



# Salem Scribbles

November 2017

## Salem United Methodist Church

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Five-Week Racial Dialogue Circle  
Continues Thursdays Nov 2 - Nov 16

Bring Fletcher Place Donations now  
(Please see posters around  
Salem and a bulletin insert.)



'The Shack' Bible Study – Mondays  
6:00-7:30 pm Nov 6, 13 & 27 + Dec 4 & 11

Nov 8, 15 & 29 – Choir Practice 6:30 pm  
Nov 5 – All Saints Sunday (See Tim O.),  
Communion & Time Change  
Nov 5 – Bring Today - Christmas Décor  
ONLY to 'sell' on November 12<sup>th</sup>  
Nov 7 – Missions Meeting 6:30 pm  
Nov 9 – UMW Meeting 12 Noon  
Nov 12 – Salem's Veterans Recognition  
Nov 12 – Holiday Pitch-In and Fletcher  
Place Donation Drive  
Nov 12 – Christmas Décor Sale by  
Missions (pre-Rummage Sale)  
Nov 14 – Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm  
Nov 20 – Admin Board Meeting 7 pm  
Nov 23 – Happy Thanksgiving



Nov 25 – Fletcher Place Sorting Day  
(Bill & Danelle Butler, Coordinators)  
Nov 26 – Hanging of the Greens after  
Worship Service (Virginia Crose Committee)  
Dec 3 – First Sunday in Advent  
Dec 10 – Youth Christmas Program

### PASTOR'S PEN

To My Awesome Church Family,

Autumn is an extremely busy time around here!!! You surprised me with the awesome pastor appreciation gifts! Thank you!!! You all are so awesome!!! I have had a blast being indoctrinated to our Camp Out with Christ and the Salem Chicken Noodle Dinner. I am so thrilled that our "When God's People Pray" Bible Study and North Central District Racial Dialogue Circles are going well thus far. Thank you for all who have carved out the time in your busy schedules to learn more about the power of prayer that has been bestowed upon you as a congregation and the awesome dialogue we are having on Thursday evenings.

We showed the 2017 movie written by William P. Young called "The Shack" at the end of October. I am really excited about the Bible/Movie Study that I have which is based on the movie that I would like to share with Salem and others on Monday evenings: November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The 5-week Movie Study Guide will be \$7 each. This would be a great opportunity to invite friends and family for conversation about God and who God is to each of us. I understand that this is a very busy time for everyone, but I would appreciate anyone who could attend before winter weather gets too treacherous.

Thank you to the Salem UMC family who has helped by submitting articles and pictures in the creation of the 2017 Advent Devotional. As my gift to Salem, I would like to have your family's personal copy ready for you on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> or before the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017 so that the entire Salem Family can read the same devotional scripture with a Christmas or Advent memory along with a brief prayer.

The Kirkland family wishes each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, and I hope you are able to enjoy your family and friends as they are all precious. Thank you all for everything you do to make me feel accepted, respected 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, E-mail & Facebook messages.



In the love of Christ,

*Pastor Gina Kirkland*

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 <sup>th</sup> Bill & Danelle Butler
18 <sup>th</sup> Reginald & Gina Kirkland



## THE FOLLOWING NEED PRAYERS

Adam  
Addie (7)  
Madeline Anderson  
Alex Anzeveno  
Aunt Nancy  
Nick Behymer  
Benjamin (7)  
Dan Boutwell  
Butler's Cousin Carol  
Carolyn & Daughter Anna  
Nancy Sue Chapman  
Chuck Ken  
Infant Rayne  
Joyce Cunningham  
Bob & Marge Curry  
Andy's friend Danny  
Alta & Delaine Davis  
Bonnie Davis  
Linda Lou Dawson  
Uncle Dean  
Debbie  
Elaine Dupler  
Bonnie Earnhart  
Rosemary Endres  
Lisa Flynn  
Susan Funke  
Dale Funkhouser  
Lana Funkhouser  
Dela Gibson  
Simon Geenaway  
Torrenze Grinston, Sr.  
Sharlene Grizzle & Family  
Danny Thomas

