



Salem Scribbles

April 2018

Salem United Methodist Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS



April 1st – Sunrise Service 7:30 am
followed by Sunrise Breakfast
April 1st – Easter Service 9:15 am
April 1st – Confirmands Received
April 2, 9 & 16 – Revelation Bible Study 6 pm
April 3rd – Missions Mtg 6:30 pm
April 8th – “Emergency Preparedness”
presentation by Chris Isaacs-after service
April 10th – Trustee Mtg 6:30 pm
April 12th – UMW Mtg 12 Noon
April 28th – Blood Draw-Whitestown Complex
April 29th – Special Musical Guests at Salem



May 1st – Missions Meeting 6:30 pm
May 3rd – National Day of Prayer
May 8th – Trustee Mtg 6:30 pm
May 10th – UMW Meeting at 10 am
May 11th – Mother Celebration 6:30 pm
May 20th – Special Musical Guests at Salem
May 21st – Admin Board Meeting 7 pm
May 27th – Memorial Day at Salem
May 28th – National Memorial Day



PASTOR'S PEN

To My Awesome Church Family,

Christ the Lord is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!!!!

Salem, we are officially in the season of Eastertide!!! Eastertide is the period of 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is an exciting time of ministry as we have spent the prior 40 days of Lenten season connecting and reconnecting to the Lord, while remembering what He has done for us in order that we may live eternally with Him. During the period of Eastertide, the time has come for us to put our Lenten meditations and reflections into action. By the way, a great thank you to all who participated in any way during our Saturday Lenten breakfasts. I hope and pray we will be able to continue the breakfasts next year!!!

I am so excited that our community of believers is growing! In February we received seven adult members (three professions of faith, two reaffirmations of faith and two Methodist transfers) and Easter Sunday we received five confirmands and one more adult member. WoW! The Holy Spirit is seriously moving at Salem!! Are we experiencing a revival of the Spirit of Salem? I sincerely hope so! Starting Monday, April 23rd, I would like to begin a six-week study called **Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It** written by Adam Hamilton. The meeting time and days for this study are scheduled from 6 – 7:30 pm for April 23rd and 30th then May 7th, 14th, June 4th and ending June 11th. Below is a link to get a little idea of how we will study and prepare and live for a modern-day revival of the Spirit of God right here in the Zionsville/Whitestown area. There will be a clipboard passed so we will know how many books to order as Salem becomes equipped for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will soon take place. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSkOSg2k0U>

I am so excited to experience growth in ministry and faith over this next year together. Thank you all for your prayers for my family and for Rev. Miller & Linda. It is wonderful to have prayer warriors behind you and interceding for you. Things are still a little crazy as far as caring for Reggie is concerned. The Kirkland family appreciates the prayers, cards, blanket, phone calls, prepared meals, and sincere offers for assistance. You all are seriously awesome! I hope and pray that you know how ‘exceptionally fond’ of each of you I am. Thank you all very much for everything you do to make me feel accepted, respected, supported and loved as your pastor. I sincerely love all of you!!!!

In the love of Christ,

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

7th Becky Cervenka 7th Rev. Jim Ewing (82) 8th Cole Beanblossom
 10th Joyce Starkey 13th Kyle Bright 13th Brian Kidder
 16th Sarah Hasewinkel 18th Clara Curry 20th Karrie Hamerin
 20th Warren Killian 20th Martha Randel 23rd Dylan Hamerin
 24th Avalyn Jean DeLucio (Diane Ward's relative) 27th Sharyn Taylor

(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 SiSRandel@gmail.com)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

1st Paul & Kristy Eisenman
 1st Scott & Ann Hokanson
 6th Roy & Deanna King
 6th Lloyd & Nelda Rohrbach
 14th Andy & Donna Ricketts
 19th Jeremy & Kelli Starkey
 24th Aaron & Rhonda Shipley
 30th Shon & Suzanne Hough



