

# Salem Scribbles

December 2018

Salem United Methodist Church

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 2 – 1st Sunday of **Advent**  
Dec 2 – **Salem "Lites Up"** for Christmas Eve  
Dec 2 – Following worship an **Open Forum** for the congregation will be held to make comments and ask questions regarding Plan A for the church remodel. (There will be a second meeting on January 13th regarding financing the remodel.)  
Dec 2 – **Collection of items** for Christmas Cheer Bags are due  
Dec 4 – **UMW Evening Christmas Meeting**  
6:30 – 8:00 pm - UMW prepares **Christmas Cheer Bags**  
Dec 5, 12 & 19 – **Choir Practices 6:30 – 7:30/8**  
Dec 14 – **Movie Night "Silver Bells"** at 6:30  
Dec 15 – Youth Christmas **Play Practice**  
(Time TBA)  
Dec 16 – **Annual Youth Christmas Play at Salem**  
Dec 22 – **Blood Drive** 11 – 4 at Whitestown Municipal Complex  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Dec 24 – **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
at 9:00 pm



## PASTOR'S PEN

To My Awesome Church Family,

It's Advent! It's Advent!! It's Advent!!! (You can't see me, but I'm doing my happy dance.) The time has come when we can let the light of Christ shine brightly this CHRISTmas. I am challenging myself to intentionally say "Merry Christmas!" to every person with whom I come in contact, especially if I don't know them. I wonder if I can keep it up all Advent season? I wonder if there is anyone who will take on this challenge with me?

We're going to continue equipping ourselves with *'The Mayberry Bible Study'* written by Stephen Skelton of Primetime Parable Ministries. For Volume 2 we will study lessons on Accountability, Pride, Trouble and Teaching. It has been amazing to see how much our Christian walk was intermingled with entertainment back in the good old days. Invite your family and friends to become better equipped to serve our community and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The Adult Bible Study/Sunday School keeps on growing. I am so grateful for this time we can spend together learning more about who God is and how we fit into God's plan. We make it a point to wrap up at 11:25 am so we are saying our closing prayer at 11:30 am each Sunday. If you are interested in joining us, especially if driving at night might be a challenge, come on in the conference room after you have gathered up your treats from fellowship. There might be a time or two when I will not be able to facilitate for the full time due to other administrative / meeting commitments, but the class has figured out how to keep the study going.

The Council of Bishops has called a special session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23 – 26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on A Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of

Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. We as United Methodists are urged to pray daily between 2:23-2:26 pm

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	DECEMBER	BIRTHDAYS
4 Sarah Johnson	14 Ginger Bright	27 Norma Patton
4 Thomas Overman	14 Paul Eisenman	28 Chris Isaacs
6 Britney Lee Maker	17 Michael Alexander	28 Deanna King
9 Athan Starkey	21 Delaine Davis	31 Pam Hill Gibson
9 Diana Ward	23 Chalmer Crose	31 Nora Lee David

& ANNIVERSARIES
5 Bing & Ann Stum
10 Mike & Jill Hampton
28 Rev. Jim & Linda Miller

(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](mailto:SiSRandel@gmail.com) Please send prayer list additions or deletions to Martha too.)



THE FOLLOWING	ARE IN NEED OF	OUR PRAYERS
Adam	Rush & Ruth Harmon	Natalie Postma
Alex Anzeveno	Therese Hampton Henry	Preston
Arnold's Grandson	The Hoagland's	Danny Price
Aunt Nancy	Theresa Hoagland	Carolyn Reutter
Lucy Baker (7)	Mariam Fisher Hutsen	Mrs. Ray Robert
Shawna Baker	David Jackson	Lloyd Nolan (Thorntown)
Skip Barker	Tracy James	Stephanie Seifts
Ken Beatty	Myra Johnson	Mary Specht Sister
Laura Bennett	David Jones	Charles Stant
Rodney Carter	Katelyn	Mark Starkey
Marie's friend Cathy	Keaton	Marvin Starkey
Conceptione Family	Warren Killian	Carl Stewart
Janet Conway	Deanna King	Esther Stonecipher
The Curry's	The Kirkland's	Stum's friend Brian
Bonnie Davis	Maxine Lamar	Ann & Bing Stum
Donna David	Britney Maker	Mike Sulfridge
Linda Lou Dawson	Jane Martin	Jane Taylor
Mary Ann Feeley	Ashley Medaris	Brenda & Steven Taylor
Carla Fletcher	The Millers	Turpin Family
Lisa Flynn	Nancy Miller	Jill Ullrey
Dale Funkhouser	Andrea Morehead	Martha Vail
Heather Gallagher	Jane Morton	The Walker's
Terrenzo Grinstone, Sr.	Caden Nation	Alex Weis
Shannon Hamerin	The Patton's	Dr. Kevin & Dawn Welch
Ann & O Hamilton	Jon Peterson	Jill Will
Hamilton Family	Jason Picking	Cody Wilson
Mark Hancock	Premi Twins Alex & Henry	Karen (Stultz) Wyatt
Brian (Stum's friend)	Nick Hipsky	Gail Klotz
Howard Kellogg	Ramona's friend Linda	Cindy Paul
Annabelle Aldous	Friend's Aunt Carolyn	Nancy Gordon's (of Illinois) granddaughter Alyssa