Betty Haley  
Halle (8)  
Chuck Hamerin  
Hampton Family  
Mark Hancock  
Rush & Ruth Harmon  
Eric Haas  
Joe Hayden  
Therese Hampton Henry  
Tracy Henry  
Charles & Louise Hoagland  
Hudson Family  
Infant Tucker  
Baby Jackson  
Cindy Jansen  
David Jones  
Esther Stonecipher  
Jen Hamblen Kidder  
Hanna Killian  
Deanna & Roy King  
Steve King  
Gina & Reggie Kirkland  
Maxine Lamar  
Pam Lime  
Lucas  
Mike Maguire  
Britney Maker  
Jane Marin  
Ashley Medaris  
Bill Miller  
Rev. Jim Miller  
Nancy Miller  
Beverly Moore

Steve Moore  
Arlene & Dave Nichols  
Mildred (Mid) Noble  
Mary Jean Ottinger  
Samantha Overman  
Tom Overman  
Irene Parker  
Rodney Peterson  
Alex Porter  
Preston  
Rev. Tom Ressler  
Aaron Ricketts  
Ellen Rusk  
Karla Santiago  
Belle Schaaf  
Charles Schooler  
Shaunasee  
Connie Short  
Infant Jensen Siebert  
Charles Stant  
Carl Stewart  
Ann & Bing Stum  
Elizabeth Meeks Taylor  
Jane Taylor  
Martha Vail  
Chuck Vogt  
Olive Wade  
Sharon Walker  
Nick Whitaker  
Shea Wiedner  
Lee Wilson  
Beth Winegarner  
Karen (Stultz) Wyatt



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. Pray for those with unspoken requests. Pray for our local first responders, EMTs, medical teams, fire fighters and police who give immediate help for those in need. Pray for our protectors and for victims of crimes. Pray for our country and the world. And do continue to pray for "Old Man Cline!" {All Mankind}



Prayers for the victims and those existing and persisting through recent hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Marie; Mexican earthquakes, California wild fires and unfortunately, the Las Vegas shooting. Keep your prayers rising for everyone enduring these catastrophes/tragedies. May God's blessing help them to heal and find peace.

## ASK THE PASTOR

Dear Pastor Gina,

Recently there has been lots of tension in our society, especially on the news and in social media. You did a sermon the eighth of October titled "No More Broken Promises". Salem has a pretty diverse congregation politically, and I felt that your comments made from the pulpit were pretty one-sided. I didn't feel too great when I left worship that day. I love and respect you a great deal as our pastor, and I felt that we are getting to know each other well enough that I can express my thoughts to you. I appreciate you immensely, and I don't want you to take offense.

Sincerely, A Loving Parishioner



Dear Loving Parishioner,

I'm so sorry that you felt that my comments were one-sided. I am answering this publicly simply because there might be others who are feeling the same way. I tried really hard not to make the introduction to seem opinionated or one-sided. I thought I was being pretty careful to read from my manuscript during the beginning so I wouldn't politically offend anyone. Here is what I said, and I hope we can sit down with a cup of coffee and see where I may have gone wrong so we can try to understand each other.

*"Before I even get started, I might as well tell you that it is my policy to try my hardest to remain politically neutral for ethical and professional reasons, but there has been something burning in my heart for a few weeks. This thing became very clear to me after the senseless gunning down of innocent persons enjoying a Country Music Festival concert a week ago today. There have been so many spiritual distractions the past few weeks with all of the natural and un-natural disasters, pro and con issues about the NFL and their player protests, and the list goes on. I'm not saying that God does not care about these current events, but God's priority these days are the souls that need to be saved for Him.*

*I wonder how many souls that were taken out last week were unsaved and condemned to an everlasting of weeping and gnashing of teeth?*

*I wonder how many people are wishing that they had just shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with one of their family members that are now no longer alive?*

*I wonder how many of us have a list of people we feel need to know Jesus, and we have not introduced Him to them? Y'all, we have some work to do for the Kingdom. Amen? Amen. (End of personal sharing - on to sermon.)*  
[This information may be listened to on the on-line podcast recording [www.FriendlyCountryChurch.org](http://www.FriendlyCountryChurch.org).]

Beloved, when it comes to the equipping and taking the opportunity to save souls for the Kingdom, I unapologetically will be one-sided on the side of Jesus and the Word of God. I will publicly share with Salem what spiritual distractions there are before us to equip us on how to strategically handle the ploys of the enemy. I purposely steered clear of my opinions on the specific items because I feel they have no place in the pulpit. I hope that we soon can talk face-to-face about this as I do not want there to be any misunderstandings as I love you all and want to keep the lines of communication open.

