



Salem Scribbles

September-October 2020

Salem United Methodist Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 7 – Labor Day

Sept 3 – No Missions Meeting - if needed, a date will be announced.

Sept 11 – Patriot Day

Sept 13 – “Follow” 8 week Bible study begins

Sept 15 – Trustee Meeting 6:30

Sept 17 – Constitution Day

Sept 21 – Administrative Board Meeting 7 pm

Sept 22 – Trustee Meeting 6:30

Sept 23 – First Day of Autumn

Campout for Christ is cancelled for 2020

Chicken Noodle Dinner is cancelled for 2020

UMW Bake Sale is cancelled for 2020

Oct 6 – World Day of Communion

Oct 18 – Laity Sunday

Nov 1 – Daylight savings time ends—turn clocks back

Do you remember that last fall on October 13 we planned an outdoor worship service?



Matthew Chapter 5

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, **let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**

To My Awesome Church Family,

It is hard for me to believe that Autumn will soon be upon us. Soon the leaves will begin to change, and we will be able to see God's handiwork. And speaking of outside, I want to thank everyone who continues to attend our West Lawn and drive up worship services. It has been so cool that even though we have Kissel Road between us we are still connected by the “honk! honk!” amens.

There will be a new 8 session Bible study facilitated by John Holmes on Sundays right after worship service in the tent. The name of this study is called “Follow” and it will begin September 16th. People who want to participate can view each video on their own-preferably shortly before Sunday. Then we could together address the questions provided for discussion.

You can get the series of videos and the discussion questions at this website: www.followseries.org There are eight sessions with questions and in person session should last about 30 minutes or so. There is no cost or need to buy the series even though the page indicates so. Just click on the session desired and the video comes up. The discussion questions are at the bottom of the page and can be printed off. We hope there is an awesome turn out for worthwhile study to equip us to follow Jesus closer.

The Kamp Kirkland family thanks you all for all your heartfelt prayers, phone calls, texts, meals, and greeting cards as we handle the many challenges before us every day. Thank you also for everything you do to make us feel accepted, respected, supported and loved as your pastor and pastor's family. We sincerely love all of you!!!!

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Gina Kirkland aka PG

p.s. I love you and you can't do anything about it.

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.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Bill Bakeis
2nd Donna Pauley
3rd Mark Starkey
4th Charles Lamar
6th Patsy Livengood
9th Annie Ottinger

10th Andy Ricketts
11th Eldon Forthum
14th Elle Moon
14th Tim Ottinger
14th Aaron Shipley
15th Nick Hipsky
16th Starr Starkey

18th Karlene DeLucio
18th Tim Sharp
20th Mary Clayton
21st John Hasewinkel
23rd JoAnn Arbuckle
28th Lynette Moon
29th Lilly Culbertson

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7th Stephen & Liz Meeks Taylor
13th Autumn Hansen & Nathan Hand
15th Dominic & Tina Lizama
18th Marshall & Starr Starkey
20th Bill & Pat Arnold
20th Ritchie & Danean Thatcher
22nd Max & Ashlee (Miller) Culbertson
25th Larry & Martha Randel
28th Ben & Donna Pauley
28th Marvin & Joyce Starkey



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1st Eldon & Betty Forthum
2nd Charles & Judy Lamar
8th Micah & Chaleen Falkner
10th Joe & Ashleigh Overman
14th Gary & Tracy Puiia Carter
17th David & Ginger Bright
23rd James & Clara Curry
24th Stacy & Lezlee Dieckman
24th Danny & Violet Thomas
25th Robert & Donita Hough
28th Andy & Kathy Mehlhop

3rd Bonnie Trosky
6th Parker Covert
6th Ryan Davis
6th Pastor Gina Kirkland
7th Chris Hasewinkel
7th Brent Hokanson

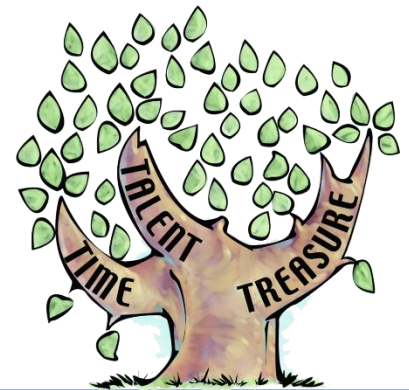
9th Adam Stant
9th Ruth Thatcher
10th Austin Lizama
12th Autumn Hansen Hand
14th Owen Eaton
19th Abigail Dieckman

