



Salem Scribbles

January 2016

Salem United Methodist Church

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

Coming Events

- Jan 6th – Epiphany (Visit of the Magi)
Jan 10th – Unhanging of the Greens
following Worship Service
(and Baptism of Jesus)
Jan 12th – Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm
Jan 13th – Missions Meeting 6:30 pm
Jan 13th & 20th – Choir Practices 6:30 pm
Jan 18th – Administrative Board
Meeting 7:00 pm



- DONATION DROP OFF TIMES for
3rd Annual Rummage Sale 9 am-2 pm
1) Sunday, Jan 31st after church
10:30 am—12:00 pm
2) Wed., Feb 3rd 3 pm – 8 pm
Feb 6th – 4th Annual Salem Indoor
Rummage Sale 9-2 (*see flyer information*)
Feb 20th – Salem Chili Supper
(Chair Natalie Kruger)



Tentative Date March 31st – Pacer Game
Tickets \$5.50 Guests are free – see Charlie
*The approved 2016 Church Events
Calendar, updated Membership List, and
2016 Board Officers, Trustees & Committee
Chairs/ Members List are available in the
foyer. You may also refer to the church
website for Salem events.*



Pastor's Pen

Christmas is now over. Gifts have been given and received. We all can put our Christmas lists away for another year. Did you get what you wanted, and did it fit? Was it the right size, and did it fit your expectations? I hope you all had a great Christmas.

There are intangible gifts we can give our loved ones that not only fit, but also can fulfill their expectations. Let me mention just three: The gift of **time**, the gift of **kindness**, and the gift of **appreciation**.

First is the gift of **time**. I recently read about a young, successful attorney tell of the greatest gift he had ever received. He wrote, "The gift I got one Christmas when I was a small lad was a small box with a note in it that read, 'son, this year I will give you 365 hours, an hour a day every day after dinner. It's yours! We can talk, go somewhere, or just play. It is up to you. This is one of my gifts to you this year.'" Is there someone near you to whom you need to give a little more time?

Second is the gift of **kindness**. Today our emotions are taxed a bit, and it is easy to become impatient and irritable. But it doesn't have to be that way. We don't have to be thoughtless - or rude - or hostile. We can be kind!

Third is the gift of **appreciation**. We don't have to be thoughtless. We don't have to take people or things for granted. We can be appreciative and grateful. I am convinced that people are hungry for appreciation.

As the hymn writer so aptly put it, "Love Came Down at Christmas." And the poet put it this way:

A bell is not a bell until it's rung,
A song is not a song until it's sung.
Love is not put into your heart to stay,
Love is only love when you give it away!

Jim



Birthdays

2 nd – Terry Robinson	7 th – Ruth Markland	11 th – Bill Walker
12 th – Ken Haselby	12 th – Bill Stagg	13 th – Martha Graves
13 th – Joseph Lamar	14 th – Ben Pauley	19 th – Dorothy “Dodie” Bear
19 th – Scott Kruger	21 st – Laine Butler	23 rd – Colt Crose
26 th – Sophia Yovanovich	27 th – Kathy Houx	27 th – Mike Hampton
27 th – Justin Ottinger	29 th – Dominic Lizama	31 st – Pam Hill-Gibson



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

13th – Bill & Sharon Walker

The following need your prayers

Leonard Alexander	Phyllis Bakeis	SGT Jessica & Joshua Barrows
Joshua Barrows, Jr.	Tim Heck (Andy's Brother)	Joy Meyer
Jason McElwain	Gene & Dodie Bear	Mary Clayton
Carole Foley (Susan's mom)	Steve Casey	Lana Funkhouser
Sharlene Grizzle	Chuck Hamerin	Mark Hancock
Todd Hamilton	Tanya Irwin	Charles Hoagland
Dustin Hudson	Deanna & Roy King	Vic & Dawn Lebel
Jim Kirby	Maxine Lamar	Shirley Lemons
Mary Ann Florini	Adeline Leslie	Rev. Jim Miller
Britney Maker	Rev. Chester Mayflower	David Milliner
Richard “Dick” Roseman -	(Ashleigh Overman's grandpa)	Lisa Shipley
Arlene & David Nachols	Mary Jean Ottinger	Mildred (Mid) Noble
Joe Overman	Norma Patton	Wayne Patton
Jon Peterson	Deborah Horn	Mabel Ann Pavey
Sue Richmond	Donna Ricketts	Terry Engledow
Charles Schooler	Infant Jensen Siebert	Martha Starkey
Ann & Bing Stum	Emma Lew Stantz	Jane Taylor
Paula Edward Thomas	Danielle Tooley	Ritchie Thatcher
Chuck Vogt	Marilyn Yount	Bill Walker
Judy Washburn	Jamelyn Webb	Christopher Webb
Virginia's mother & sister	Christine Warford	Baby Jackson from Webb's
Betty Frazie Family	Justin (in car wreck per Ben)	Jordan DeSate

