



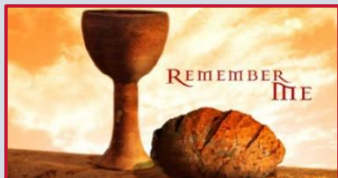
Salem Scribbles

February 2018

Salem United Methodist Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS



2018 – Service of Holy Communion will usually be held the first Sunday of each month unless there is a need for a schedule change.

Due Now (maybe even past due) Devotional paragraphs expressing your love for Christ's sacrifice for us—send to Pastor Gina.

Feb 6th – Missions Mtg 6:30 pm

Feb 13th – Shrove Tuesday

Feb 14th – Ash Wednesday

{Lent is 2/17/2018 until 3/24/2018}

Feb 15th – Cluster Mtg at Salem

Feb 17th – Confirmation Class Begins

Feb 17th – Annual Chili Super 4 – 7 pm
(Natalie Kruger, Chair)

Feb 25th – New Members Received

Feb 26th – Blood Drive (Susan Ottinger)



March 6th – Missions Mtg 6:30 pm

March 8th – UMW Mtg 12 Noon

March 11th – Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 13th – Trustee Mtg 6:30 pm

March 15th – Pacers Outing (Charlie Noble)

March 19th – Admin Board Mtg 7 pm

March 25th – Palm Sunday Pitch-In 11:30

Salem Egg Hunt following lunch
March 29th – Maundy Thursday Service
7 pm

April 1st – Sunrise Service 7:30 am
followed by Sunrise Breakfast

April 1st – Easter Service 9:15 am

PASTOR'S PEN

To My Awesome Church Family,

The Lenten season is rapidly approaching in a couple of weeks. Is it me or did we just celebrate Christmas a few weeks ago? (*giggle...giggle*) The new year here at Salem is really getting ready to rev up to high speed with all the things going on. I can't believe all of the activity and ministry that actually goes on here.

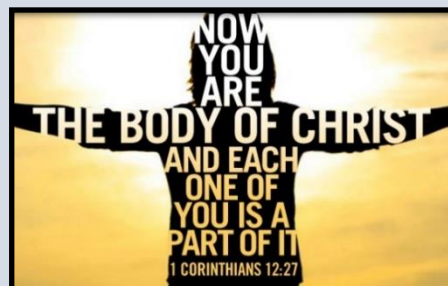
I'm so excited to share that we have some persons who are officially becoming members of the Salem United Methodist Church family on February 25th!! We also have a Confirmation class beginning the first Saturday of Lent for our young people to confirm their faith. We are growing y'all!

I want to thank Salem for all of your prayers for my family. I want to personally update you on what is going on in the Kirkland household. On January 6th Reggie had a lumbar puncture (spinal tap) as a last resort test to see if there is anything that could be done for his deteriorated physical condition as he has now become 24/7 daily care. Reggie's neurologist called us Sunday evening (January 21st) and said his spinal fluid shows he has a rare condition called CIDP – Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy. The cerebral spinal fluid showed that the proteins are alarmingly high. Standard range is 15-45 mg/dL and Reggie's results were **453** mg/dL. The neurologist who is in his twenty-plus years of practice says he has never seen results this high. He wants to start treatment as soon as possible. We asked for prayers that the very expensive treatment [IVIg Intravenous Immunoglobulin - \$8K per dose] is approved by insurance {it was approved} so the infusions can now begin very soon and that permanent nerve damage has not completely occurred so that there can be some improvement in his physical condition. I'm not quite sure of what will happen, but God knows.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Gina Kirkland

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS – Our apologies for these three names which were inadvertently dropped off the January list by a computer ‘glitch’ – be sure to wish these folks a belated happy birthday!!

