



Salem Scribbles

May 2017

Salem United Methodist Church

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Coming Events

April 30th – Today – Pastor Gina's
Presentation on Grief Counseling



May – Safe Sanctuary Training by Pastor
Gina – Date to be announced

May 2nd & June 6th – Missions Meeting at
6:30 pm

May 3rd, 10th & 17th – Tentative Choir
Practices at 6:30 pm

May 4th – National Day of Prayer

May 4th – UMW 10 am to prepare for
Friday's Mother's Celebration Event

May 5th – Mother's Day Celebration Pitch-
In & Entertainment 6:30 pm (Tickets \$2 each)

May 9th – Trustee Meeting at 6:30 pm

May 14th – Mother's Day

May 15th – Admin. Board Meeting at 7 pm

May 28th – Memorial Day at Salem



June 4th – Pentecost (Celebration of descent of
the Holy Spirit on the apostles of the resurrected
Jesus Christ after His ascension into heaven.)

June 18th – Father's Day

June 24th – 2nd Annual Blood Drive (Susan O.)

June – Youth Car Wash – date to be announced.
Coordinator: Steve Hipsky



Pastor's Pen

To My Awesome New Church Family,
Christ the Lord is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!! Spring has sprung, and we are in Eastertide. Now we can concentrate on being Easter People. What are Easter people? Our Bible gives us some answers. This is not an exhaustive list but a pretty good start.

- Easter people rejoin in Jesus' death AND resurrection. (Romans 5:10)
- Easter people preach and teach about the resurrection more than one day a year. (Acts 4:2)
- Easter people long for their resurrection brought by Jesus as much as or if not more so than a temporary bodiless existence in heaven. (1 Corinthians 15; Philippians 3:7-11; Revelation 21)
- Easter people speak up at a great cost against the 'principalities and powers' of this world because Jesus is our risen King and He is King over them all. (Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 2:7-9)
- Easter people are willing to deny themselves and lose all things for the sake of Christ now because Christ, by the power of His resurrection, has promised to restore all things and reward His disciples in the 'life after the next life.' (Matthew 19:27-28; Mark 10:28-31; Revelation 21:5)

While I am here as your interim pastor, if you have any questions for me, please don't hesitate to ask by email, text, note or phone call. I will have a little blurb called "Ask the Pastor" to answer some of the questions I get. Don't worry; I will not use your name.

Thank you so much for making me feel so welcomed to this interim appointment. I hope and pray that we can have a fantastic time together in ministry while I am here with you. I also want to thank all of those who have prayed for my family, sent cards, made sweet and caring phone calls and sent heartfelt emails during the times of Reggie's hospitalization and the death of my 37-year-old niece, Malisa Grayson. It is wonderful to be cared for and loved. I want you to know that I want nothing but the absolute best for Salem as a church family, and I will work as hard as I humanly can to be the interim pastor you truly deserve as growing Christians. I pray we continue to take the time to learn about each other and work alongside each other for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom here on earth. The Kirkland family loves you all so very much! I am so happy to be here with you in relationship, ministry, service and worship.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Gina Kirkland

MAY Birthdays

2 nd Kristy Eisenman	2 nd Governor Eric Holcomb	2 nd Lee Shelburne	3 rd Suzanne Hough
3 rd Kelly Yde Barbato	4 th Rachel Hazewinkel	5 th Brandon Davis	5 th Micah Faulkner
7 th Charlie Noble	8 th Audrey Lamar	10 th Christa Noble	10 th Caitlin Noble
11 th Rev. Jim Miller	11 th Larry Randel	11 th Jane Taylor	12 th Scott Hokanson
15 th Rev. Phil Lewis	18 th Megan Hokanson	20 th Jacy Hill	22 nd Andy Mehlhop
23 ^r Joshua Barrows, Jr.	23 rd Paul Thomas	24 th Ashleigh Overman	25 th Lilyanne DeLucio
	28 th Stephen Hipsky	31 st Freddy Cruz	

**MAY Anniversaries**

28th Jim & Judy Washburn
 31st Charles & Verlene Schooler
(day not definite)