Please keep the Ten Point Coalition in your prayers as they work to 'Break the Silence' and bring peace to their neighbors in Indianapolis.



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.

Special thoughts for named military personnel will begin anew in 2016. Please submit any names for mention in newsletter to co-editor, Martha Randel at SiSRandel@gmail.com. Thank you.



Synopsis of Rev Miller's Sermon

"The Promise of Prayer"

Psalm 86

Mark 9:14-29



Mark 9:29...that kind of spirit can only be forced out by prayer.

Prayer has great power. Jesus gave us the model to use when we pray. We call it "The Lord's Prayer." When I take my time for meditation, I almost always begin it by praying The Lord's Prayer. It prepares me to get in touch with the spirit of God. Most of us will never reach the point where we experience the power of prayer that Jesus possessed. But by trying faithfully we can get closer to God through praying.

Some people pray like a Jet – smooth, sleek, high and mighty. Their words reverberate into the clouds and send sonic booms throughout the heavens. Reading or hearing these prayers often inspires me. But I am more like a crop duster than a jet. I fly low and seem to cover the same ground a lot. Most of us are like that.

Most of our prayers could use a tune-up. We go days without consistent prayer but then something happens that leads us to pray so we dive in. We submerge ourselves in prayer and leave refreshed and renewed. Or maybe we seldom pray. Many people pray only when they are in deep trouble. But as Jesus gave His disciples The Lord's Prayer; what does He teach them and us about prayer?

Jesus teaches us to pray in the spirit of gratitude. Jesus was grateful for the little things in life. He showed enthusiasm for common things like flowers, birds, a mustard seed, the wind, faces of little children and even "our daily bread". If you are thankful for the little things in life, tell God about it. The power of prayer can change your attitude, your way of thinking and how you feel.

Jesus teaches us to pray in the spirit of forgiveness. In the middle of The Lord's Prayer we find these words: "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us". Forgiveness is easy to say but hard to do. A prayer asking for forgiveness is the time to "come clean" with ourselves and God, and the most difficult part is to forgive others.

If we can pray to God each day with trust, it would make a difference in our lives. Be honest with God and He will be faithful to you.

Dear Lord, teach us to pray always in the spirit of gratitude, the spirit of forgiveness and in the spirit of trust. AMEN.

Visiting Ministers during Rev. Miller's Vacation

Rev. Jim Ewing on January 3rd and 31st plus February 7th

Rev. Charles Johnson on January 10th, 17th and 24th.

Rev. Miller returns on February 14th, first Sunday in Lent.

A Message from Tim Ottinger

Wow! How did we get to 2016? We're now fifteen years into the 21st century and oh, what a ride it is through so many unknowns. A poem I always enjoy during this time of year is —

Never a Christmas morning; Never a new year ends
But someone thinks of someone; Old days, old times, old friends.

It is simple but sincerely reflects on our many thoughts during Christmas and the New Year that is upon us.

Reflection

When I look back over the last several months of 2015, I am reminded of just how much this church (you) do for each one of us spiritually, and for so many causes in our community. No one can argue against the steadfast service our Rev. Miller has provided to us all, seven days a week if needed. Above all the administrative busy-ness, we have always had someone to calmly and respectfully guide us through challenges and outside of that, his being a "pastor to the people" is exemplary.

We walk the talk of "Small enough to care. Large enough to serve". Beyond our annual suppers and fun events that foster fellowship, it thrills me to reflect on our growing youth involvement learning about God, and to live and give the love of Christ. This is apparent with all of our youth activities, from the Camp Out for Christ to most recently our annual Youth Christmas Program.