	PRAYER LIST	
Adam	Mary Hamerin	Charlie Noble
Mike Alexander	O Hamilton	Mildred (Mid) Noble
Annabelle Aldous	Mark Hancock	Debbie & David Overman
Alex Anzeveno	Tina Hand	Samantha Overman
Aunt Carolyn	Rush & Ruth Harmon	Norma Patton
Aunt Nancy	Kerri Hipsky	Rev. Wayne Patton
Skip Barker	Charles Hoagland	Jason Picking
Ken Beatty	Louise Hoagland	Preston
Carolyn, daughter Anna	Brad & Sharon Holmes	Ellen Rusk
Bob & Marge Curry	David Jackson	Kaitlyn Slack & Weston
Theresa Hoagland	David Jones	Charles Stant
Andy's friend Danny	Deanna King	Carl Stewart
Alta Davis	Gina Kirkland	Esther Stonecipher
Bonnie Davis	Reginald Kirkland	Ann & Bing Stum
Linda Lou Dawson	Maxine Lamar	Mike Sulfridge
Alex Weis	Britney Maker	Jane Taylor
Lisa Flynn	Jane Martin	Danny Thomas
Heather Gallagher	Ashley Medaris	Anita & Brian Turpin
Jennifer Gillespie	Rev. Jim & Linda Miller	Lindsey Turpin
Terrenzo Grinstone, Sr.	Nancy Miller	Cody Wilson
Bill & Sharon Walker	Alex Porter	Karen (Stultz) Wyatt

Pray for our Salem 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 Coptic Christians and for victims of recent church fires and wildfires. Prayers for those impacted by the Parkland, FL MSD school shooting. Pray for those with unspoken requests. Pray for our local first responders, EMS, medical teams, fire fighters 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 our country and the world. And do continue to pray for "Old Man Cline!" {All Mankind}

Apologies for misspelling of any names... to update information for prayer list please contact Martha at SiSRandel@gmail.com ... Co-Editor.

Prayers for the Sydney Foster, Jeremy Lamar and Deputy Jacob Pickett families.

All tragically lost their lives recently. Boone County and the Nation continue to offer prayers and support.

Prayers for the family of Nancy Hough on her passing.

Prayers for the family of Olive Wade on her passing.

Prayers for the family of Helen Turley on her passing.

Prayers for the family of Chuck Hamerin on his passing.

Prayers for wife Jean and the family of Richard 'Dick' Clymer on his passing.



"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

~~John 15:13 (KJV)

ASK THE PASTOR

Dear Pastor Gina,

Last year when you were first here with us as an interim pastor, Resurrection Sunday or Easter was on April 16th. This year it is on April 1st – April Fool's Day – and next year it will be on April 21st. Why does the date of Easter keep hopping around? (Pun intended.)

Sincerely,
A Confused Easter Bunny



Dear Confused Easter Bunny,

Thank you for your awesome question and for recognizing Easter as Resurrection Sunday. For the Reader's Digest version of the answer...in 325 A.D. the Council of Nicaea set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal (Passover) full moon which is the full moon that falls on or after the Spring equinox. In practice, that means Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after March 21st. The beginning of Passover can occur on any day of the week, but there is a twist if the full moon falls on a Sunday. When Passover begins on a Sunday, Easter is then delayed by a week to ensure that it still occurs after Passover.

Much love, Pastor Gina (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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BOOK OF REVELATION BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES – 6 – 7:30 pm

April 2

April 9

April 16

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION for Salem UMC

by Chris Isaacs on **April 8th** in Fellowship Hall after worship service.

All are welcome to attend this session. Do you know where to go for shelter here at Salem UMC in case of a tornado? An earthquake?