13th Martha Graves 21st Laine Butler 31st Pam Hill-Gibson

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Travis Stone	12th Eric Davis	20th Grace Lizama
2nd Betty Forthum	13th Tina Hand	23rd Jim Washburn
2nd Ruth Harmon	14th Marshall Starkey	26th Robert Hough
6th Reginald Kirkland	15th Sophia Dieckman	27th Annabelle Butler
6th Natalie Kruger	16th Carter Eaton (4)	27th Rev. Wayne Patton
6th Joseph Overman	16th First Lady Janet Holcomb	28th Annabelle Butler
11th Nancy Morris	19th Marvin Starkey	28th Khamiya Johnson
	20th Natalie Eisenman	

THE FOLLOWING NEED PRAYERS

“The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart.” Psalm 34:18

Adam	Mary Hamerin	Mildred (Mid) Noble
Addie	O Hamilton	Mary Jean Ottinger
Madeline Anderson	Mark Hancock	Debbie & David Overman
Alex Anzeveno	Rush & Ruth Harmon	Samantha Overman
Aunt Nancy	Joe Hayden	Tom Overman
Skip Barker	Kerri Hipsky	Ilene Parker
Ken Beatty	Charles Hoagland	Norma Patton
Nick Behymer	Louise Hoagland	Rev. Wayne Patton
Benjamin	Brad Holmes	Rodney Peterson
Carolyn and	Sharon Holmes	Jason Picking
her daughter Anna	Infant Tucker	Alex Porter
Chuck	Baby Jackson	Preston
Joyce Cunningham	Cindy Jenson	Rev. Tom Ressler
Bob Curry	David Jones	Ellen Rusk
Marge Curry	Deanna King	Karla Santiago
Danny	Gina Kirkland	Shaunasee
Alta Davis	Reginald Kirkland	Infant Jensen Siebert
Bonnie Davis	Maxine Lamar	Kaitlyn Slack
Delaine Davis	Patsy Livengood	and Son Weston Slack
Linda Lou Dawson	Mike Maguire	Charles Stant
Debbie	Britney Maker	Cody Wilson
Elaine Dupler	Jane Martin	Carl Stewart
Rosemary Endres	Ashley Medaris	Esther Stonecipher
Lisa Flynn	Bob Miller	Ann & Bing Stum
Susan Funke	Rev. Jim Miller	Mike Sulfridge
Dale Funkhouser	Linda Miller	Liz Meeks Taylor
Alex Weis	Nancy Miller	Jane Taylor
Heather Gallagher	Beverly Moore	Danny Thomas
Terrenzo Grinstone, Sr.	Steve Moore	Olive Wade
Sharlene Grizzle	Arlene Nichols	Nick Whitaker
Brooke Hamerin	David Nichols	Shea Wiedner
Chuck Hamerin	David Jackson	Karen (Stultz) Wyatt

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

To update information for prayer list, please contact Martha at SiSRandel@gmail.com

Prayers for the family and friends of Lee Wilson with his passing.
 Prayers for the family and friends of Art Bullington with his passing.
 Prayers for the family and friends of Deborah Agard with her unexpected passing.
 Prayers for Rev. Glenn McDonald and family with the passing of his father “Wick.”
 Prayers for the family and friends of Lana Funkhouser with her passing.

“We will be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.” I Corinthians 15:51-52



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

17th Bob & Paula Overman (40)
 22nd John & Chris Hasewinkel



Pray for Alex Anzeveno who was recently deployed to Afghanistan. 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 Coptic Christians and for victims of recent church fires and wildfires. Pray for those with unspoken requests. 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 country and the world. And do continue to pray for “Old Man Cline!”
 {All Mankind}



ASK THE PASTOR

*Dear Pastor Gina,
I'm so sorry about all you are going through with your husband's health challenges. Our family prays for you every day. How do you stay so upbeat, energetic and positive with all the things you have to do and still take care of us as your parishioners?*

Sincerely, An Inspired Salem Person



Dear Inspired,

I will try to give you the short answer to your awesome question. First, thank you for your concern and prayers. There are sometimes I feel like throwing in the towel and crying like a baby. More times than not, I can feel that someone or some people are praying for us. I feel the love of the Lord and His people. This soothes and calms my feelings of defeat. Now, it is time to answer your question.