In the love of Christ,

*Pastor Gina Kirkland*



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### CHRISTMAS TREASURES

Just a reminder to dig out your Christmas Décor items you wish to contribute to the sale on November 12<sup>th</sup>. You may bring your **"Christmas Treasures"** to the church today, November 5<sup>th</sup> and remember to mark them for sale so they do not get mixed up with the donations for Fletcher Place, also due on the 12<sup>th</sup>. A special place in the Fellowship Hall will be marked for collection of these sale items. This is NOT a public sale, but you are welcome to INVITE family and friends to come shop with us. Shopping will take place after church before our Holiday Pitch-In which begins at 11:30 a.m. Shopping will then continue after the pitch-in is over. Nothing is priced – you select what you want and give a donation to the Missions group for the item(s). Thanks for your support!

*Salem Missions Team*

### A VERY MERRY FLETCHER PLACE CHRISTMAS

It's time to bring in your donations for Salem's annual giving to Fletcher Place Community Center. These donations allow for inner city families to 'shop' for toys and clothing for their children, plus the Center provides needed items for the adults, too, and food as well. Check the posters around Salem and bulletin insert for details on items needed, some of which are food items, toys, blankets, clothing, money and more. Questions? Ask Judy Washburn, Paula Overman or Ann Hamilton.

November 25<sup>th</sup> is the day Salem Church volunteers travel to Fletcher Place to work at **Sorting Day**. Donated items are sorted so 'the store' is ready for shopping day on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bill and Danelle Butler coordinate the volunteers and carpooling if needed. Sorting time is from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Listen for more details from the Butler's during Community Time.



### LEW DAVIS HONORED

With the recent addition of a plaque reading "In Memory of Lew L. Davis" the outdoor directory project has been completed. A financial donation to Salem Church was given by Alta Davis for use with Missions, Youth Camp Fund and various other church projects. The Trustees chose to use some of these funds for the outdoor directory in honor of Lew for his many contributions to Salem and his love and faithfulness to his Lord, Jesus Christ.



### WALKERS & RUNNERS HELP OTHERS

Mary Hamerin offered her thanks to Salem Church for their generous support of the annual Indianapolis Alzheimer's Walk donating over \$1,075 to this cause. Margeret Yde also thanks Salem for their donation of \$160 to the annual Boone County Crop Walk. This year's Crop Walk participants were Linda Robey, Mary Hamerin, Larry Randel and Margeret Yde.



### ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

The North Central District Charge Conference is TODAY (11/5)! This year's theme is "Together We Are More." The conference is held from 3 – 5 p.m. at Noblesville High School, 18111 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN. Please plan to attend.



**SCOTLAND MEETS NIGERIA**  
**World Communion Day**

### COME ON DOWN CHOIR

Periodically the music special at Salem Worship is performed by the "Come On Down Choir" which is borrowed from the original The Little Brown Church (<http://littlebrownchurch.org/>) in Nashua, Iowa. That was done on October 8<sup>th</sup> with the group singing *He Leadeth Me* and *Blessed Assurance*. The group sang GREAT! They should all join Salem Choir!



### ANNUAL FALL CLEANUP AT SALEM

Even with some schools on fall break, several Salem members turned out for fall cleaning in order to get our facility ready inside and out for our attendees of the annual Chicken Noodle Dinner and UMW Bake Sale. Please be sure to see Sydney in the group photo as she was always in a shadow of pictures taken. Having arrived early and worked hard, Marie Urick was not pictured since she had to go ahead and leave a little early to handle other Saturday obligations. Thanks all for your good help!

*Cruz  
Crew  
cleaned the  
Salem  
Chapel!*



*Entire  
crew did  
a great job  
of fall  
cleaning!*



### IT IS NOT ALWAYS “JUST LUCK”

As Veteran’s Day is fast approaching, here is a true WW II story being shared with you. This story is confirmed in Elmer Bendiner’s book, “The Fall of Fortresses”

\*Sometimes, it’s not just luck.\* Elmer Bendiner was a navigator in a B-17 during WW II. He tells this story of a World War II bombing run over Kassel, Germany, and the unexpected result of a direct hit on their gas tanks.

“Our B-17, the Tondelayo, was barraged by flak from Nazi anti-aircraft guns. That was not unusual, but on this occasion our gas tanks were hit. Later, I reflected on the miracle of a 20-millimeter shell piercing the fuel tank without touching off an explosion. Our pilot, Bohn Fawkes, told me it was not quite that simple.