NEW AT SALEM UMC – “HONEY-DO” LIST

If you see something that needs to be fixed, updated or need to share something, please include the date, your name (so we know whom to go to for clarification), and the “To Do.” 😊

Like a light bulb that is out or a broken lock on a bathroom door...or even a broken water heater, microwave, leaky faucet...that type of thing. Those who are monitoring the list will know if it requires a Trustee or Board vote to take care of request. It is a written communication to the caretakers of the building. We are a large family and sharing fix-it items by using a “Honey-Do List” is a simple way to communicate a need.



A HONEY-DO-LIST

This list will be located on the refrigerator with a magnet and a pen/pencil.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

The 2018 Annual Conference will be held at the Indiana Convention Center from June 7th to June 9th. If you are interested in attending, please see Pastor Gina or Lay Leader to Conference, Tim Ottinger. This year's theme is 'See All The People'. (Matthew 9:35-38)

Conference Registration Open on April 1, 2018
Housing Registration Open now until May 23, 2018

**SHARON WALKER**

As part of its 100th Anniversary Celebration, United Way of Central Indiana asked the Boone community to nominate those who have raised - a hand to help others to make a positive impact. **Sharon Walker** was selected as one of the 100 Heroes in Central Indiana. Congratulations!

ANNA (THOMAS) WEBB

and Shari Fulner take home top prize!

Brownsburg Comm. School Corp. veteran bus drivers, Anna (24) and Shari (18) – and two-time state champions – took home the top prize from the recent TSD Conference Rodeo Competition held in Frisco, Texas. With a combined 42 years of experience, they earned a total score of 908 points, 50 more than the next closest team. This is a driver's national school bus rodeo obstacle course for those who transport handicapped students.

During the Rodeo Awards Banquet Anna announced they are hanging up their competition keys, allowing other teams to compete for a win. We are pulling a 'Peyton Manning' and are going out on top!



Congratulations to both Anna and Shari.

Anna Chris Shari
Webb Yarber Fulner

**SALEM EGG HUNT – To Be Rescheduled**

It snowed on our hunt! But fear not, the eggs and prizes will not spoil. The hunt will go on - date will be announced soon. For questions please see Paula Overman (317) 445-9597.

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer gets busy. Plan to schedule your camp selection and date soon, which may also mean a cost discount. This year there are also Day Camps for those younger ones who do not want to stay overnight. For questions please see Marie Urick 317-769-6331.

**EASTER SUNDAY AT SALEM**

Aren't the Easter lilies always so beautiful, especially when they adorn the Salem Altar area! Thanks to everyone who purchased a lily and to Judy Washburn & Donna Ricketts, coordinators.

UMW NEWS

Well, they say that 'spring has sprung' but not sure we are feeling it. So maybe this will make you feel that spring is on the horizon. We have started our plans and entertainment for our Mother's Day Celebration. Please save the date- May 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm. \$2 tickets will be available soon from a few UMW members. Do bring your family members and friends to the dinner.

Our musical entertainment guests that evening will be great! Everyone at Salem (ladies, men and youth) are welcome to attend at approximately 7:30 in the Sanctuary – the entertainment is free!

UMW is working on a schedule so that we can meet at a time when more ladies can be involved (such as evening meetings.) If you have not signed the list that you may be interested, then please contact me at 317-442-2913.

Our next meeting is April 12, 2018 at noon in the Fellowship Meeting Room. A light lunch will be provided. All ladies are welcome to attend. Thank you.

Violet Thomas, UMW President

“...and Peter...”

Possibly the two most poignant words in the Bible.

Early on Sunday morning, a group of women have come to put spices on Jesus' body. It is a Jewish tradition. It's a lovely thing to do. Jesus was buried so quickly the previous Friday that they had missed the opportunity to provide this final kindness. Their chief concern is a practical one: How are we going to get inside the tomb? A heavy stone stands between them and Jesus.

As the tomb comes into view, they immediately begin to come to terms with three things that in a million lifetimes they never expected to see:

- The stone has been pushed aside.
- Jesus body has vanished.
- An angel is sitting there in plain sight.