***The following need prayers.***

Addie (7)	Chuck Hamerin	Bob Miller
Aunt Nancy	Mary Hamerin	Rev. Jim Miller
Leonard Alexander	Caroline Hampton	Beverly Moore
Bert Anderson	Jill Hampton	Steve Moore
Nick Behymer	Marlena Hampton	Nancy Morris
Benjamin (7 year old)	Mike Hampton	Arlene Nichols
Dan Boutwell	Mark Hancock	David Nichols
Buford Byers	Joe Hayden	Mildred (Mid) Noble
Sharon Caldwell	Charles Hoagland	Mary Jean Ottinger
Butler's Cousin Carol	Louise Hoagland	Bob Overman
Infant Rayne Colvert	Hipsky's Aunt Kim	Norma Patton
Bob Curry	Infant Tucker	Wayne Patton
Marge Curry	Tanya Irwin	Rodney Peterson
Jerry Joe Davidson	Baby Jackson	Alex Porter
Alta Davis	Cindy Jansen	Aaron Ricketts
Bonnie Davis	David Jones	Charles Schooler
Delaine Davis	Deanna King	Connie Short
Linda Lou Dawson	Roy King	Infant Jensen Siebert
Bonnie Earnhart	Steve King	Carl Stewart
Rosemary Endres	Gina Kirkland	Ann & Bing Stum
Susan Funke	Reginald Kirkland	Linda Stum
Lana Funkhouser	Lucas	Elizabeth Meeks Taylor
Michael Gibson	Maxine Lamar	Jane Taylor
Taylor Green	Pam Lime	Martha Vail
Sharlene Grizzle	Britney Maker	Chuck Vogt
Betty Haley	Jane Martin	Olive Wade
Halle (8 year old)	Ashley Medaris	Nick Whitaker



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 those with unspoken requests. Pray for our protectors and for victims of crimes. And do continue to pray for "Old Man Cline!"



Prayer List *continued*

Prayers for the Graham family with the passing of Louise Graham (*Louise prepared delicious homemade pastel-colored cream cheese mints for years for the Salem UMW Mother's Celebration Dinner.*)

Prayers for the Bender/Shubat/Richmond families with the passing of Robert E. Bender, son of Robert & Dorothy Bender, and relative of Peter H. & Margaret A. Bender who donated one of Salem Church's stained glass windows.

Prayers for the Foster & Hipksy families with the passing of Carrie's grandmother, Barbara Foster



ASK THE PASTOR

Pastor Gina, We've had a couple of meals here at church since you've been here with us, and several of us have noticed that you wait until the end of the line, then eat like a bird. Is there something wrong with our cooking?

No! No! No! There is nothing wrong with the cooking at Salem! You all are awesome cooks!!!! Five years ago on May 2nd I had a life changing bariatric surgery called Roux-en-Y [*Rue in why*] gastric bypass. I worked hard for 16 years to lose weight without any success or maybe lost a few pounds here or there. After my surgery, I went from 4' 10" and 240 pounds to 4' 10" and 132 pounds. Unfortunately, it did nothing to improve my height. My stomach is no longer the size it was. It is a tiny pouch [about 10 ounces] so I'm unable to eat much at each sitting. I have to wait 30-40 minutes after I eat in order to drink anything. My health has changed so much for the better! I no longer exhibit symptoms or take medicines for insulin dependent diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol or asthma, and I no longer use a CPAP machine for sleep apnea. The surgery even increased the length of time needed to do another right hip replacement because of the extra weight I was carrying.



Remembrance for upcoming Memorial Day, an excerpt from one of the most powerful speeches in American history...

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (November 19, 1863):

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

THE TWELVE DISCIPLES

The Bible's four biographies of Jesus (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) record seven comments he made while dying on the cross. One of the most remarkable is reported in John 19:30.

It is a single Greek word: *tetelestai*... "It is finished." But it is not finished with our Risen Lord. Jesus' twelve disciples went out into the world to spread His Word. As told in Acts 2:1-13, the disciples were afraid after Christ left and ascended into heaven. Hence, they gathered inside a room to pray. While they were in the middle of their prayers, they heard a loud blowing sound and tongues of fire were marked on the heads of each disciple. This miraculous event gave strength and courage to Jesus' disciples to spread the Gospel to different places.

They were not the kind of group you might have expected Jesus to send forth on his mission to reach the world. There was nothing special or spectacular about them. The twelve apostles were just ordinary working men. But Jesus formed them into the backbone of the church and gave them the most extraordinary task imaginable: calling the entire world, including the mightiest empire ever known, to repentance and faith in the risen Christ. You can be sure that any educated, first-century Roman citizen would have laughed at any prediction that within three centuries the Christian faith would be the official faith of the empire.

Many wonder how the 12 apostles died. The New Testament tells of the fate of only two of the apostles: Judas, who betrayed Jesus and then went out and hanged himself, and James the son of Zebedee, who was executed by Herod about 44 A.D. (Acts 12:2). Read how each of the apostles spread out to minister and evangelize and how many of the apostles may have died for their faith. Following is what's available from various sources, including the New Testament itself, apocryphal texts, early Christian historians, legends and lore.

Into All the World. Though reports and legends abound, and they are not always reliable; but it is safe to say that the apostles went far and wide as heralds of the message of the risen Christ. An early legend says they cast lots and divided up the world to determine who would go where, so all could hear about Jesus. They suffered greatly for their faith and, in most cases, met violent deaths on account of their bold witness.

