




# Salem Scribbles

March 2017

**Salem United Methodist Church**

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


## Coming Events

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Ash Wednesday  **Ash Wednesday**

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> –  
Tentative Choir Practices each at 6:30 pm

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Missions Meeting 6:30 pm

March 9<sup>th</sup> – UMW Meeting at Noon

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Saving Time Begins 

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Trustee Mtg 6:30 pm

March 20<sup>th</sup> – Administrative Board Meeting at 7 pm (all are invited to attend) (Also, First Day of Spring!)

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Pacer Game (See Charlie Noble)

March 26<sup>th</sup> – CPR (Child & Adult) 11 am  
(No Bible Study on March 26<sup>th</sup>)



April 8<sup>th</sup> – Spring Cleaning for Salem Church and Parking Area  
9 am until done



April 9<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday - Salem Pitch In and Egg Hunt at 11:30 am (See Paula O)

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service at 7 (TBD)

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunrise Service 7:30 am (See Paula O); Sunrise Breakfast 8:10 am (See Bob O); Easter Service 9:15 am



## Pastor's Pen

Words cannot express our gratitude to the Salem Church Congregation for the way you have supported and loved Linda and me for the last nine years. You will be in our thoughts and prayers for as long as we live. It has been an honor for us to serve as your pastor and pastor's wife.

Some people just know how to love and give, to know how to share and care. They know how to get along with people even though they don't always agree. They are a wonderful blessing as they accept others as they are and encourage them to be a part of the rich fellowship of their church. You are those people.

God smiled on us when He sent us to Salem Church. My previous years of service to God had been challenging and often difficult. I truly believe that God rewarded me by sending me to you.

Going on 84, it's time for me to 'hang it up.' I just can't get around as I used to.

I am confident you will embrace and support your new pastor as you have Linda and me. Our prayers are with you as you continue to do God's will.

*Jim and Linda*



### March Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Walker  
 4<sup>th</sup> Judy Lamar  
 4<sup>th</sup> Nelda Rohrbach  
 5<sup>th</sup> Danny Thomas  
 10<sup>th</sup> Jim Cunningham  
 14<sup>th</sup> Elliott H. Henry  
 16<sup>th</sup> Debbie Oatis

2<sup>nd</sup> Joyce Cunningham  
 4<sup>th</sup> Kathy Mehlhop  
 4<sup>th</sup> Betty Thayer  
 9<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Ottinger  
 12<sup>th</sup> Nancy Thayer  
 15<sup>th</sup> Maxine Lamar  
 21<sup>st</sup> Mark Hough  
 26<sup>th</sup> Lauren E. Overman

2<sup>nd</sup> Seann Stone  
 4<sup>th</sup> Janet Petsch  
 5<sup>th</sup> Joshua N. Thayer  
 9<sup>th</sup> Lauren E. Sharp  
 14<sup>th</sup> Violet Thomas  
 15<sup>th</sup> Tracy Puiia  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Natalie Dieckman



### March Anniversaries

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



### The following need prayers:

Addie (7)	Deborah Horn	Bob Overman
Aunt Nancy	Gracelyn Joy Hough	Norma Patton
Leonard Alexander	Shon Hough	Wayne Patton
Bert Anderson	Hipskys Aunt Kim	Mabel Ann Pavey
Nick Behymer	Dustin Hudson	Jon Peterson
Benjamin (7)	Infant Tucker	Rodney Peterson
Dan Boutwell	Tanya Irwin	Sue Richmond
Buford Byers	Baby Jackson	Silvey Ricket
Infant Rayne Elyse Colvert	Cindy Jansen	Aaron Ricketts
Bob Curry	Lucy Johnson	Andy Ricketts
Dan Curry	David Jones	Gayle Sanders
Marge Curry	Deanna King	Charles Schooler
Alta Davis	Roy King	Matt Selm
Bonnie Davis	Gail Klotz	Connie Short
Delaine Davis	Maxine Lamar	Jane Shubat
Linda Lou Dawson	Vic & Dawn Lebel	Infant Jensen Siebert
Bonnie Earnhart	Adeline Leslie	Emma Lew Stantz
Mary Ann Florini	Pam Lime	Kelli Starkey
Susan Funke	Britney Maker	Ann & Bing Stum
Lana Funkhouser	Jason McElwain	Linda Stum
Sharlene Grizzle	Kathy's former student	Elizabeth Meeks Taylor
Halle (8 year old)	Joy Meyer	Jane Taylor
Chuck Hamerin	Bob Miller	Deann Thomas
Rachael Hamerin	Rev. Jim Miller	Marana Tripp
Carolyn Hampton	David Milliner	Martha Vail
Jill Hampton	Beverly Moore	Chuck Vogt
Marlena Hampton	Steve Moore	Olive Wade
Mike Hampton	Arlene Nichols	Madeline Wallace
Mark Hancock	David Nichols	Diana Ward
Joe Hayden	Mildred (Mid) Noble	Nick Whitaker
Charles Hoagland	Mary Jean Ottinger	Danielle Wilson
Louise Hoagland	Tim Ottinger	Carolyn Wooten



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 our protectors and for victims of crimes. Continue to keep "Old Man Cline" in your prayers – the world needs your prayers.