Since I have lived well over half of a century, I have begun to learn that no matter how much I fuss, no matter how many temper tantrums I throw or how bad I choose to feel about a situation, God is still in control. If I want the Lord to know how very much I love and trust Him, I actually want to be glad about whatever the Lord has in store for me. I don't believe that God brought me this far to leave me, and He never does leave me alone even in the midst of turmoil and stress. And the other answer to your question is that actually I am lazy. *(smile)* I would rather spend less energy being joyful in the Lord than to expend so much more wasted energy being sad and mad while letting the enemy gain victory over a situation.

I have learned that when things begin to get difficult, first I pray and then I will ask for assistance. Also, I have really begun to delegate more. This is one of the reasons I feel that God matching me to Salem was a match made in heaven, because this gathered body of believers are geared to work and serve Him without much direction from the pastor.

Much love, Pastor Gina (aka PG)



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I do know that I will do my best to remain the best pastor that I can be to serve Salem because the Lord has called us to be together and Salem deserves my very best. We will get through this journey together so we will be equipped and ready to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The Kirkland family wishes each of you a very happy Valentine's Day and a soul-searching beginning of the Lenten season. I hope and pray that you know how 'exceptionally fond' of each of you I am. Thank you all very much for everything you do to make me feel accepted, respected, supported and loved as your pastor. I sincerely love all of you!!!

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. In the love of Christ, Pastor Gina

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**BIBLE STUDY**

Salem's Bible Study on the Book of Revelation begins on Monday, February 5th from 6 – 7:30 p.m. The study is led by Margeret Yde with Pastor Gina as the Bible Scholar.

The study will last for 6-8 weeks on Mondays. The schedule will be determined at the 1st or 2nd session of the study.

**SUMMER CAMPS**

Are you thinking "warm thoughts" yet? Summer camping will be here before you know it so start thinking about your schedule and possibly finding a time to attend camp! I will bring in schedules and forms as soon as I have them so you can see what is available. Camping is a great chance to share and fellowship with others plus grow in your Christian faith. Let me know if you have any questions. STAY WARM!!!

Marie Urick 317-769-6331

ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER

SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING CHILI SUPPER



CHILI SUPPER DELIVERY OR CARPOOL

Call 317-873-4015 or

Email SalemUMCZ@gmail.com by 4pm on 2/17/18

We kindly request that addresses be within 5 miles of Salem Church.

DELIVERY: Call or email with the following:

- Name, Address, Phone number
- Type (red bean or white) and number of chili orders
- Dessert preferences (pie, brownie, cookie) – 1 per chili order
- Standard sides will come with each chili order.

Cash or checks accepted upon delivery. \$6.00 per chili order, please!

CARPOOL: Call or email with the following:

Name, Address, Phone number

FELLOWSHIP		NURSERY	GREETER(S)		ACOLYTES
Sydney Kruger	Feb 4	Volunteer Needed	Marie Urick	2/4	Volunteers Needed
Danean Thatcher	Feb 11	Volunteer Needed	Marie Urick	2/11	Volunteers Needed
Chili Supper Leftovers	Feb 18	Volunteer Needed	Marie Urick	2/18	Volunteers Needed
The Ricketts	Feb 25	Volunteer Needed	Marie Urick	2/25	Volunteers Needed

ARE YOU READY FOR EASTER??

You probably are not even thinking of Easter as yet, but because Salem is always planning ahead it is on our radar! Plans are being made for Palm Sunday, the annual Egg Hunt, Sunrise Service with breakfast and Easter Service. If you have any ideas or would like to help in any way, please contact Pastor Gina or Paula Overman. **Salem's youth are an essential part of the Sunrise Service** (April 1st). Do let Paula know as soon as possible if your child would like to play a role in the Sunrise Service by calling her at 317-445-9597 or email pover5220@aol.com. (Adults – you can help too! It takes the Salem family to assist with this beautiful service proclaiming our Savior has risen!)