An example of our caring and service was last month's appeal by the Caring Center in Lebanon which found themselves strapped for cash at this most important time of year to help those in need. We know the Caring Center. It is an admirable organization striving to serve a noble cause. Our church gave at least \$750 to help: \$500 from your contributions, the Missions Committee and one person who individually gave \$250. There may have been more through online donations...all from this little but mighty beacon of love and care.

This will be my last report as your Administrative Board Chair. Over the last several months I felt it was best to foster change with a new board chair after my tenure of six years. I have enjoyed and been honored by serving in that role. I believe we have implemented new direction, thoughts and conditions that add to our foundation for Salem to be around for decades to come.

The most important of these is the meaning of "church" and how we reach out in our communities. Salem's heartbeat and personality is based on tradition. No one can change that. With the age and architecture of this beautiful, historic building and its pastoral equestrian surroundings, what a peaceful area of retreat to call our sanctuary to God.

"Church" is not measured simply by attendance on Sunday mornings. It's the help that we give. It's the love that we live. It's the pride in the friendships we form. It's the courage we show facing things we don't know. It's the way that we weather the joys and storms of life with God and our Savior by our side. And it happens Monday through Saturday more than just Sunday mornings.

I am thrilled Ben Pauley has stepped up to accept the role of your Board Chair. I admire his character, his demeanor and trust his leadership will be fruitful. I also honor and appreciate those who continue or are new on Salem's Administrative Board for 2016. The life of any institution doesn't just happen. It takes thoughtful consideration, planning and work which can be difficult at times.

Be a part of what Salem is to you. Living God's word is being involved in caring relationships with others. Yes it is better to give, than receive but yield to both. I was touched by the thoughts and prayers of being on the prayer list for the first time this past year.

Again, thank you for letting me be a part of this wonderful church. God bless you and keep you well during the New Year.

Tim



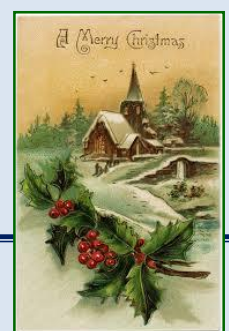
- ✝ December Fellowship providers – **Mike & Nancy Thayer; Tim, Susan & Rebecca Ottinger; Salem Youth; Charlie Noble; and Chalmer & Virginia Crose.**
- ✝ December Nursery volunteers – **Nancy Thayer, Reece Butler & Virginia Crose.**
- ✝ December Acolytes – **Brandon, Sydney, Haven, Rebecca, Zoey & Ruth.**

- ✝ To **Salem Choir** and **ALL** who provided special music during the Advent Season including Salem's drummer boy...Colt Crose Preludes by Charlie & Tina Solos by David Nolan & Austin Duet by Lexi & Grace



David sung "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" – Austin "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing in on Christmas Day" – Lexi & Grace "Niño Lindo (Beautiful, Sweet Child)" – Judy Washburn for her Christmas Eve song "Mary Did You Know?"

- ✝ **Pastor Jim Miller** for his interesting and informative sermon series during Advent.
- ✝ **Judy Washburn** for her thoughtful teaching about the Advent Wreath and its message for Children's Time during the Advent Season. And also to **Judy and Jim Washburn** for coordinating the beautiful Christmas Eve Service.
- ✝ To **ALL** who joined in the Christmas Caroling for Salem family and friends, and to **Bill & Phyllis Bakeis** for hosting the post-caroling celebration luncheon party in their beautiful home.
- ✝ To **ALL** who helped decorate our historic country church for Christmas including providing poinsettias, and also for the 'unhanging' of the greens in January.
- ✝ To **EVERYONE** who does the 'little extras' for Salem... taking the offering, helping stuff bulletins with inserts, mopping in Fellowship Hall after heavy rainfalls, cleaning parking lot when wind brings down tree branches, and more.
- ✝ To **ALL** the youth who participated in the wonderful Christmas Pageant; and to all the teachers, parents and assistants for their help. And to **Susan Ottinger** for being the play writer, director and producer of this cherished event.
- ✝ And a very special thank you to **everyone** who attended, learned, enjoyed, prayed, helped and participated in any way during December at Salem Church. How wonderful it is to be joyful as we celebrate our **Savior's** birth.



