



Salem Scribbles

November 2016

Salem United Methodist Church
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 6th – All Saints Sunday (Tim Ottinger)
Nov 6th – Youth Choir Practice after Worship



Nov 6th – Daylight Savings Time Ends
“Fall Back”
Nov 8th – VOTE
Nov 9th – Missions Comm Meeting 6:30 pm
Nov 11th – Veteran’s Day (fly the flag!)
Nov 13th – Veteran’s Recognition at Salem
Nov 13th - Final day for Fletcher Place
Donations (Oct 16th - Nov 13th)
Nov 13th – Holiday Dinner Pitch-in at Salem
11:30 am
Nov 15th – Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm
Nov 20th – Hanging of the Greens following
worship service
Nov 21st – Admin. Board Meeting 7 pm
Nov 24th – Thanksgiving Day & Drumstick
Dash in Broad Ripple
Nov 26th – Fletcher Place Sorting Day
Nov 27th – First Sunday of Advent

Dec 13th – Youth Christmas Program
Dec 24th – Christmas Eve Service 9 pm



PASTOR’S PEN

Every one of us is a unique child of God. We must not miss that or attempt to take that uniqueness away. We are different – different in appearance, in approach, in ideas, in tone, in emphasis.

Some are action-oriented; some are pensive and thoughtful; some are loud, some quiet; some are poetic; some are autocratic. Some plan, some sell, some think and some do.

The Scripture speaks of differentness as necessary. Some are ‘apostles, some are prophets, some evangelists, some teachers and some pastors,’ says the apostle Paul. But then he tells us that all of us must be loving, kind, tolerant, respectful, and understanding about our differences.

But here is the rub. When we are overcome with feelings of insecurity, we want others to become like us. We want to make them to do it our way...the ‘right way.’ And if they don’t, we think of them as insensitive or stupid.

Remember, God must like differences and uniqueness and variety because He made so much of all these types and personalities. Our own personal spirit is also unique. Value it! It is your most precious possession. You are unique.

Sermon topics for November are:

Nov 6 th	“He Loved Us First”
Nov 13 th	“Seeking a Pilot”
Nov 20 th	“Being Thankful”
Nov 27 th	“God Takes Center Stage” <i>(1st Sunday in Advent)</i>



Jim Miller

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 nd Eric Hand | 4 th Mike Thayer | 5 th Steve Robinson |
| 6 th Judy Washburn | 7 th Phyllis Bakeis | 7 th Paula Overman |
| 8 th Cary Cervenka | 11 th Jay Harmon | 11 th Steve Sharp |
| 12 th Tom Chamberlin | 16 th Jon Peterson | 19 th Courtney Isaacs |
| 20 th Alta Davis | 23 rd Rush Harmon, Jr. | 24 th Annabelle Aldous |
| 24 th Nathan Hand | 28 th Stacy Dieckman | 28 th O Hamilton |