PETER and PAUL were both martyred in Rome about 66 AD, during the persecution under Emperor Nero. Paul was beheaded. Peter was crucified, upside down at his request, since he did not feel he was worthy to die in the same manner as his Lord.

ANDREW went to the "land of the man-eaters," in what is now the Soviet Union. Christians there claim him as the first to bring the gospel to their land. He also preached in Asia Minor, modern-day Turkey, and in Greece, where he is said to have been crucified.

"Doubting" **THOMAS** was probably most active in the area east of Syria. Tradition has him preaching as far east as India, where the ancient Marthoma Christians revere him as their founder. They claim that he died there when pierced through with the spears of four soldiers.

PHILIP possibly had a powerful ministry in Carthage in North Africa and then in Asia Minor, where he converted the wife of a Roman proconsul. In retaliation, the proconsul had Philip arrested and cruelly put to death.

MATTHEW, the tax collector and writer of a Gospel, ministered in Persia and Ethiopia. Some of the oldest reports say he was not martyred, while others say he was stabbed to death in Ethiopia.

BARTHOLOMEW had widespread missionary travels attributed to him by tradition: to India with Thomas, back to Armenia, and also to Ethiopia and Southern Arabia. There are various accounts of how he met his death as a martyr for the gospel.

JAMES the Elder/Greater the son of Zebedee and Salome, brother of John the Apostle, is one of at least three James referred to in the New Testament. There is some confusion as to which is which, but this James is reckoned to have ministered in Iberia and Syria. He was first disciple to be martyred, at the hands of Herod Agrippa in 44 AD. **JAMES** the Lesser/Minor was the son of Alphaeus and was crucified at Ostrakine in Lower Egypt while preaching the Gospel and perhaps then sawn in pieces.

SIMON THE ZEALOT, so the story goes, ministered in Persia and was killed after refusing to sacrifice to the sun god.

MATTHIAS was the apostle chosen to replace **Judas Iscariot**. Tradition sends him to Syria with Andrew and to death by burning. *(More information about Judas Iscariot's replacement.) Matthias was selected to replace Judas as recorded in Acts 1:15-26. The other man who was also in consideration was named Joseph or Barsabas, and surnamed Justus. Lots were cast and eventually Matthias was chosen. Acts 1:24-26 records the following, "And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You*

MATTHIAS ... continued:

have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." And he was numbered with the eleven apostles." The Bible is sparse on additional details relating to Matthias, but it does say that Matthias was with Jesus since His baptism until His resurrection. Besides the book of Acts, Matthias isn't mentioned anywhere else in the Bible. According to historical sources Matthias lived until 80 A.D. and spread the gospel on the shores of the Caspian and Cappadocia.)

JOHN is the only one of the company generally thought to have died a natural death from old age. He was the leader of the church in the Ephesus area and is said to have taken care of Mary the mother of Jesus in his home. During Domitian's persecution in the middle 90's, he was exiled to the island of Patmos. There he is credited with writing the last book of the New Testament--the Revelation. An early Latin tradition has him escaping unhurt after being cast into boiling oil at Rome.

After the death of the apostles, we do not find great missionary figures of the stature of Paul. Yet the faith continued to spread like wildfire -- even though Christianity was declared an illegal religion.

Recapping how the 12 disciples died:

1. **Andrew** = Crucified on an X-shaped cross
2. **Bartholomew** or Nathanael = Flayed alive with knives
3. **James the Elder** = First apostle martyred
4. **James the Lesser** = Crucified and sawn in pieces
5. **John** = Died of natural causes on the isle of Patmos
6. **Judas Iscariot** = Hung himself. His replacement **Matthias** died by burning.
7. **Jude** or Thaddeus = Killed with arrows
8. **Matthew** or Levi = Martyred in Ethiopia
9. **Peter** = Crucified upside-down on a cross
10. **Philip** = Died by hanging
11. **Simon the Zealot** = Died a martyr's death
12. **Thomas** = Killed with a spear

**REMINDERS**

2017 Summer Camp – review your options and make your camp reservations soon to be able to attend the camp of your choice.

2017-18 Salem Scholarship – Salem awards a Higher Education Scholarship to those who meet specific requirements. Complete Application Form by August 1, 2017 for Salem Board to review/approve. (Forms are in vestibule, or obtain from Lezlee Dieckman.)

Salem UMC is Recycling

Please place CLEAN recyclable materials in the BLUE bin marked with the recycling symbol. If you are unsure about what is allowed, please check with the paper posted by the BLUE bin. The Trustees will be responsible for removing the items from the church in the recycle bin.