Prayers for the passing of Jerry Matczak, friend of the Mehlhop's.

Prayers for Liberty German and Abigail Williams and their families of Delphi.

Praises for Matt Christianson now stateside during his military service.

## "FASTING"

Fasting is one of the spiritual disciplines that Jesus implied that His disciples would practice (Matthew 6:16-18; 9:14,15) and a discipline that John Wesley identified as a "means of grace". John Wesley defined "means of grace" as "outward signs, words, or actions, ordained of God, and appointed for this end, to be the ordinary channels whereby He might convey to men, prevenient (*anticipation*), justifying, or sanctifying grace".

According to author Steve Harper, Wesley believed that fasting contributed to one's spiritual growth.

John Wesley stressed the connection between fasting and prayer.



## LENT

Lent is a solemn religious observance that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial. Many Christians commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penance. Christians may also add a Lenten spiritual discipline such as a reading a daily devotional.

## Top 'o the Morning To Ya (*a bit of fun*)

Not Irish but still wear green on St Patrick's Day? How beautiful is the music of an Irish tenor, and one can become tearful at a beautiful rendition of *Danny Boy*. With the coming of St. Patrick's Day there is a reminder of Irish Blessings; how many and how heartening they can be. Here are some, and you didn't even have to kiss the Blarney Stone.

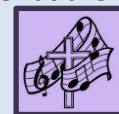
- ♣ An old and familiar blessing:  
May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand."
- ♣ Feeling a financial pinch? May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light,  
May good luck pursue you each day and each night"
- ♣ Feeling a bit depressed with winter even though it hasn't been a bad one in Indiana?  
May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow, May the soft winds freshen your spirit, May the sunshine brighten your heart, May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you, and may God enfold you in the mantle of His love."
- ♣ Simple, but nice: May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow,  
and may trouble avoid you wherever you go.
- ♣ Troubles? May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."
- ♣ And lastly: For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way;  
Good Health, Good Luck, and Happiness for today and every day."





## MANY THANKS TO...

- ✝ February Fellowship providers **Roy & Deanna King, Chalmer Crose, Colt Crose**, the **Kruger Family** with **Chili Supper Leftovers**; and **Marshall & Starr Starkey**
- ✝ February Nursery volunteers – **Virginia, Danean** and **ALL** who help
- ✝ February Greeter – **Marie Urick**
- ✝ February Enlightening Acolytes – **Zoey, Sydney, Brooke, Rebecca, Brandon & Ruth Wolf** and **Austin** for assisting with 'First Sunday' birthdays and anniversaries.
- ✝ **Danean Thatcher** for coordinating the youth baking night in preparation for the Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Bake Sale. **EVERYONE** who donated items, funds, cooked goods for the Youth Bake Sale.
- ✝ **Missions Committee Members, Coordinator Paula Overman** and **EVERYONE** who helped in any way with the *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale*: donators of items or cash, sorting and setting up the sale, working the sale on Saturday, purchase of items, and/or clean up and delivery to Love INC (thanks **Eric** and **Bob**) and/or Caring Center in Lebanon of leftover items.
- ✝ **Natalie Kruger** and **Family** for chairing Salem's annual Chili Supper. Also to **ALL** who helped in any way: donating food or cash, cooking, serving, busing tables, washing dishes, assisting with carry outs, ticket takers and 'special dinner deliveries,' set up and clean up, too. A special thank you to all who attended the dinner and brought family and friends to our dinner. What a wonderful active church-wide effort with great results & lots of extra work by Natalie, too!
- ✝ **Larry Randel & Tim Ottinger** for serving as Community Time Announcers in February.
- ✝ The **Choir Members, Piano Accompanist Tina Hand** and **Director Shane Meredith** for special music provided to Salem Church. Also, for your time and dedication during practices preparing for special music presentations. Loved the Prelude with Charlie on trumpet... 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee' and 'When the Saints Go Marching In'...with **Haven, Brooke, Sydney & Rebecca** passing out Mardi Gras beads to help set the theme for the choir on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ✝ **Warren Killian** for playing the Prelude...NFL Theme Song Fanfare and Shall We Gather at the River medley. It was wonderful!!
- ✝ **Charlie Noble** for his musical children's time...making a joyful noise to our Lord!
- ✝ **Sydney & ALL** who assist with collecting the weekly offering at Salem.
- ✝ Board Chair **Ben Pauley**, Retirement Celebration Coordinator **Kathy Mehlhop**, the **Committee** who planned the nice program, **Larry Randel, Eric Hand, Virginia Crose, Violet Thomas** and **Youth Sing, UMW, Grace & Lexi**, the **Hipsky Family, Steve's** 'roast' and **ALL** who helped with the retirement celebration for Rev. Miller's retirement. Both Jim and Linda will be greatly missed!
- ✝ **Everyone** who attended Rev. Miller's Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Service and Retirement Celebration.
- ✝ **Governor Eric Holcomb** along with **First Lady Janet Holcomb** for the wonderful presentation of the *Sagamore of the Wabash* to Rev. Miller on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ✝ **Rev. Miller** and **Linda Miller** (Jim's wife, partner, friend, nurse, driver, secretary and cheerleader) for their wonderful service and inspiration to Salem Church over the last several years. Pastor's wise and thoughtful sermons and leadership will be with us forever. His care and concern for each member and others was beyond measure and a constant source of support. Salem Church looks forward to seeing Jim and Linda at upcoming dinners and events.
- ✝ **Jesus, our Lord** for watching over and guiding us with His love.