“Angels Among Us”

Submitted by Ben Pauley

For those of you who were in church on Sunday, December 13th, you know what a great job the children (and their adult directors) did with the Christmas program. That event told the story of Christ's birth just about as well as it could be told. As I watched the program and paid particular attention to the angels, it occurred to me that most of us would say that we've never actually seen one ourselves. I know I would have likely said the same thing before Friday, December 11th.

As I mentioned at the start of the same service during community time, I was driving back to Zionsville from Peoria, Illinois, on Friday, the 11th. I happened upon a very serious accident along the side of IH-74. It was about 1:15 in the afternoon, and it was a two-vehicle accident. When I pulled up, there was one other car that had stopped and there was no activity coming from either of the cars involved in the wreck. I hopped out of my SUV and ran down to the car that looked to be in the worst condition.

I've carried a fire extinguisher in my car for about 30 years now. Friday was only the third time I've used it. Every time I'm leaving the grocery store and trying to find room for all of the grocery bags I wonder (sometimes aloud and sometimes to myself) why I waste valuable storage space by carrying that crazy thing with me all of the time. Well, question answered!

The car's engine was on fire so I quickly put that fire out with the trusty extinguisher. I then walked around to the passenger door of the wrecked car very nervous about what I would find. Because the airbags had deployed, the interior of the car was smoky. I couldn't see in from either the front windshield or the passenger window. Upon opening the door, I saw a young man in the driver's seat in a state of unconsciousness. I later found out his name was Justin and he was a father of at least two children - as there were two car seats (unoccupied) in the back seat.

I crawled in next to Justin and was able to briefly get him to respond to me, but acknowledging that he didn't think he could get out of the car was about all I could get out of him. At this point, I didn't know what to do. Do I stay in the car with him? Do I try to get him out? I didn't know. Help was on the way as I'd been on the line with OnStar and they were sending fire, ambulance and police crews. Unfortunately, those first responders were nowhere in sight. Just about this time, up pulls a four-door sedan and two women jump out. They explain that one is a trauma nurse and the other is an RN. The trauma nurse went around the side of the car to the driver's door and with a lot of work was able to open the door (trees and bushes hindered effort). The RN crawled in to the passenger side to occupy my recently vacated spot.

Time stood still as we all waited for the Paramedic team that ultimately showed up after about 12-15 minutes. During this time, before the arrival of the medical team, I was SO thankful that these two nurses appeared virtually out of nowhere. They were hands on with Justin and kept him stable until the professionals took over. I simply stood by and did what I was told by our recently arrived nurses.

After all was said and done, the State Trooper was interviewing those of us who had been first on the scene. He asked if there was anyone else that he should talk to. I said he certainly should talk to the two nurses. The air ambulance had only recently taken Justin away, but the nurses were no longer there. No one had even seen them leave and their car had been parked very close to us all. It's now fact. I can officially say that I've seen an angel (two really). They're out there. You simply need to pay attention.

Ben



INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES



“As we celebrated the birth of Jesus, may you be adorned with
His love, graced with His peace, and filled with His presence.

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

~ 2 Corinthians 9:15 ~

UMW NEWS...The ladies of UMW enjoyed a lovely pitch-in luncheon at their December meeting. After the meeting, boxes were filled with goodies to be sent to each of the four cottages at the United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon. These goodies will be used for Christmas Eve parties for the children. Thanks go to Tina Hand and Paula Overman for chairing this project and all UMW members who helped!

Thank you to all who contributed goodies for our Christmas Cheer Bags and to those who helped to deliver the Cheer Bags. Twenty-five bags were filled and delivered to our shut-ins. Also, our total giving to Fletcher Place for holiday giving was \$2,825. Items were delivered by the Hamilton's, Washburn's, Paula Overman and Ruth Thacker.

UMW will not meet in January or February of 2016, but we are looking forward to a wonderful year of serving our Lord through service to our church and mission giving in 2016. We wish each of you a very Happy New Year!

Judy Washburn, UMW President



SUMMER CAMPS

2016 Summer Camp season is just around the corner. Even though it is early in the year, please give some thought to your summer schedule to see who would like to go this year. I will provide information on dates, types of camps and locations as soon as it is available. Start planning so our children can have a wonderful church camp experience!

*Marie Urick,
Camp Coordinator*

INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES continued

A final thank you to those who participated and/or contributed to the Drumstick Dash 2015 on Thanksgiving Day. Salem donated \$590 to Wheeler Mission for our efforts. \$2.20 will buy one meal, so the Salem Family did very well with this effort to help others.