“On the morning following the raid, Bohn had gone down to ask our crew chief for that shell – as a souvenir of unbelievable luck. The crew chief told Bohn that not just one shell, but 11 had been found in the gas tanks. 11 unexploded shells where only one was sufficient to blast us out of the sky. It was as if the sea had been parted for us. A near-miracle, I thought.

“Even after 35 years, so awesome an event leaves me shaken, especially after I heard the rest of the story from Bohn. He was told that ‘the shells had been sent to our armorers to be defused. The armorers told him that our Intelligence Unit had picked them up. They could not say why at the time, but Bohn eventually sought out the answer.’ Apparently when the armorers opened each of those shells, they found no explosive charge. They were as clean as a whistle and just as harmless.

“Empty? Not all of them!! One contained a carefully rolled piece of paper. On it was a scrawl in Czech. The Intelligence people scoured our base for a man who could read Czech. Eventually they found one to decipher the note which sent us marveling because translated, the note read:

***‘This is all we can do for you now.’***

Using Jewish slave labor is never a good idea.”

(NOTE: It was somewhat common for the slave labor to sabotage the munitions, but the risk was execution. The munitions plants did random tests and if a defective munitions was found the group at that work station would be publicly executed. It was a huge risk, but a common effort. Ben Pauley)

### SALEM CHURCH TO HONOR VETERANS

On November 12<sup>th</sup> Salem will honor veterans with two special presentations and music. All veterans may wear or bring all/part of their uniform that day (hat, medals, dog tags.) Everyone should invite family and friends who are veterans to attend that Sunday. This is Salem’s time to honor and thank all veterans.

At this time we are making mention of one special Zionsville veteran. Air National Guard Staff Sergeant Max Damer (93) participated in the Indy Honor Flight on September 9, 2017. He was thrilled to get to go to Washington, D.C. He said he met so many folks, shaking hands with so many of them (he says over 500) that his arm was sore the next day. This was on Max’s ‘bucket list’ and he did it! The end of this story is that Max Damer then went to meet his Lord on Sept. 25, 2017. Thank you for your service, Max.



### GOOD NEWS FOR SALEM UMC

The Trustees of Salem have been putting together plans to continue to care for our facility. Trustee Chair Marshall Starkey announced recently that the state has now approved plans for a new septic system and with this, bathrooms and other upgrades can be made. For more information, discuss with Marshall. You may also attend Trustee meetings as they are open to the congregation.



The Crew





## 2017 Camp Out with Christ

Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual fall fellowship event continues to grow! More than one hundred people, fifty of those being children, enjoyed a great evening of fun, food, music and fellowship. Our new God Given Talent Show was a big hit. We were entertained by musicians, singers, actors, artists and even a comedian. Kids always enjoy the candy pit, and the ever-popular hayrides continued throughout the evening. A late night movie presentation of "God's Not Dead" was enjoyed by all. Star gazing and campfire watching ran late into the night. About fifty people spent the night in tents and then enjoyed a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning in the Fellowship Hall. After breakfast, attendees assembled 21 hygiene kits for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief.)

This event is sponsored by the Missions group. A BIG THANK YOU goes to Chris Isaacs, Bob Overman and Andy Mehlhop for their hard work in preparing the campsite. Thank you also goes to Jason Isaacs, Paula Overman, Kathy Mehlhop, Lisa Shipley, Marie Urick and Jon Peterson for their valuable help. And to everyone who assisted in any way and participated in the event to make this a truly blessed and successful event...**Thank You!**







**FOLLOWING CAMPOUT COMES SATURDAY MORNING**

Enjoying a pancake breakfast followed by the assembling of 21 hygiene kits for UMCOR.





# PRAISE

- Praise God for recent rains.
- Praise for Ruth & Rush Harmon's safe trip home.
- Praise for Rev. Miller's improved health.
- Praise that Ben Pauley is okay after investigating the height of roadside signs. OUCH!
- Praise for God's Grace and healing power. Judy Washburn fulfills her promise to God for the healing of her leg wound by singing *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*. Hubby Jim listens.
- Praise for Toni Peart. If you've ever visited Akard's Hardware you know Toni graces you with this as you depart... "Have a Blest Day!"