**SALEM YOUTH REPORT**

Nineteen kids and nine adults participated in the Friday evening February 3<sup>rd</sup> baking session in preparation for the Youth Group Bake Sale. Thanks to the generosity and support of our congregation, the youth raised over \$181. The money will help fund youth fellowship events throughout the year.





**AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THOSE IN NEED****Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Sheltering Wings is a safe-haven for abused women and their children. It is located in Danville near Hendricks Regional Hospital. The facility's kitchen and dining areas are undergoing a much needed renovation. During this three month long process without any kitchen access, Sheltering Wings is asking for help from the community. Volunteer groups will set up, provide and serve a prepared meal, offer fellowship with the residents, and clean up following the meal.

Your Salem Mission Committee has committed to serve on two dates - March 17th and April 23rd. Eight to twelve church volunteers are needed for each day. Men, women and children are encouraged to volunteer. Meal time is from 5 pm to 6:30 pm with set-up before and clean-up following. To help plan the meal and to volunteer please see Paula Overman and/or come to the Missions Meeting on Wednesday March 8th at 6:30 pm. Watch for clip boards at church service to sign up or contact Paula Overman at (317)445-9597 or pover5220@aol.com

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Missions Committee would like to say thank you to the congregation for their support of our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale. Many of you donated your treasures. You worked tirelessly to sort and turn our Fellowship Hall into a bargain basement for the day. Then you did some shopping. Through your efforts, we raised \$1,052.80 (a new record!) which will fund local mission outreach in our community. We were also able to donate a nice assortment of items to the Boone County Caring Center for their use. THANK YOU to everyone.

*Special thank yous...*

To **Marie Urick** for the delicious lunch she provided for Saturday sale workers.

To **Danean Thatcher** for the coordination of both the baking event and the bake sale for the youth group.

To the **youth group** for preparing the sweets.

To **everyone** for their donations and support of the Youth Bake Sale

*Paula Overman*



**2017 Summer Camp** season is just around the corner. Some 2017 camp information has been received. You may pick up a camp flyer with information on the vestibule counter. If you haven't received information yet, please let me know if I can be of assistance. Early registration allows a discount which saves dollars for Salem.

*Marie Urick, Camp Coordinator*

**Bi-ANNUAL CRP CERTIFICATION AT SALEM**

Salem's CRP Certification Training will be held on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. following Worship Service. It will be held in the Fellowship Large Meeting Room (no Bible Study on March 26<sup>th</sup>.) For additional information and/or to register, contact Virginia Crose (or sign up on the clipboard in foyer.) All are welcome to attend to observe or to be certified. People desiring CERTIFICATION must contact Virginia in advance of the class (limited to 15 Certification participants.)

**UMW NEWS**

The ladies of UMW have been able to enjoy this year's mild winter. But, it is time for us to get back together in fellowship and to plan for 2017 activities. Please join us on March 9, 2017 at noon in the Fellowship Hall Meeting Room. All ladies are welcome - hope to see you there!

*Violet Thomas, UMW President*

**YOUTH NEWS**

What a wonderful celebration of Rev. Miller's ministry. I would like to thank the Butler Family for writing the specially revised version of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Thank you kids for the wonderful music you shared. I know Rev. Miller will cherish and remember your contribution for his special time at Salem. Thank you to parents for helping the children learn the songs.