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

UMW is on winter break but we are still planning for spring activities. Prayer blankets are being made and plans are underway for the Mother's Celebration Pitch-In on Friday, May 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Save the date on your calendar for this fun event.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 8th at Noon. Ladies, please join us!!

Violet Thomas, President

THE GREAT BANQUET

If you want to grow spiritually and learn more about your own journey through this life, The Great Banquet may be for you. During this 3-day experience God's grace and the basics of Christian thinking in a worshipful setting of talks, discussion, prayer, singing, fellowship and fun are explored. Each banquet lasts from Thursday night through Sunday evening and takes place on-site at Zionsville Presbyterian Church. Spring banquet dates are:

Men's March 1 – 4, 2018

Women's March 15 – 18, 2018

Call 317-873-6503 for more details or to register.

**SALEM UMC IS ACCEPTING MEMBERS**

New and transferring members are being accepted in February. If you haven't already done so and are interested in joining Salem, please contact Pastor Gina Kirkland as soon as possible at Gina.Kirkland@inumc.org or cell phone #765-274-9874.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN SOON**

Youth confirmation classes will be held from 10:30 am – 1 pm at Salem each Saturday in Lent...February 17th through March 24th. A light lunch will be served. To sign up your child please contact Pastor Gina at 765-274-9874 or Gina.Kirkland@inumc.org.

LOOK WHAT'S RETURNING!**BREAKFAST**

Lenten breakfasts...every Saturday during Lent (February 17th through March 24th.) The forty days of Lent {plus six Sundays} are observed from Ash Wednesday until the day before Palm Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, doing penance, repentance, giving and self-denial...with Christians often committing to fasting as well as 'giving up' certain luxuries in order to "replicate the sacrifice of Jesus' forty-day journey into the desert." One may also add a spiritual discipline such as reading a daily devotional. This is part of the Christian preparation for the annual commemoration of Holy Week.

Listen and watch for more details coming soon!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Annabelle Aldous moved to long-term care at Hoosier Village. Send cards and church information to her c/o Mr. Don Robbins at 102 West McKay Road, Shelbyville, IN 46176-3024. Don will see that she gets her mail.

GIFTS OF GRACE

(Editor's Note: Does this remind you of some past Christmases? By permission from Rev. Glenn MacDonald.)

As Salem has celebrated the twelve days of Christmas after December 25th, hopefully this story will be enjoyed by all.

Remember when you were a kid, your brothers and/or sisters too? You perhaps couldn't always believe the Christmas gifts given to you by your grandparents! Sometimes they scored direct hits. Thanks, Grandmother, this is great!" But more often than not, they were a bit off-center. Perhaps their gifts just weren't *with it*. It may have even become a game for you (unknown by your grandparents) to see what they would pick out for you!

Perhaps as your grandparents got older, their gifts may have become increasingly odd. Did you often roll your eyes as you and your siblings gazed upon gadgets that were technologically behind the curve, clothes that were culturally tone-deaf, and knick-knacks that simply defied categorization.

Fast forward to the present. Now it may be your own kids who are rolling their eyes. It may now be an adventure to see what your parents – your kids' grandparents – chose to gift-wrap for their grandchildren this year.



Then guess what...soon you are those grandparents! No doubt the day will come that your grandchildren will roll their eyes at your sincere but goofy attempts to express affection for them. So for a number of reasons, wouldn't it be nice to be able to relive your childhood

Christmases? Mostly so you wouldn't roll your eyes but realize your grandparents were trying so hard for the right gift for you to enjoy. How nice it would be, knowing what we now know as we have matured, to be able to 'go back' to offer them grace, humility and tenderness beyond a kid's years. It is believable that many kids may not roll their eyes and do enjoy any gift given to them. Good for them!

Wonderful grace is given by these kids...and can be given by adults too.

Hoping you never lose your sense of being *with it* – the one thing you can always offer at any age to others of any age would be the **Gift of Grace**...even when it isn't Christmas.



