasons of Salem

Thanks to the many who have attended our initial 2K15 meetings and offered many positive thoughts and comments. These are exciting times. The resources and love within our Salem church family is stronger than ever. The needs of our community are great. These two meetings and discussions are nothing more than the deliberate, thoughtful preparation of how to be better witnesses and disciples over the coming years. We all agree. These are different times that call on different approaches to care for, help and love all people.

In short, my desire is for us to think about "Outcomes"... the end result in what we do. Who did we care for, help and love? I believe our measurement of progress shall not dwell in numbers... people in the pews or a big bank account. It is continuing to be the Body of Christ that we are now, in even better and more effective ways to those within our reach.

Grace and Peace to you,

Tim Otlinger



April 5, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

Have you had an idea or thought about what you'd like to experience during Salem's Sunrise Service? Perhaps there's a special song you'd like sung or you have a favorite poem to be read. To share your ideas, to participate, or to volunteer to help with this special service in any way, please see Paula Overman. Thank you.



Salem's Sunrise Breakfast
(immediately following Sunrise Service at approximately 8 a.m.)

Your assistance is needed to help prepare, serve and/or clean-up at Salem's Sunrise Breakfast on Sunday, April 5th. Donations of food items are also requested. For more information, please see Bob Overman. Thank you.



THANK YOU!!

- ✦ Fellowship volunteers – **the great team effort on Feb 1st, the Ottingers, Marshall & Starr Starkey and Chili Supper Leftovers!**
- ✦ Nursery volunteers – **Danean Thatcher** and **all** who help!
- ✦ Acolytes – **Brandon, Rebecca, Sydney, Alina and Austin** – all do a great job bringing the Light of Jesus to Salem Services and at end of Service taking His Light out into the world.
- ✦ To **ALL** who helped with the 3rd Annual Rummage Sale. The Rummage Sale is a success thanks to **everyone** who donated items, sorted and arranged items for the sale, and then attended and purchased items. There were 18 helpers on Saturday! The \$820 proceeds went to the Salem Mission Fund.
- ✦ To **ALL** who helped the children make their delicious goodies and for organizing the Friday night event. There were 25 prep helpers, including five guests. Without the help of the **parents** and the entire **congregation**, the Youth Bake Sale would not be such a success! Also to the **many people** who purchased items at the Youth Bake Sale, the \$286 proceeds of which goes to the Salem Youth Camp Fund. And a special thanks to the **kids**, too! You're great!!
- ✦ To **Marie Urick** on her hard work and flexible schedule for cleaning around a multitude of busy church events to continue to keep our church neat and tidy.
- ✦ To **Natalie Kruger** for chairing the fun-filled and successful Annual Chili Supper.
- ✦ To **Salem Choir** for their "sweet" music and **Tina Hand** for substituting for Marie on the 22nd. Thanks also to **Susan Ottinger** for joining our singing on the 22nd and for **David Nolan's** continuing teaching and direction. Plus all have enjoyed **Charlie Noble** on trumpet with pianist **Tina Hand** playing preludes.
- ✦ To guest pastor **Rev. Jim Ewing** for being with Salem in February.
- ✦ To all the **Youth** who faithfully attend Salem Church and Sunday School. We love having you with us.
- ✦ To the **Kruger Trio** on the 15th who led Salem during opening service ceremonies.
- ✦ Thank you to **everyone** who participated in the first two 2K15 brainstorming sessions and to **Bill Butler** who was elected Task Force Leader/Coordinator. Stay tuned for more information on this topic.
- ✦ NOTE: *My apologies to anyone missed who is due a thank you. You all are so very much appreciated! Due to my recent eye surgery, I've been a bit out of touch and out of action. Thanks for understanding. Martha Randel, Co-Editor*



Easter 2013

It is good to sing praises to our God.

~Psalm 147:1



Sunrise 2014



Fellowship Volunteers

1st – **Volunteers needed**
 8th – **Volunteers needed**
 15th – **Volunteers needed**
 22nd – **Yovanovich Family**
 29th – **Sunrise Breakfast**

MARCH

Nursery Volunteers

1st – **Volunteers needed**
 8th – **Volunteers needed**
 15th – **Volunteers needed**
 22nd – **Volunteers needed**
 29th – **Volunteers needed**



AN OPPORTUNITY

Please join Boone County
Habitat for Humanity as they
unveil their new Veterans
Initiative on Saturday, March 7th.



6-7 pm Registration and Cocktail Hour
7-10:30 pm Dinner

Fundraiser, Entertainment and Drawing
Cardinal Room - Golf Club of Indiana

6905 S. 525 E., Lebanon, IN (West on 334)

Tickets \$50 Each • Casual Attire




Limited space so reserve your spot now!


RSVP by Sunday, March 1st.

Please contact Cheryl Orr Dixon at
317-319-5907 or cheryl@athomeredesign.com

You are invited to help us launch our new Veterans Initiative that will have us rolling up our sleeves for soldiers in Boone County. Habitat for Humanity of Boone County's Veterans Initiative will make it possible to give a hand up to an even greater number of families in our community this year and in years to come. In addition to building a home each year for a Veteran, our efforts will expand to include ramps and repairs for Veteran families in need.