*Violet Thomas*



Rayne Elyse Covert was baptized on February 5<sup>th</sup> by Rev. Jim Miller. Brother Parker, parents Chance and Megan participated while grandparents Arthur and Nancy Morris along with aunt and uncle Steph and Bill Clemmons looked on.

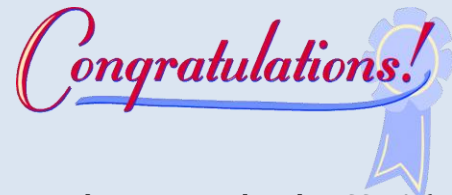


On February 12, 2017, Governor Eric Holcomb along with First Lady Janet Holcomb presented Rev. Miller with Indiana's highest civilian award, the 'Sagamore of the Wabash.' Rev. Miller received this award for his many years in the ministry.



### ANNOUNCING SALEM'S ANNUAL OUTING

Pacers Basketball Game  
Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm  
Tickets: \$11 each  
Contact Virginia Crose to reserve your ticket(s)  
317-873-2956 (if no answer, leave message)  
Questions? You may also discuss with  
Charlie Noble on Sundays at church.



Reece Butler competed at the ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association) district event on February 4<sup>th</sup> and earned gold medals in both solo competition and with her ensemble. Reece's ensemble moved onto the State Competition on February 18<sup>th</sup> and won **GOLD** at State too! Awesome, Reece!



A precious bundle of joy arrived to the Tim & Chelsie Sharp family on January 30, 2017...Andrew Weatherford Sharp. Baby boy Sharp was welcomed by big sister, Lauren, and grandparents Steve & Kathy Sharp.  
Congratulations!!



To the Steve Hipsky Family on your Baptism.





## 2017 CHILI SUPPER RECAP

February 18, 2017

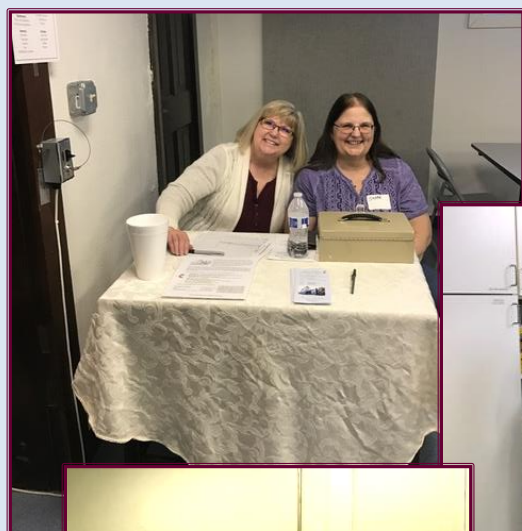
Eight roasters of red chili,  
 Two roasters of white chili,  
 Three tables outside,  
 Dining in warm, bright sunlight.  
 Six homemade cobblers and crisps,  
 Dozens of cookies, cupcakes, and pies,  
 199 came to dine and chat  
 \$1300+, such a pleasant surprise!

What an amazingly wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship, warmth, and sunshine. To-go's and deliveries were in full swing again this year. My wonderful husband made two deliveries, including an order to a couple who does not attend Salem! 40+ to-go orders were packaged up by the time it was all said and done.

To YOU, the Salem congregation, THANK YOU! What a blessed weekend it was for me to be surrounded by you, with your friendship and generosity (and hard work!).

*"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."* 1 Corinthians 3:9

*With gratitude, Natalie Kruger*







Brooke Hamerin's Math Bowl team from Thorntown Elementary School (part of Western Boone Community Schools) recently won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in their area! Brooke's team also competed at the next level and came in 11<sup>th</sup> in the State Competition! Way to go, Brooke!!



### MARCH 2017

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

Violet Thomas  
Volunteer Needed  
Volunteer Needed  
Volunteer Needed

#### **NURSERY**

March 5 Volunteer Needed  
March 12 Volunteer Needed  
March 19 Volunteer Needed  
March 26 Volunteer Needed

#### **GREETER**

Volunteer Needed  
Volunteer Needed  
Volunteer Needed  
Volunteer Needed

#### **ACOLYTE**

March 5 Volunteers Needed  
March 12 Volunteers Needed  
March 19 Volunteers Needed  
March 26 Volunteers Needed

YOU MAY SIGN UP ON CLIPBOARD WHICH IS KEPT ON THE COUNTER IN THE FOYER. *Virginia Crose*

By the way – March 14<sup>th</sup> – (3-14) is National Pi Day - the mathematical constant Pi ( $\pi$ )

A HUGE Thank You to all our Salem Volunteer Photographers for all of these great pictures. *The Editors*









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Large enough to serve. ✝ Small enough to care.



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**Thank You “REV” and LINDA**



**From Salem  
with Love**