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SALEM SPOTLIGHT



Salem Chapel United Methodist Church

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Our Mission: Salem Chapel is a community of believers committed to knowing Jesus Christ and making Him known to our neighbors and the nations.

Office Hours: 12 to 5 p. m. Monday thru Thursday

Sunday Schedule:

8:45 a.m. *Traditional Worship*
(Childcare Provided)
 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Hour
 10:15 a.m. Church School
 6 p.m. *Sunday Night Alive*
Contemporary Worship

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Elementary/Jr. High Campers..

If your child plans to attend a UM Camp this summer, please tell the office ASAP so we can address scholarship needs.

**SUNDAY
 NIGHT ALIVE**
**Contemporary
 Worship 6 p.m.**
every Sunday

Join us!

**"My Northern Sea"
 Worship Band**

Bob Notes:

Do you "walk the talk"? Do you "practice what you preach"? Do you tell your children or grandchildren to "do as you say, not as you do"? I shouldn't make assumptions, but I would be willing to bet (even though United Methodists are not supposed to gamble) that all of us have had difficulty applying these clichés or principles to our daily lives.

I believe most people have a sense of what is right and wrong and therefore we teach this to our kids and we tell others that this is what we believe. But I do not think I have ever met anyone who has consistently applied these moral or spiritual principles to our lives.

And maybe this is why our denomination added the term "witness" to the membership vows back in 2008. Therefore, when we join the church, besides making professions of the Christian faith, and promising to be loyal members of the church through our prayers, our attendance, our gifts of talent and finances, and our service, we promise to be faithful with our witness.

Our witness is indeed putting our beliefs into practice and walking the talk. Our witness is making sure that we follow up what we teach our youngsters by practicing it in our own lives. Our witness is not participating in activities that would call our faith into question. And, bringing back to mind our Lenten series of sermons one more time: our witness is to answer God's call to discipleship, love, forgiveness, justice, service, dying to self, and celebration.

All of these matters are a life-long process. We never wake up one morning thinking we've ever truly "arrived". But we can wake up assured and at peace because we know we are trying and not wavering in the process.

So, as we finally move back into what we hope are warm weather months, let's commit ourselves as individual followers of Jesus Christ and as a congregation to living out our witness.

God Bless All,
 Pastor Bob



Jane Bates—former SCUMC member/friend to many—oral cancer

Ellen Christensen—healing from foot surgery

Colleague of Bob Schuster battling breast cancer

Teresa Williams—battling breast cancer (Vada Pulver’s) friend

Jeff Sampson—recovery from surgery (Tim Starkey’s friend)

Brian & Charlotte Shireman and prematurely born son

Tom Barnhart—comfort and healing

Lucas Moore, age 12, is at home recovering from radiation on a brain tumor

Betty Bagwell—hospice care (Bob McVay’s sister)

Stanley Plump—recovering from open heart surgery (Gene & Maureen Flickinger’s son-in-law)

Tommy Reeder, Jr—child critically ill (Howards’ friend)

New Members Welcomed

On Palm Sunday we welcomed five new members to the Salem Chapel congregation.

Jen and Todd Conrad are newly-weds who come on Confession of Faith. Jen is our former childcare worker for morning worship and is presently employed by La Porte Hospital, Long Beach Country Club, and La Porte Schools as a substitute teacher. Todd works for Conrad Corporation, his family agricultural business.

Aaron Raschka, nephew of Pastor and Ruth, comes to us on Confession of Faith. Aaron is employed by Goodwill Industries.

Christian Shireman is resettling from Texas. He comes on Confession of Faith, also.

Adam Raschka, son of Pastor and Ruth, comes by transfer from Hammond 1st UMC. He is employed by K-Mart and leads the worship band, *My Northern Sea*, that plays for our Sunday Night Alive service.

We welcome each and every one of you and look forward to getting to know you better in the days ahead!

Ardith Shaffer—tests; peace of mind/comfort

Murl Pozil—healing from joint replacement

Mike McMahan’s friend—comfort, strength, healing

Warren Moran—(Beth Tuholski’s father) kidneys

James Mick—comfort/strength

Evelyn & Jim Moffitt—comfort/healing

Harry Rheinholtz—at home in hospice care

Nursing Home Residents:

Susan Hayes Golden Living Fountainview

La Verne Drake Golden Living Fountainview

Our sympathy and prayers go to the family of **Iris Zink** on her recent death.