## ANNUAL CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER AND UMW BAKE SALE

What a fun and successful event again this year! \$5,000 plus was earned by Salem Church at the dinner and \$1,000 plus was earned by UMW for their Bake Sale. Lots of help was on hand to meet, greet and serve our guests. Even Pastor Gina got in on the busing of tables! Many youth were there to help also!





## Many Thanks To...

*Thank You*

- † October generous refreshment providers – **Hipsky Family, Brandon, Chicken Noodle Dinner leftovers (Starkey's), Jill & Mike Hampton**
- † Our shining acolytes – **Sydney, Brandon, Rebecca, Ruth, Haven & Kaitlyn**
- † October's gracious greeter **Marie Urick** and Nursery Caregiver **Jill Hampton**
- † Organists – **Tina Hand** and **Marie Urick**
- † September Community Time Announcers – **Larry Randel** and **Tim Ottinger**
- † **Marshall & Starr Starkey** and **ALL** who helped in so many ways, Communications advertising, donation of items, money, those who attended and brought family and friends to another successful Salem Chicken Noodle Dinner. Say, who knows when this dinner started at Salem? Let us know!!
- † **Brian Earnhart** for posting the dinner and bake sale ad on local social media site NextDoor Eaglewood Estate Neighbors to help promote our events! Anyone may post to social sites for Salem or share on Facebook.
- † **EVERYONE**, especially **Marie Urick**, who were so patient as flour seemed to be everywhere in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall! Flour is all cleaned up now!!
- † **UMW** members under the leadership of President **Violet Thomas** and honorary helpers who made noodles, **Jim & Larry**. Also for the **LADIES** who put together Mason Jar Mixes and donated goodies for the Bake Sale. **Susan** for her coordination of the Bake Sale – **Donna** for leading the effort in Violet's absence a couple times.
- † **Come On Down Choir participants** – thanks for joining in the joyous singing!
- † **Pastor Gina** for organizing and leading the Bible Study "When God's People Pray." Also to **ALL** who attended and **THOSE** who donated snacks.
- † **Abigail Acosta** for her beautiful harp music and special "I Love You, Lord" on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- † **ALL** who have brought diapers for that drive, and **ALL** who are bringing items for Fletcher Place, Christmas Décor Sale and soon our upcoming annual Rummage Sale in February. Keep cleaning out those closets!
- † Communications Notification Callers...**Kathy Mehlhop, Tina Hand** and our new caller **Danelle Butler**.
- † **Mary Hamerin** who gives thanks to **Eric Hand** for making an emergency dessert run during the Chicken Noodle Dinner! There were so many attendees we were running out of desserts!
- † Several folks who gave special help with the Camp Out with Christ:
  - † **Chuck Lamar** for donating 25 bales of straw for the event.
  - † **Danny Thomas** for bringing his tractor and gave hayrides all evening during the Camp Out.
  - † **Dave Roberts** for lending his wagon for use with the hayrides for the event.
  - † **Chris Isaacs** for lending his golf cart for the entire weekend (and son **Jason** for driving it.)
  - † Salem **Congregation** for donation of food for the entire weekend.
- † **Jesus** for again blessing Salem Church this month!

### OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



Board Chair Ben Pauley presented Pastor Gina with a Certificate of Appreciation and gift cards on behalf of Salem Church for her

leadership and guidance. Pastor Gina is bringing new bible studies and activities to Salem which enhances our knowledge of the Bible and Jesus.

### LOOSE CHANGE DONATION

\$145.29 was collected during the third quarter and paid to Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon. Fourth quarter loose change donations will go to The Caring Center.



### NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mary Hamerin, Linda Wayman and Jon Peterson will furnish Fellowship Refreshments on November 5<sup>th</sup>, while Ben Pauley will provide on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise all other volunteer tasks for the month are open: Refreshments November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> are still open, Nursery Care Providers, Greeters and Acolytes.



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**NOVEMBER 2017**

**What is Ruth doing?**



Well, it has to do with walnuts, dollars, stuff for kids, sharing God’s love and Christmas. Watch for the full story in the December issue of Salem Scribbles!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Eldon Forthum! He recently participated in the 75 and older Huntsman’s World Sr. Games in Utah. His team won the Over 75 AA Softball Championship! And then on October 28<sup>th</sup>, Eldon and his Indy Classics teammates were inducted into the Indianapolis Softball Hall of Fame!!