26th David Tucker
28th Danelle Butler
28th Mary Beth Pauley
29th Megan Covert
29th Ashlee Miller Culbertson
31st Jimmy Thomas

(If you or a family member is not on our birthday and/or anniversary monthly list used in Scribbles and would like to be, please give name/month/day to Martha Randel at SiSRandel@gmail.com or Kathy Mehlhop at kmehlhop@outlook.com)

From **Sharlene Ramsey**:

Thank you to everyone for the prayers for Tony & Robin Sumner. Tony lost his battle with Covid 19 and left his earthly home for his eternal home in Heaven on August 16. Robin is still fighting pneumonia, Covid 19 as well as a botched surgery. Jerl, as of today, feels as though he has jumped the hurdle to being OK and not having to go back to the Dr everyday since surgery! Jerl and I have truly enjoyed the Sunday sermons on the computer. The music has been awesome. We miss everyone's smiling faces. Thanks to everyone again.



*Do you have a knack for working with computers?
Do you have time to serve?*

Salem UMC is looking for someone to create the church newsletter. Martha has done a wonderful service with her gift from God the last few years but now we need to find someone else to pick up this opportunity to share their talent. In the past it was created each month. If you are interested but would like to reduce the number of issues, every other month? every 3 months? Let's talk! We can make it work! Please contact Pastor Gina or Communication co-chairs Kathy Mehlhop or Martha Randel.

ps—Kathy created this newsletter but will not be able to do anymore. This will be the last newsletter until someone else can help.

	PRAYER LIST	
Marla Ailor	Kathy Houx	Donna Price
Arnold's Grandson	Ruthie Dawson Jett	Jerl Ramsey
Brenda	Ashley Johnson	Mrs. Ray Robert
Adelyn Busald	Sarah Hand Johnson	Micah Romig
Connie Chamberlin	Libby Keck	Deputy Sam Scott
Lisa Cox	Robert Keith	Aaron & Ronda Shipley
Virginia Crose	Gina Kirkland	Deb Shook
John Cummings	Gail Klotz	Jerry Smith
Jim Curry	Jennifer Lee	Judy Smith
Marge Curry	Britney Maker	D'Andrea Speer
Bonnie Earnhart	Sorin Martin	Mark Starkey
Mary Ann Feeley	Sue Martin	Marvin Starkey
Lisa Flynn	Gerald McGowen	Ann Stum & Brenda
Richla Grayson	Jim & Linda Miller	Robin Sumner
Sharlene Grizzle	Al Mizen friends	Aaron Taylor
Rick Hamerin	Mark Mizen	Jane Taylor
Rush & Ruth Harmon	Barb Montelegre	Brenda & Steven Taylor
Brittani Hawk	Carol Moyer	Martha Vail
Travis Heckart	Jessica Pabst	The Walker's
Marty Hill	Betty Paddock	Diana Ward
Nick Hipsky	Annie Palmer	
Steve Hipsky	Rev. Wayne Patton	
Louise Hoagland	Jon Peterson	
Donita Hough	Danny Price	

Pray for our Salem UMC family. 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 victims of church fires, wild-fire, storms and flooding. Pray for peace and safety for any and all refugees who are God's children throughout the world. Pray for those with unspoken requests. Pray for wisdom by our politicians, and pray for our country. Pray for our local first responders, EMS, medical teams, fire fighters and police who give immediate help for those in need, patrol officers, security guards, and for victims of crimes. Pray for our church family as we look to A Way Forward. Pray for our community, our country and the world. And do continue to pray for "Old Man Cline!"
{All Mankind}

For Prayer List Updates, please contact Martha Randel at SiSRandel@gmail.com

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY RETURNING TO SCHOOL.

Prayers for:

Pastor Gina who is suffering with a concussion from her fall last week.

Ruth Harman in need of encouragement.

Families & communities struggling with the wildfires in the western U.S.

Those with unspoken prayers.

Praise for:

John Holmes leading a new bible study for our Salem congregation.

Safe progress on the renovation of our church building.

Thank You to Eric & Tina Hand for their "Labor of Love" gift to the congregation on September 6. We love the roses and the scripture cards!