"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him." ~I Corinthians 2:9

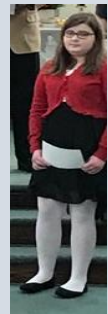
God's promise to Isaiah:

"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you." ~Isaiah 46:4

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and don't rely on what you think you know." ~Proverbs 3:5

Many Thanks To...

- ✚ January Fellowship providers...**Nancy Thayer, the Ottinger's, the Shipley's** and the **Randel's**
- ✚ January greeter **Marie Urick**
- ✚ January bright acolytes...**Alina, Khamiya, Nick, Rebecca & Ruth**
- ✚ **EVERYONE** who helped with taking down Salem's holiday greens which so beautified Salem during Advent and Christmas.
- ✚ **ALL** who participated in the Christmas Carol Hymn Sing and especially to **Tina Hand** for her piano accompaniment as we enjoyed singing those twenty-four songs!
- ✚ **Salem Choir** for your special reminder... *"Keep Christmas With You (all through the year.)"*
A special welcome to our newest choir member...**Brooke!**
- ✚ **Pastor Gina** for the informative sermon on *"The Twelve Days of Christmas."* Often thought of as a novelty song for Christmas, we all now know better!!
- ✚ **Missions Committee** and helpers including **Marie Urick, Violet Thomas, Chris Isaacs, Larry Randel, Tina & Eric Hand and Paula Overman** for working very hard to get everything organized for Salem's 6th Annual Rummage Sale. Also, **EVERYONE** who donated and shopped to make this sale another success!!
- ✚ **Pack-Away-Hunger VOLUNTEERS** who helped pack the meals on January 28th from 2-4:30 at the Boone County 4-H Grounds...**Starr Starkey, Kathy Houx, Marie Urick & Paula Overman** made up the Salem Cluster Team. Financial and hands-on assistance was greatly appreciated for this project.
- ✚ **SALEM'S FRIENDLY FOLKS** who give hugs and deliver lunches to those in need.



- ✓ To Tom Overman on passing his final battery of tests for his position on the police force. His parents will travel to be with him during the graduation ceremony on February 2nd.
- ✓ For the arrival of Norah Lee Davis born December 31, 2017. Proud parents are Brandon & Marizka Davis, sisters Alivia & Avery, and grandparents Donna & Andy Ricketts.
- ✓ To teacher Kaitlyn Slack with the healthy birth of a son, Weston Slack.
- ✓ For Laine Butler's safe and fun-filled trip to Spain.
- ✓ To Taylor Nielsen of the Boone County Sheriff's Department for developing Standard Operation Guidelines for PTSD. The SOG are used by the Sheriff's Dept. as well as other law enforcement groups. Miss Nielson was invited to attend the January 30th State of the Union Address for this accomplishment.
- ✓ For the safe return home for Chalmer & Virginia Crose from their recent trip to Myramar (Burma.)
- ✓ For Mark Starkey for safe travels on his trips.
- ✓ For Jim & Judy Washburn for safe travels on their trip to Florida.
- ✓ On improved health for Carole Foley and for Mary Jean Ottinger's happy disposition.
- ✓ For good health soon for Bing Stum, Rev. Miller and Linda Miller due to her 'slippery fall.'
- ✓ For the Medical Team for good doctoring and for improved health for Mary Hamerin.
- ✓ For our entire Salem Family for peace and happiness.
- ✓ For God Himself for the spectacle He provided on January 30th...a blue moon, a super moon, and a lunar eclipse all in one night... a 'three fer!'



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Large enough to serve. ✝ Small enough to care.



FEBRUARY 2018

ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER

Saturday, February 17, 2018 – 4 – 7 p.m.

Salem family – please invite your family, friends and neighbors!

**SALEM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



**Saturday, February 17th
4 – 7 p.m.**

\$6 All-You-Can-Eat Chili!

Kids under 3 FREE!

Homemade chili, sides, desserts & beverages.

Dine In • Carry Out

Pre-Order Delivery • Carpooling

DELIVERY*: Call or email before the Chili Supper for meal delivery, or to request a ride to/from the event! Leave your name, phone #, and address.

***Within 5 miles of Salem UMC, please.**

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