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

4th Bill & Danelle Butler



PRAYER LIST

Leonard Alexander	Louise Hoagland	Sue Richmond
Phyllis Bakeis	Deborah Horn	Silvey Ricket
Jessica Barrows	Gracelyn Joy Hough	Gayle Sanders
Joshua Barrows	Dustin Hudson	Charles Schooler
Joshua Barrows, Jr.	Infant Tucker	Cheryl Schooler
Dodie Bear	Tanya Irwin	Aaron Shipley
Nick Behymer	Baby Jackson	Jane Shubat
Benjamin (7)	Lucy Johnson	Infant Jensen Siebert
Dan Boutwell	David Jones	Mark Starkey
Buford Byers	Deanna King	Ann & Bing Stum
Taylor Christianson	Roy King	Linda Stum
Mary Clayton	Maxine Lamar	Emma Lew Stantz
Holly Cole	Vic & Dawn Lebel	Emily Staser
Bob Curry	Adeline Leslie	Brenda Taylor
Marge Curry	Britney Maker	Elizabeth Meeks Taylor
Alta Davis	Jason McElwain	Jane Taylor
Bonnie Davis	Joy Meyer	Steve Taylor
Delaine Davis	Curtis Michaels	Deann Thomas
Linda Lou Dawson	Rev. Jim Miller	Danielle Tooley
Jordan DiSanti	David Milliner	Marana Tripp
Mary Ann Florini	Beverly Moore	Martha Vail
Lana Funkhouser	Arlene Nichols	Chuck Vogt
Sharlene Grizzle	David Nichols	Bill Walker
Halle (8)	Mildred (Mid) Noble	Sharon Walker
Chuck Hamerin	Mary Jean Ottinger	Madeline Wallace
Rachael Hamerin	Norma Patton	Diana Ward
Marlena Hampton	Wayne Patton	Judy Washburn
Mark Hancock	Mabel Ann Pavey	Nick Whitaker
Joe Hayden	Jon Peterson	Danielle Wilson
Charles Hoagland	Rodney Peterson	Carolyn Wooten

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Prayers for the Hyslop family and Sharlene Grizzle with the passing of Sharlene's sister Virginia Hyslop.
 Prayers for the Ottinger family on the passing of Mary Jean's brother, Raymond Swope.
 Prayers for the Sandra Black family with her passing.
 Prayers for Wayne and Bonnie Davis on the passing of their daughter, Jeanne.
 Prayers for Carole Clements and family with the tragic death of husband John (82) of Zionsville.
 Prayers for the family of Sheriff Mike Neilson.
 Prayers for Kokomo residents as they rebuild after a recent tornado.



Pray for our troops, near and far; persecuted Christians around the world; people in hospitals and nursing homes; and those who suffer from conflicts around the world including terrorism. Pray for those with unspoken requests. Pray for our nation's protectors and for victims of crimes. Pray for our local, state and federal leaders to make decisions to better our people's lives and our country. Please continue to keep Chester C. Sansoucie, S. Sgt, 415 Inf, 104 Div. from Missouri who died in WWII on February 23, 1945 in our prayers. Ben Pauley and friends have visited his burial place in Europe.

Synopsis of Rev. Miller's Sermon 9/18/2016

"Overreaction"

Matthew 13:24-30

James 1:19



James 1:19 "Dear Brothers, don't ever forget that it is best to listen much, speak little, and not become angry."

No doubt you have heard the modern version of James 1:29... "It is better to keep your mouth shut and be thought stupid than to open it and remove all doubt." This is good advice. But what I want us to consider goes beyond those words of wisdom. There were times when Jesus didn't say a word

The Gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all recorded what He said as He spoke to many different kinds of people and under a variety of circumstances. When Jesus spoke He did so with a temperament and attitude and patience that reflected His spirit of love and grace. Jesus showed patience in all of His experiences in His life.

There are no perfect situations in life: there are always weeds among the wheat. Evil and good co-exist in our world. We have to determine how we are going to deal with both. God did not create evil but He created the possibility of sin. Standing up for what is right and recognizing the presence of evil is not only appropriate but necessary. Sometimes it is difficult to determine if something is good or bad. What helps us in our search for the truth? One way is to look at the results of thoughts and behavior. What is happening as a result of actions taken? Quick reaction may hinder our search for the truth. Searching for the truth often takes time.

We like to have control of all situations. This may make us feel more secure but ultimately, God is in control. God knows the danger of overreacting. When Jesus told the parable of the weeds among the wheat, He wanted to convey to His listeners a strong message. Keep your balance; don't overreact.



*The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
Psalm 67^a Verse 6*



INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES

CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER

Fun! Fellowship! Funds! These are just some of the adjectives describing another successful and ever-growing chicken noodle dinner coordinated by chairs Marshall & Starr Starkey. \$4,000 plus dollars were earned this year.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BAKE SALE

Another successful sale with all bags of home-made noodles sold along with baked goods, RADA cutlery and dish 'rags.' Over \$1,300 has been grossed for use for Salem UMW missions.