World Communion day
October 4, 2020

Laity Sunday October 18

Therefore, Go!:

With HOPE Through Engagement



Operation Christmas Child UPDATE

National Collection week is November 16-23. Salem UMC is chipping away at our 60 box goal! Your generosity has put us within \$200 of our monetary goal. God provided our plastic preprinted boxes through the National Project Leader Workshop! Our funds will go toward the suggested shipping donation for each box and sponsoring each child in the 12-week Greatest Journey discipleship program that is offered to shoe box recipients.

We have made GREAT progress collecting school supplies to pack in each box. It is time to shift our focus to hygiene items like bar soap, brushes, combs, bandages, hair accessories, and nail clippers.

Each box should also include fun items for kids ages 2-14. Be on the lookout for match box cars, small toys, dolls, balls, water bottles, non-liquid crafts, stationary items, small musical instruments, shoes, and clothes.

And walnuts...keep an eye out for walnuts. 😊 We have a great time enjoying fellowship while collecting walnuts. The money from walnut collection goes to purchasing any items needed to finish filling our boxes.

Take a look at the Samaritan's Purse web site, specifically the attached link to the Ends of the Earth page for inspirational stories, information about Operation Christmas Child, and how you can support the ministry.

Please contact Danean Thatcher for any further information. Call or text → 317-371-4144
Email → nean414@aol.com

Again...THANK YOU all for your support!

Danean Thatcher & the Kids

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/endsoftheearth/>

**Sunday School Classes**

We have resumed our children's Sunday school classes. They will be meeting outside on the east side of the church building following our Sunday morning worship services. We will practice the recommended social distancing during class. When the renovation project permits us, we will move inside for classes. If you have any questions regarding Sunday school please call or email Paula Overman.

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MANY THANKS TO...

- ✝ **Bob Overman, Bill Butler, Ben Pauley, Marie Urick, Danean Thatcher & Larry Randel** The Outdoor Worship Team who every week sets up and tears down everything needed to put on the worship service each week.
- ✝ **Bob Overman** for creating the video version of the worship service each week.
- ✝ **The Trustees** who are working on restoration projects at Salem UMC.
- ✝ **Rev. Glenn Howell** for being at Salem with his meaningful messages during Pastor Gina's absences.
- ✝ **Eric Hand, Ben Pauley** and others for providing needed transportation to folks in order to attend Salem.
- ✝ **Marie Urick** -it has been noticed she is often the first to welcome and talk with new visitors.
- ✝ **Salem's Team Leaders** (Larry Randel, Danean Thatcher & Natalie Kruger) **for Community Time** which allows for announcements, concerns and prayer requests.
- ✝ **Danean Thatcher** with her continuing work with Salem's Youth on the OCC Project.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Although the women are not having meetings yet due to the church renovations, we do have some projects for the fall season. **Fletcher Place** will still need food for the holiday pantry and the Christmas gift drive. As we receive more details they will be shared with the congregation. We are working on creative ideas to share some cheer with our home bound church folks. **The Lebanon Children's Home** will be allowing us to continue our tradition of providing Christmas Eve party boxes to their six family houses. Watch for updates on these projects and others. We all look forward to meeting together soon.

UMW President, *Paula Overman*

First Bible study meeting after the worship service on September 13.



John leading the Bible study



Rev. Glenn Howell



East side--Older siding removed



East side—studs exposed

Lady Bug and Hoosier Exteriors began working together to remove the siding down to the studs. Then they began sanitizing the structure and to safely keep the bats from returning.

Lady Bug has been documenting the entire process. It will be interesting to see the final result

Photos from September 3rd & 13th



West side--older siding removed



West side--studs exposed & white treatment to seal and sanitize the wood



South side--older siding removed



South side--Prepping exterior for treatment to seal the exposed wood



North side



North side



Filming at night

On September 13, **Grandparents Day** was celebrated at Salem UMC. Most grand and great children winner is **Ruth Harmon** with 43. **Andy & Donna Ricketts** were the runner ups with 10. The grandparent who traveled the furthest was **Debbie Shook**. **Virginia Crose** was the grandparent with the shortest travel time. **Ruth Thatcher** had the most grandparents with her. **Kathy Sharp** was the grandparent who had the most grandchildren with her.



♥ HAPPY ♥
GRANDPARENTS
♥ DAY ♥



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