The angels says what almost every angel says in biblical encounters: “Don't be alarmed.” Don't freak out. Just breathe. “You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified.” The angel goes on... “He has risen!”

While the women attempt to process this cosmos-shifting bit of information, the angel adds an important job assignment: “Go, tell His disciples and Peter, “He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.” (Mark 16:9) “Go, tell His disciples” – that would be the eleven remaining apprentices of Jesus, since Judas is now out of the picture – **“and Peter...”**

And those words are almost enough to make us cry. Peter was obviously one of the disciples. So why the special invitation? No one in the world that morning needed a word of reassurance more than Peter. No one stood in greater need of a personal invitation to meet the risen Christ than the guy who had crashed and burned in the most dramatic way possible. Peter had promised so much: “Lord, even if everyone else turns tail and runs, you can count on me.” Then, in short order, he had said aloud three times that he didn't even know who Jesus was. The very man whom Jesus had said would be the Rock on which He would build His church had crumbled like a sand castle on a beach when hit by a wave.

The words **“and Peter”** appear only in the Gospel of Mark. According to a well-founded tradition, Mark had been the amanuensis or personal secretary of Peter during his later years of ministry. His Gospel is quite likely a “Peter's eye view” of Jesus' life and death. It's possible that Peter alone remembered that small detail of the angel's message to the women at the empty tomb. For him, those two words had changed everything.

And Peter. You're still one of the disciples. You are still invited. God isn't finished with you yet. And God isn't finished with us yet, either. Even if we cannot imagine recovering from the messes we have made of our lives, we're still on God's invitation list.

God is, after all, in the business of raising the dead.



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SALEM in PICTURES

*Cheering for the Pacers.
Filling those eggs!*

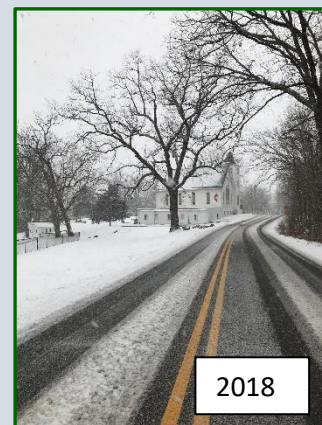


Praise!

- ✚ Praises and thanks to Pastor Gina for all she has done for Salem, et al, in February and March, especially for the loss of loved ones, leading inspiring and comforting memorial/funeral services.
- ✚ Praises for the Hamerin grandchildren for giving loving memorials to their grandfather, Chuck.
- ✚ Praises that Theresa Hoagland's surgery for pain relief went well.
- ✚ Praises for Ashley Johnson's recent visit home. (Pastor Gina's daughter.)
- ✚ Praises for Lois Brooks that God led her to Salem Church. Also, for her recent doctor's appointment which showed her health improved enough that she no longer needs to take insulin! Continue to pray for Lois as she will have surgery April 11th.
- ✚ Praises for Ken Beatty for his liver transplant surgery which went well. He was able to go home eight days after the surgery. Keep praying for Ken as the recovery is lengthy. Keep the liver donor in your prayers, too.

MANY THANKS TO...