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 such as hurricanes and volcanic eruptions Pray for the Carolinas with the recent Florence Hurricane and Florida with Hurricane Michael. Pray for victims of church fires, wildfires and flooding. Pray for peace and safety for any and all sincere refugees who are God's children throughout the world. Pray for those who recently lost their lives in the Chicago hospital shooting. 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, firefighters and police who give immediate help for those in need. Pray for our protectors, border patrol officers, security guards, and for victims of crimes. Pray for the Zionsville Community with recent sad happenings. Pray for our country and the world. And do continue to pray for "Old Man Cline!"  
*{All Mankind}*



**Praise** for Lynette Moon and family who announced that Elle will be a big sister in April 2019.

**Praise** for the Mark and Angie Hough family with the addition of their son from India, Kiaan. Sisters Gracelyn, Reagan and Lillian are thrilled to have a baby brother!

**ASK THE PASTOR**

Dear Pastor Gina,

Thank you for working so hard to be our pastor. You have your own special way of getting things across. I love you and your enthusiasm as well as your boldness when it comes to talking about God the Father, Son and Holly Spirit. You are very serious about making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I know you want to spiritually equip our church, but sometimes I feel like you might be fussing at us. For example, when you tell us what we are doing or not doing well enough and that we're not utilizing God's power. I'm not as outgoing as you to be old enough to talk to people I don't know about something so personal as sharing my faith. Sincerely, Christian Shy

Dear Christian Shy,

Thank you for your compliments and for sharing your feelings. First, I want you to know that I dearly love you and the Salem Church family. Secondly, I want you to know that I would not want to *intentionally* say or do something to hurt God's church or God's people. However, I do believe deep in my spirit that the Lord has some amazing works and wonders in store for this awesomely unique congregation. Yes, there are times that I may be passionately intense, but I want y'all to know and understand how important you all are to the Kingdom. I can assure you that during those times that I am so moved by the Holly Spirit, it is not planned by me at all. Please forgive me if I offended you. I don't ever want to come across as intimidating. I know there are many souls at risk of not having eternal life, and it grieves me. I spend a good amount of time talking and listening to God so that I may please Him as an instrument of His love. I simply want this growing vineyard to introduce as many people as possible to Jesus, and I know that the time is soon approaching when each of us will be able to do so in our own uniquely gifted way.



Much love, Pastor Gina (aka PG)

(Continued from page 1) until the end of the called Special Session. For December and January, I am trying to arrange time for adult only conversation in regard to this very important issue approaching us as God's people in ministry to the world. I will try to see if Communications Team can get the actual final report out via email or on our website for your information as the report is 96 pages long.

With 2019 on our heels, please pray that the dates for our Confirmation class of students 4th grade and higher come into focus.

There may be some of our children who may be spiritually mature enough to participate. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis. We will need to meet for six different Saturdays, and I would like to confirm the confirmands on Easter (April 21st.) Due to the hectic schedule of most of our young people, I will be asking which dates in February, March and April will be the best to facilitate the largest amount of participation.

Thank you all for your concern and prayers for Reggie and our family as we travel this challenging journey as his condition continues to progress with his CIDP (*Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy*.) We are talking with his doctors trying to decide how soon palliative care in our home will begin. It should be sometime in mid-December. Palliative care (*pronounced pal-lee-uh-tiv*) is specialized medical care for people with serious illness. This type of care is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of a serious illness. The goal is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family.