Short Term Plastic Cap Collecting

Mrs. Knox's 3rd graders at Eagle Elementary are collecting plastic caps to be used to make three benches for the school playground. 3,300 pounds are needed! Please do bring in your plastic and place in the box in the Fellowship Hall. A list of acceptable items is by the box... a large variety of plastic items can be collected. For more information, please contact Susan Ottinger 310-614-0635 susan.ottinger@gmail.com. This is a short-term project.

UMW NEWS

Salem UMW assembled and delivered twelve Easter Baskets to Salem friends and shut-ins. We are now planning our Mother's Day Celebration for Friday, May 5th. The pitch-in meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by entertainment in the Sanctuary. 'Gals of all ages' are invited to the meal...and everyone (including men, boys and girls) are invited to enjoy this year's free musical entertainment which begins at approximately 7:30 p.m. For the meal, \$2 tickets will soon be available to purchase from UMW members (Ann H., Donna R., Tina H., and Paula O.)

UMW coordinated the Easter Lilies and in May will coordinate the Mother's Day carnations.

Violet Thomas, UMW President

**'A UMW FUNNY'**

UMW members were requested to do some homework and bring it to our April meeting. A former teacher forgot her homework, and another member had someone else do her homework! Sometimes it is like we are still in middle school! (Shared in jest...we all got a big laugh out of this.)

UMW Members

PALM SUNDAY AT SALEM



This pic was 'snuck' in on you – can you name these kids with Danny Thomas from a past year?

**Prize Egg Winners**

Carter Eaton
Eloise Henry
Brody Davis
Reece Butler



MANY THANKS TO...

- ✝ Those who generously provided April Fellowship Refreshments – **Mary Hamerin, Jon Peterson, the Butler Family, the Ricketts and the Crose's**
- ✝ Salem's Shining Acolytes – **Sydney, Brooke, Ruth, Rebecca & Alina**
- ✝ April Greeters **Marie Urick, Mary Hamerin, Bob Overman & Virginia Crose**
- ✝ **Tina Hand** for planting the flowers at the Directory in honor of her father, Burl Ottinger
- ✝ **Salem Music Department** for presenting beautiful music during Lent and Easter seasons, especially our talented musicians **Charlie Noble, Tina Hand, Warren Killian and Shane Meredith** who really 'tinkled' those ivories.
- ✝ **Paula Overman, Lisa Shipley, & Danean Thatcher** for organizing the Palm Sunday Egg Hunt, and to **ALL** the helpers as well as those who donated candies and cash to fill eggs or provide gifts
- ✝ **ALL** who helped with the Palm Sunday pitch-in, brought food and donated cash for the event
- ✝ **ALL** who coordinated or participated in and the **Attendees** of the Maundy Thursday evening service as well as the Easter Sunrise and Easter Services
- ✝ **Bob Overman** and his **Team** who prepared the Sunrise Breakfast on Sunday and **THOSE** who donated food or cash
- ✝ **Pastor Gina** for her interesting and informative presentation/discussion on grieving
- ✝ **Marie Urick** for cleaning the inside of the Salem Chapel, and **Larry Randel** for cleaning the outside walls to rid them of the green mildew
- ✝ **ALL** who helped with the Spring Clean inside and out: **Bill Butler, Andy Mehlhop, Larry Randel, Jill & Mike Hampton, Marie Urick, Bob Overman, Tim Ottinger, Ben Pauley & Virginia Crose.**
- ✝ **Roy King** and **Chalmer Crose** for underwriting the cost of installing the light which illuminates the beautiful stained glass window of Jesus at Gethsemane during the evening hours and into the night. Take a drive after dark to see it!
- ✝ **Marshall & Mark Starkey, Andy Mehlhop & Larry Randel** for overseeing the installation of Salem's new air conditioners, furnaces, and the beautiful new LED ceiling lights in the sanctuary. Also, **Dave Russell** (Earl Russell Heating and Cooling) for providing air and heating services at a considerable discount to Salem Church
- ✝ **Martha Randel** for serving as the choir secretary for many years, providing a variety of tasks ... Good job!
- ✝ **THOSE** who provided and served a second Sheltering Wings meal on Sunday, April 23rd
- ✝ **UMW coordinators Judy & Jim Washburn** and **Paula Overman** for coordinating the Easter lilies which made our sanctuary absolutely stunning on Easter morning and **THOSE** who purchased the lilies.
- ✝ The **PERSON** who placed the fragrant concentrate in the Women's Restroom...smells so good! Where did you purchase it...several of us would like to get some for our homes?



Home of the Free, because of the Brave.



FELLOWSHIP		NURSERY	GREETER		ACOLYTES
Kruger Family	May 7	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	5/7	Volunteers Needed
Volunteer Needed	May 14	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	5/14	Volunteers Needed
Volunteer Needed	May 21	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	5/21	Volunteers Needed
Volunteer Needed	May 28	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	5/28	Volunteers Needed

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Salem Sunrise Service – Thank You to ALL who helped with this service!