Ladies of the Round Table
(regular dinner attendees)



Bake Sale Shoppers



The cyclists attended again this year.



All ages attended—most awake, some sleeping
There is a richness of fellowship among friends who work at and/or attend this dinner.



Lots of helping hands make these two events successful.

INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES continued**NEW OUTDOOR DIRECTORY FOR SALEM**

Salem Church is the recipient of a newly constructed outdoor directory thanks to a generous donation by Mrs. Alta Davis. Due to the deterioration of the old directory, the Trustees voted for replacing it and coordinated the re-building of this new directory. The rebuilt directory contains a new insert with information about Salem Sunday event times plus gives the website address allowing all to visit the site for more details about Salem UMC. Trustee Kathy Mehlhop along with Paula Overman are consulting with Alta about a dedication plaque for the directory which will be in memory of her husband, Mr. Lewis L. Davis, who was a member of Salem UMC. Salem Church, the Administrative Board, and its members and friends thank Alta for thinking of Salem with her donation allowing for this project to be completed.

**THE EMBLEM**

As one approaches from around the bend just northeast of Salem Church, you will notice the installation of the official emblem of The United Methodist Church on the east side of our building. This installation of the official insignia is due to a generous donation by Dr. Virginia Crose in memory of her mother who passed this year, Mrs. Viola Lillian Wiesjahn (Penny). Since its registration in 1971 with the U.S Patent and Trademark Office, the official insignia of The United Methodist Church has been the cross and single flame with dual tongues of fire. It relates The United Methodist Church to God through Christ (cross) and the Holy Spirit (flame). The flame is a reminder of Pentecost when witnesses were unified by the power of the Holy Spirit and saw "tongues, as of fire" (Acts 2:3). The two tongues of a single flame may also be understood to represent the union of two denominations.

Salem Church, its members and friends thank Virginia for thinking of Salem with this donation.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Board Chair Ben Pauley presented appreciation gifts to Jim Miller for his guidance to Salem Church, its members and friends. Restaurant gift cards, cupcakes and the ever-favorite peach pie were given for Jim and Linda to enjoy.



INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES continued

FLETCHER PLACE DONATIONS & SERVICE

Salem Church family may now begin donating items for the Annual Christmas Gifts for Fletcher Place. Information on needed items is available in the foyer. All donations need to be received at Salem by **November 13th or sooner**. Mark the bags/boxes for Fletcher Place and give an estimated value of the donation for reporting purposes. Please leave on back tables in the Fellowship Hall. The Hamilton's, Washburn's and Paula Overman will deliver them to Fletcher Place the week of November 13th.

Also, Salem UMC will again be volunteering on **SORTING DAY** at Fletcher Place on Saturday November 26th. Please meet at Salem in order to depart at **9:15 a.m.** on the 26th to carpool/ caravan to Fletcher Place in Indianapolis. Questions? Ask Bill or Danelle Butler.

SPECIAL YOUTH PRACTICES

All youth are requested to attend two special practices on October 30th and November 6th. Please gather around the piano 10 minutes after the Worship Service ends. Practices will end at approximately 11:15 a.m. Thank you!
Violet Thomas



STOP IT!

Sorry for the forceful heading...just wanting attention to announce Salem will no longer be collecting plastic bottle caps. The recycling resource where these were donated has closed. Diana Ward extends her hearty thank you for everyone for their generous bottle cap donations. Do continue to recycle caps if you can find a resource that can use them.



After 71 years, the Chicago Cubs win the NL Pennant! YEAH!!

Congratulations!

To Shannon & Brandon Eaton on the birth of their second son, Owen Matthew Eaton, born on October 14th. He is welcomed by brother Carter and joyous grandmother, Margeret Yde.