- ✝ March generous fellowship providers...**Marshall & Starr Starkey, Kathy Houx, the Cruz family, the Randel family, the Hipsky family** and the **men of Salem lead by Bob Overman for the Sunrise Breakfast on April 1st.**
- ✝ March greeters... **Marie Urick & Pat & Bill Arnold**
- ✝ March shining acolytes...**Kaitlyn, Rebecca, Khamiya, Sydney, Brandon, and Ruth**
- ✝ **Ann Hamilton** and the **Washburn's** who shop to keep our kitchen and dining needs fully stocked for Salem's many events in Fellowship Hall.
- ✝ **ALL Bible Study Attendees** who have donated food and drinks for each Monday evening session.
- ✝ **Charlie Noble** for organizing the March Pacer Basketball Outing which included Salem sponsoring many Indiana United Methodist Children's Home (Lebanon) attendees, too. Good job, Charlie.
- ✝ **Salem Choir** under the direction of **Tina Hand** for beautiful music during the Lenten and Easter seasons.
- ✝ **Those** who will help with a rescheduled Salem Spring Clean-up WITHOUT SNOW! (Here is a picture of the 2017 clean-up with blue skies and no snow...this years will be rescheduled due to snowfall.) Also below is a picture from Salem – why there was no egg hunt nor spring clean this past weekend!
- ✝ **Warren Killian** for the beautiful guitar prelude, "Morning Has Broken."
- ✝ **UMW**, coordinated by **Violet Thomas**, for furnishing funeral luncheons and **ALL** who donated food or finances for the meals, and set up and cleaned up.
- ✝ **Bob Overman** with the support of **Pastor Gina** for the wonderful Lenten Breakfasts. Meal Coordinators **Paula Overman & Marie Urick**...and thanks to the team of volunteers, **Larry Randel, Margeret Yde, Starr Starkey** and **Kathy Houx**. Thanks to **Attendees** at breakfasts. And the Lenten service presenters – **Pastor Gina (as Clara & Jesus) Bill Butler, Natalie Kruger, Bob Overman, and Virginia Crose**. It was a blessing to all who participated in any way.
- ✝ **DJ Bob Overman** for providing music for the Lenten breakfasts and services as well as for our March 11th Worship Service.
- ✝ **Pastor Gina, Salem Choir** and **Bill Butler, Virginia Crose, Natalie Kruger, Bob Overman, Larry Randel** and **Judy Washburn** for the meaningful Maundy Thursday Service.



APRIL

FELLOWSHIP

Sunrise Breakfast
 Starr & Marshall Starkey
 Sharlene Grizzle & Violet Thomas
 Sydney & Brandon
 Sharon & Bill Walker

GREETERS

Volunteer Needed
 Volunteer Needed
 Volunteer Needed
 Volunteer Needed
 Volunteer Needed

April 1st
 April 8th
 April 15th
 April 22nd
 April 29th

NURSERY

Volunteer Needed
 Volunteer Needed
 Volunteer Needed
 Volunteer Needed
 Volunteer Needed

ACOLYTES

Volunteers Needed
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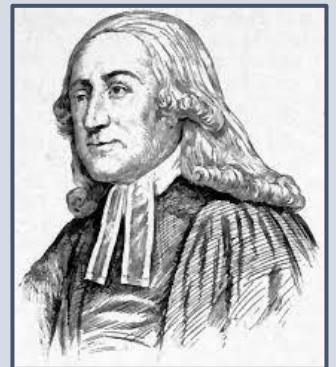
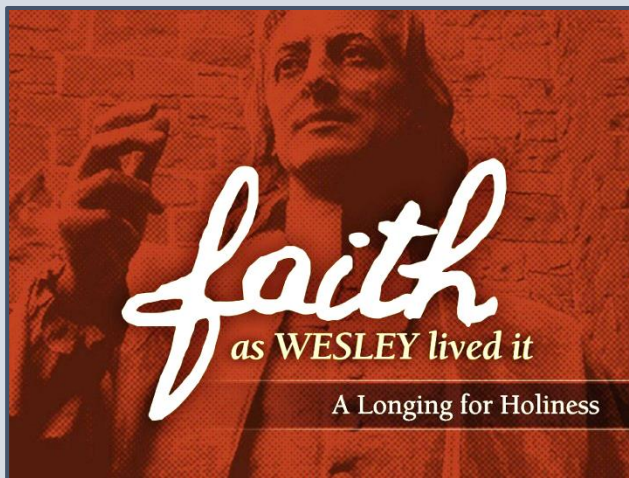
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April 2018



Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

~~ John Wesley (1703-1791)