Please help us kick off this important work by attending and donating to the 2015 Habitat for Humanity Boone County Annual Fundraiser. Your support will help improve the homes and lives of those who have served our country. 



*Don't tell
God how big
your storm is -
tell the storm
how big your
God is.* 

**FIRST SATURDAYS**

Everyone is invited to attend "Ruth's Supper" at the Whitestown Cracker Barrel Restaurant near the I-65 and Whitestown Parkway crossroads. (formerly State Road 334.) Arrive by 8:00 p.m. or sooner for a prayer and a meal plus fun fellowship. Next Ruth's supper is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2015. For info please contact Ruth Harmon at (317) 840-6513.



We're getting
ready...



for our
Chili Supper!!
See report on
next page.

Salem UMC Chili Supper Recap - 2/21/15

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...God gave us a beautiful snowy winter February 21st this year, perfect for chili! We served approximately 155 guests, many of whom stayed for over an hour enjoying fellowship with each other – what a blessing!

We made 8 roasters of red chili (1 more than last year) and 2 roasters of white chicken chili (1 more than last year), plus 16 delicious cobblers made lovingly by the Washburn's. By Noon on Sunday, we had NO chili remaining, and only 3 cobblers which we froze to be served at a later fellowship time.

What fun! It is my sincere hope that everyone who helped at the chili supper this year (what an amazing team!) had a ball. It was the highlight of my winter, and I enjoyed every moment. Thank you, Salem, for the fellowship, for the teamwork, for the service in the Lord's glorious and precious name.

Natalie Kruger
2015 Chili Supper Chair

THANK YOU to these amazing Chili Supper volunteers! For their time and for their DELICIOUS desserts! Natalie



THANK YOU, NATALIE, for all your hard work, innovative ideas with table numbers, "To Go" order form and separate fulfillment station allowing quick fulfillment of orders, efficient serving line, tracking of meals served or carry-outs, and your idea for pre-orders and carpooling. We all appreciate YOU!!

Salem Church

Hands-on Helpers...

Ginger Bright
Becky & Cary Cervenka
Mary Hamerin & grandson Dylan
Ann Hamilton
Tina & Eric Hand
Nathan Hand
Alina Hipsky
Lexi Hipsky
Nick Hipsky
Steve Hipsky
Kathy Houx
Roy King
Adam Kruger
Brandon Kruger
Scott Kruger
Sydney Kruger
Cindy Leavesley
Kathy & Andy Mehlhop
Rebecca Ottinger & friend Avery
Susan & Tim Ottinger
Bob Overman
Jon Peterson
Tracy Puia
Larry Randel
Donna & Andy Ricketts
Kathy Sharp
Starr Starkey
Nancy & Mike Thayer
Judy & Jim Washburn
Margeret Yde



What a TEAM! In addition to these hands-on helpers, many contributed financially to the Chili Supper – and to each of you who put out signs, and to each of you who attended the Supper – you all contributed! Salem is grateful to you! Natalie



SUGGESTED READINGS

Recommended books written by Amy K. Sorrells of Zionsville. She is a two-time semi-finalist for American Christian Fiction Writers Genesis Award. Her books: "How Sweet the Sound" – "Then Sings My Soul" – coming in 2016 "Lead Me Home."



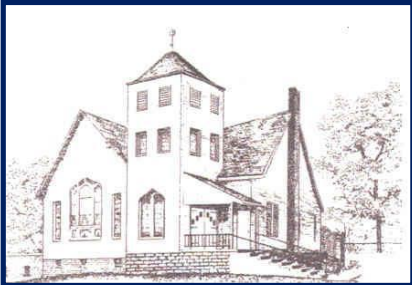
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Children and Grandchildren of Salem Families **PALM SUNDAY EGG HUNT**

The annual Salem Egg Hunt will take place on March 29th following the church pitch-in lunch which begins at 11:30 a.m. (Hunt begins approximately 12:15 p.m.)

For planning purposes, children should sign up with Paula Overman giving child's name and age (sign-ups are not required for participation in the event but do help with the planning for prizes.)

Please bring an Easter basket or bag with you for the egg hunt.



YOUTH "Work Day"

Please help prepare for the Salem Egg Hunt by filling the eggs on Sunday, March 22nd at 10:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (following church service.) A light lunch will be served. (Adults welcome too!) See Paula Overman (317-445-9597) for more details.

Egg Hunt Donations

Want to help with items needed for Salem Egg Hunt? Here is a list of items needed...keeping in mind all candy is to be individually wrapped or come in small individual packages: M&Ms, Skittles, Reece's Pieces, Gummies, Miniature Chocolates (such as Twix, Kit Kats, etc.) Roll(s) of quarters are accepted as kids love to find a quarter in the egg. Cash is accepted and is used to purchase the prizes. Each participant will win a prize. Please give to Paula or leave on the designated table in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Paula Overman (317-445-9597) for more details.