The Kirkland family wishes each of you a Merry Christmas, and we hope you are able to enjoy your family and friends as they are all exceptionally loved. Thank you all 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

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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**CALL OUTS FOR THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

We trust that you all had a good Thanksgiving holiday. Now it is just a short three weeks until the Annual Salem Christmas Program. Martha Randel has written a delightful play for us to present to the congregation on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We invite all to participate. There will be a practice on Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> either in the late morning or early afternoon, whichever works best for the majority of the cast. Danean Thatcher, Paula Overman and Martha Randel will be directing this year. Please tell us if you will be a part of this fun event that celebrates the birth of our Lord Jesus. **It would be very helpful to know as soon as possible that you will take a part in the play as we're already in the process of assigning roles.** Please contact one of us to confirm that you will be participating or if you have any questions regarding the play. We have speaking parts and non-speaking parts, scripture readings, and a scene for partying!! Costumes are not required for most parts. **We have something for everyone! Be a part of this Joyful celebration!** Thank you.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2019**

Opportunities are often right in front of you...and here at Salem we do have a need for more Sunday School teachers. Often teachers say they get more out of this experience than even the wonderful kids you teach. Might be interested? Want to give it a try? Please let Paula Overman know if you are interested, or if you have questions before you decide. Call 317-445-959.

**UMW NEWS**

We are just a few weeks from ending a very busy year as we will have our Christmas Dinner/Meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8 pm. Following dinner, we will be working on Christmas party boxes for the United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon as well as our Christmas Cheer Bags.

UMW meetings have been rotated from day and evening to help grow our membership...and this has helped! It would be grand to have even more of our ladies join us to help spread God's work, love and kindness to others throughout our many community outreach programs. Please do try to join us on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

I'd also like to thank you on behalf of UMW for your support of this year's fundraiser (selling Butter Braids) and our annual bake sale which offered noodles, Mason jar bean soup, and many other treats. Pumpkin and cinnamon rolls from Butter Braids are currently left and on sale at a reduced price...\$10 each! See any UMW officer to purchase items. They are in the small freezer in Fellowship Hall. Take a peek to see.

UMW 2019 officers have been elected and they are: Co-Presidents Judy Washburn and Paula Overman. The two of them have several years' experience so we'll have lots to which to look forward. Vice President is Donna Rickets, Secretary Tina Hand and Treasurer Martha Randel.

It has been a real pleasure and joy to serve as your President for the past two years. We have made strides in growing our group although there's always room for more. Our fundraisers have been fun and successful allowing UMW to contribute to more outreach programs such as Lucille Raines Home, Fletcher Place, Love INC, Sheltering Wings, honoring Salem Mothers and Fathers, presenting Love Gifts and more. I am confident I'm leaving you in good hands under the leadership of our new co-presidents and officers.

I wish each and everyone of you a Very Merry Christmas. May Jesus continue to be the center of our lives. God Bless.

*Violet Thomas*



Laine Butler has been accepted at Lipscomb University and plans to begin the fall semester starting in August 2019. Laine plans to study fashion design and merchandising. Lipscomb University is a Christian university located in Nashville, Tennessee.

Also, Laine and her sister Reece both received a Special Recognition Award from the Lebanon United Methodist Children's Home for their exemplary outreach to their community and to Salem UMC as Sunday School teachers. Paula Overman made the presentation at Salem on behalf of Susan Bennett of LUMCH. A \$50 donation was given to LUMCH in their honor.



Welcome to our newest Salem UMC Members ....Lynette Moon, Julia Rajski and Laura Eisner. They were welcomed into the Salem membership on November 25<sup>th</sup> by Pastor Gina and the entire congregation. Be sure to introduce yourself to them when you see them at Salem.



Rebecca Ottinger is congratulated for recently being selected to sing in the Lyric Choir of the Indianapolis Children's Choir. Members of the Lyric Choir includes students who exhibit a strong desire to sing and have demonstrated an intermediate proficiency in vocal technique and sight reading abilities. Good singing, Rebecca.



**FREE**

In the foyer...ADVENT - A Calendar of Devotions for 2018 plus celebrating ADVENT at home for the entire family. Be sure to take one for your self and more to share with others.

**NOT FREE...but a good deal!**

Need a great stocking stuffer? UMW is starting a new fundraising project! Please help support our sale of pens . . .Only \$2.00 each, all with black ink, gray and silver, very attractive, stylus included, printed with Salem United Methodist Church . . Zionsville, Indiana!

See Tina Hand or any UMW member to purchase! Thank you for your support.