Bob Overman, Coordinator



Yes, Salem has just enjoyed the marvelous Christmas Season. But as you know...Time marches on and thoughts and plans are already being made for Palm Sunday and the Easter Season. Salem is in need of someone to coordinate the Easter Sunrise Service on March 27, 2016. If you can coordinate or assist with this event, please contact me. Thank you.

Paula Overman, Coordinator



Please mark your calendar for the upcoming 4th Annual **Rummage Sale** on February 6th. And as you pack away your Christmas decorations, also take a few minutes to clean out a closet or garage where you may be storing items no longer needed. All items will be accepted for the Missions Groups' upcoming Rummage Sale (and Bake Sale by Salem Youth.) Thank you.

A special THANK YOU is being sent to everyone who submits photos and articles for our newsletter. It just doesn't happen without your help. THANK YOU – the co-editors.

Martha Randel &
Kathy Mehlhop

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming **Chili Supper** on February 20th (always the 3rd Saturday in February.) Be sure to ask your relatives, neighbors and friends to save this date on their calendars too! Natalie Kruger will be the chair of the 2016 event. Thank you.

January 2016

FELLOWSHIP		NURSERY	GREETER	ACOLYTE	
Jim & Judy Washburn	Jan 3	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	1/3	Volunteers Needed
The Butler Family	Jan 10	Reece Butler	Volunteer Needed	1/10	Volunteers Needed
Volunteer Needed	Jan 17	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	1/17	Volunteers Needed
Volunteer Needed	Jan 24	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	1/24	Volunteers Needed
Roy & Deanne King	Jan 31	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	1/31	Volunteers Needed

2015 Salem Church
Youth Christmas Program





To view additional pageant photos and/or videos go to <http://www.salemumcziionsville.org/>. Then scroll down on the front page to 2015 Christmas Program on the right side and click on view photos or watch videos.





Attention Treasure Seekers

Salem 4th Annual Indoor Rummage Sale Benefiting Salem Missions

WHO: EVERYONE is invited! Community is Welcomed!

WHAT: Friends and family of Salem United Methodist Church kindly donate new and gently used items...such as clothes, toys, books, games, kitchen, home goods, garden, furniture and tools. The list of accepted items is endless! This is a perfect time to clean out a closet or the garage to make room for new/other items. Purge those treasures and donate your items to the Salem Missions rummage sale.

Then everyone is invited to come **SHOP** all the donated treasures on **Saturday, February 6, 2016. From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.** (*Items are not to be used for re-sale.*)

The best part? NO price tags! For all treasures you choose to take home, please make a tax deductible donation to Salem's Mission fund! It's a Win Win for everyone!!

WHEN: Saturday, February 6, 2016 @ 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: Salem United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall

ALSO! Bake Sale – benefiting youth summer camp

Q&A

When can I drop off donations?

Two convenient options:

- 1) Sunday, Jan 31st after church @ 10:30 am -12:00 noon
- 2) Wednesday, Feb 3rd @ 3pm - 8pm

What if I have a question about items I want to donate?

Salem Missions will accept all new and gently used donated items, but if you have a question, please do not hesitate to contact Paula or Tim.

What if there is inclement weather on the day of the sale, February 6th?

The sale is scheduled regardless of the weather.
No rain date (nor snow date) is planned.

How can I help with Salem Indoor Rummage Sale?

We would love your involvement! Please contact Paula or Tim to let them know you would like to help!

What happens to the donated items after the sale?

Salem Missions will be donating all of the remaining treasures to local charities once the sale is complete.

What if the item is too big to bring to Salem?

Bring a photo of the item along with item details such as description and/or any pertinent measurements. The Missions Team will display the photo of your item the day of the sale and will even help transport the item if someone is interested.

Contact Information if you have additional questions

Paula Overman

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Tim Ottinger

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We hope to see you at the 4th Annual Salem Indoor Rummage Sale.

THANK YOU for your continued support of Salem Missions.

Salem United Methodist Church

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Large enough to serve. ✝ Small enough to care.



Fletcher Place Project - Sorting the Donations

Thank you to all 28 folks who helped sort and distribute items at Fletcher Place on November 28, 2015. And a special thank you to Bill and Danelle Butler for coordinating this project for Salem Church.