RADA & RAGS

If you missed a chance to check out the Rada Cutlery knives and items for sale by UMW, there are still available. Both the RADA cutlery and dish rags/towels will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall after church service the next few Sundays. Questions? Please see Violet Thomas or Judy Washburn.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The 2016 program will be presented on December 18th during Worship Service. Susan Ottinger is this year's coordinator, assisted by Danean Thatcher. Play and practice times information will be given by Susan Ottinger.

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

The third quarter loose-change offering of \$162.11 has been sent to the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon. All fourth quarter loose-change contributions will go to The Caring Center.

2016 WALKS

Salem Church's donation for this year's Crop Walk was \$350. Donations for the Alzheimer's Walk was \$1,055. Margeret Yde and Mary Hamerin thank all for your support.



FELLOWSHIP

Volunteer Needed
The Randel's
Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed

NURSERY

Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed

DATE

Nov 6
Nov 13
Nov 20
Nov 27

GREETER

Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed

ACOLYTES

Volunteers Needed
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MANY THANKS TO...

- ✦ Our generous October Fellowship providers – **Mary Hamerin, Jon Peterson, Ruthie & Grandma Paula, the Kruger Crew, the Ottinger's and Starkey's** with **Chicken Noodle Dinner** leftovers.
- ✦ Nursery volunteer – **Virginia Crose**
- ✦ October's Bright Acolytes – **Sydney, Haven, Ruth, Rebecca, & Brooklyn.**
- ✦ Greeters – **Mary Hamerin, Virginia Crose & Marie Urick**
- ✦ The Salem fall **clean-up crew** who cleaned parking lot TWICE!
- ✦ **Communications Committee** for the new dinner banner and the new directory insert.
- ✦ **Marshall, Starr and EVERYONE** who helped in any way with this year's annual Chicken Noodle Dinner!
- ✦ **UMW ladies** and **ALL** who helped in any way with the Bake Sale!
- ✦ **Violet Thomas** for coordinating the UMW noodle making, and **Susan Ottinger** for coordinating the Bake Sale.

**VETERAN'S RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Salem's recognition will be held on Sunday, November 13th. Three new names will be added to Salem's Roll of Honor Plaque. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors who are veterans or active military personnel to this special worship service. All veterans/military personnel in attendance will be honored and recognized for their service to our country. Additionally, please invite them along with all visitors that Sunday to our Holiday Pitch-In Luncheon which begins at 11:30 a.m. Being our honored guests, they do not need to pitch-in...just attend and enjoy! Questions? Please check with Virginia Crose, Tina Hand or Martha Randel.

PROBLEM

You just have too many Halloween, Fall and/or Christmas decorations which have accumulated over the years. The attic, basement and/or garage are jammed!

**SOLUTION**

Box them up and donate them to Salem's Annual Rummage Sale, February 4, 2017. Collection will be in January...leave your items on a back table in Fellowship Hall.

**2016 Fall Fellowship & Campout with Christ**

This fall family event continues to be quite popular with all ages here at Salem. Over 80 people with nearly half being children enjoyed a great evening of fun, food and music. The hayride and candy dig are two of the most popular activities. The pumpkin decorating brings out the artist in everyone. The star gazing and campfire watching ran late into the night. About 40 people spent the night in tents and enjoyed a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning.

This event is sponsored by the Missions group. A BIG Thank You goes to Bob Overman, Chris Isaacs, & Andy Mehlhop for all their hard work in preparing our camp site. Thank you to the valuable help of Paula Overman, Kathy Mehlhop, Lisa Shipley, Marie Urick, Tracy Puiia, Gary Carter, & Jon Peterson. Thank you to everyone for your assistance and participation in making this another successful campout.



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ADVENT SEASON

Hanging of the Greens...

is Sunday, November 20th following worship service. The various team leaders are listed on the document located in the Foyer. Everyone, however, is welcome to help beautiful Salem Church in preparation of the Advent Season and the Birth of our Lord.