**SALEM HONORS VETERANS**

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WWI was special in 2018 with member Ben Pauley vacationing in France to take in many of the sights and sounds of the event. Ben provided the patriotic florals for the altar for our service. Here at home, Salem honored all veterans in attendance, all of whom proudly sounded off with their rank and serial number. The Salem Youth presented each veteran with a special card of thanks for their service. U.S. Marine Corporal Stacy Dieckman (who also served on the Presidential Honor Guard) introduced Army Air Sergeant Fred Hampton (Mike’s dad) who shared his experiences



in preparing for his role in World War II as a tail gunner in a B-17 Bomber over Germany. Fred flew twenty-nine sorties. Interestingly, the plane in which he flew was assigned to a different crew a day after Fred returned, and it crashed losing all of its crew/troops.



**RUTH – STILL HELPING OTHERS**

With the help of Salem’s Mission Team and congregation members that let her collect walnuts or made a donation to her efforts, Ruth was able to pack 12 Operation Christmas Child boxes, pay for shipping, and donate the money for each child to complete *“The Greatest Journey”* study where they receive their own Bible upon completion. Each of these children will not only receive Ruth’s box full of school supplies, hygiene items, and fun toys, they will quite possibly learn about Jesus for the first time.

Last year, she completed six boxes that we learned were sent to Mexico. We are excited that Samaritan’s Purse offered the “Follow Your Box” option again this year, so we should learn where He sent this year’s boxes as well.

Thank you to everyone that supported Operation Christmas Child! Please continue to pray for each child that will soon receive not only a box filled with items meant to brighten their spirits, but the important lessons about Jesus and His love for each of us.





So many ways to say thank you to everyone at Salem who do so much – and yet not a lot of space available in this Scribbles. But please do know that this THANK YOU is no less sincere. Here are just a few of those to whom we give our thanks for YOU: Mary H, Marie U, Lynda W, Haven, Khamiya, Ruth, Rebecca, Kaitlyn, the Kruger’s, Charlie N, the Overman’s, the Ottinger’s, the Randel’s, Salem Choir, the Hand’s, Fred Hampton, Ben Pauley, the Crose’s, the Starkey’s, the Butler’s, the Washburn’s, Violet Thomas, Katie Hamori, UMW, Kathy Houx, the Thatcher’s, Bible Study attendees, and Pastor Gina. And these are just the folks who helped and reached out in November. There are **SO** many more of you – **ALL** of you as a matter of fact. **THANKS!**

**Hanging of the Greens...**  
**...beautifying our church every Advent/Christmas season. The team does great work! ENJOY**



**Lectionary Readings for December**

Lessons	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	December 9 <sup>th</sup>	December 16 <sup>th</sup>	December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	December 30 <sup>th</sup>
Old Testament	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Malachi 3:1-4	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Micah 5:2-5a	1 Samuel 2:18-20
Psalm	Psalms 25:1-10	Luke 1:68-79	Isaiah 12:2-6	Isaiah 12:2-6	Psalms 148
Epistle	1 Thess. 3:9-13	Philippians 1:3-11	Philippians 4:4-7	Philippians 4:4-7	Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel	Luke 21:25-36	Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:7-18	Luke 3:7-18	Luke 2:41-52

**Readings for December 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Old Testament – Isaiah 9:27  
 Epistle – Titus 2:11-14

Psalm 96 – (UMH 815)  
 Gospel – Luke 2:1-20

FELLOWSHIP	GREETERS	DECEMBER	NURSERY	ACOYLTES
Roy & Deane King	Mary Hamerin	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Marshall & Starr	Marie Urick	9 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Starkey & Kathy Houx	Vol. Needed			
Youth Department	Volunteer Needed	16 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Julie Rajski	Volunteer Needed	30 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

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## 2019 Brings Salem Activities



### QUESTION

Garage too full to park your car?  
Basement so cluttered you can't  
service the furnace?

### REMEDY

Donate items for Salem's 7<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Rummage Sale on  
Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**SALEM CHURCH  
ANNUAL  
CHILI SUPPER**

**Saturday, February 16  
4 - 7 pm**

**\$6 all you can eat. Children under 3 FREE**  
Homemade chili, sandwiches, desserts and beverage.  
Dine In – Carry Out – Meal Delivery – Transportation!!

**JOIN US! We will also provide a ride  
to/from Salem Church if needed, or  
make meal delivery. Call or e-mail us  
with your name, phone # and address.**

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