Servants for May

Greeter: Shirley Johnson

Ushers: Betty Habdas & Morris Hope

Communion Stewards: Judy Beuhrer, Shirley Johnson, Susan Eggleston

Scripture Reader: Johnna Krause

Acolytes:

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Jeff Starkey | 1 Ron & Loretta Pressel |
| 3 Monica Plank | 5 Shannon & Allene Trusty |
| 5 Tim Starkey | 6 Cindy & Jim Antrim |
| 7 Hunter Halama | 18 Russell & Reva Howard |
| 10 Evelyn Mick | 25 Dennis & Ellen |
| 11 Tommy Thomasino | Christensen |
| 12 Bob Schuster | 31 Gordon & Sue Snyder |
| 15 Cindy Barnes | |
| 17 Jena Morgan | |
| 17 Laura Mathews | |
| 19 Corey Froehlke | |
| 20 Adriana Barnes | |
| 23 Beth Tuholski | |
| 24 Shannon Trusty | |
| 26 Margo Schrader | |
| 28 Connor Stalbaum | |





- May 1 "Honestly!" Ezekiel 45:10-11; Matthew 21:12-13
- May 8 "Worthy To Be Called Mom" 1 Kings 3:16-17; Matthew 15:21-28
- May 15 Special Guests Rev. Mike and Maria Long
- May 22 "What's In the Cornerstone?" 1 Peter 2:2-10
- May 29 "The Unknown God" Acts 17:22-31

Confirmation Sunday

May 15 is Confirmation Sunday. **Sam Keehn** will be confirmed and received into the membership of Salem Chapel at the 8:45 a.m. service that day.

Serenity Memorial Garden

May 29, the last Sunday in this month, will be the day we **dedicate new pavers** that will be installed in the Serenity Garden. We invite family and friends of those being honored to join us at the 8:45 worship service that day.

Dear God,

My father said I should learn The Ten Commandments. I don't think I want to because we already have enough rules in our house.

Email from Joshua

SALVATION ARMY COLLECTION
for MAY
Pasta & Sauces

Special Missionary Guests

May 15

Pastor Bob and Ruth are glad to welcome their dear friends from seminary to lead us in worship on May 15.

Rev. Mike and Maria Long are serving for the Free Methodist Church in America as missionaries in Greece. Mike attended Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky at the same time that Pastor Bob was there. In fact, Maria was the first one to babysit for Pastor Bob and Ruth's son, Adam.

Pastor Mike is originally from Winona Lake, Indiana near Warsaw. He met Maria while in Greece on a mission trip. Mike and Maria have three daughters—the oldest of whom graduates from Spring Arbor (Michigan) University on May 14.

The Longs will present a program about their ministry among the Greek people in Thessaloniki, Greece. God has used them mightily in their ministry in Greece. We are privileged to have Rev. Mike and Maria Long ministering with us at Salem Chapel and also at Maple Grove on May 15.



Fellowship Hour Host Schedule

- 1st Sunday** Young Adult Sunday School Class
- 2nd Sunday** Friends Sunday School Class
- 3rd Sunday** Shepherds
- 4th Sunday** Wesley Sunday School Class
- 5th Sunday** United Methodist Women

Everyone invited!!!

Mother Child Celebration

May 7 12-2 p.m.

A Family Affair!!!

Carry-in meal-main dish provided

“Juggler Yoder” entertaining!

Reservations: Adults \$2 / Ages 6-17 /\$1 under 6 free

Tickets in Church Office

Vacation Bible School 2011

For the Whole Family!

“**Love Thy Neighbor**” is the theme for Vacation Bible School to be held **August 8-12 at La Porte First UM Church**. There will be something for people of **ALL AGES** this year! Crafts, study classes, celebrations, and a new emphasis on missions (Habitat for Humanity—Food Pantries—Heifer Project—Food Kitchen).

Salem Chapel will be joining La Porte First UM Church, the Community AME Church, and St. Paul’s Episcopal church in this new format. More information will be coming soon, but **PUT THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR** and make VBS a Family Affair this year!

Other community Vacation Bible Schools are: Church of God—June 6-9; Presbyterian—June 19-23; Bethany Lutheran—July 11-15.



Weeknight Bible Study

“The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah.”

This is a continuation of our study from earlier this year about the life of Christ. .

Thursday, May 5	“Piercing the Darkness”
Monday, May 16	“Gates of Hell”
Monday, May 23	“City of the Great King— The Temple”
Thursday, May 26	“City of the Great King— Jerusalem”
Thursday, June 2	“The Lamb of God”
Monday, June 6	“The Weight of the World”

SCUMY Says “Thanks so much!”

Salem Chapel United Methodist Youth (SCUMY) have been busy lately. Last month they held a very successful **Spaghetti Dinner** to help raise funds for those teens going to summer camp. The turnout wasn’t as great as they anticipated, but the funds were greater than they could have imagined. A great way to support our youth. Five teens will be attending Institute this year.

And the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday was led by the youth. A dynamic and thought-provoking presentation of the greatest news of all...Jesus Is Alive! We thank the teens and their sponsors, Mike Lanham and Crissy Starkey for all their contributions and leadership!



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1		2	Confirmation 4:30 pm	3	Evangelism 6 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m.	4		5	Bible Study 6:30 p.m. National Day of Prayer	6		7	MOTHER/CHILD GATHERING 10-12 a.m. F-Hall
8		9	Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	10	Staff-Parish 6 p.m. UM Men 7 p.m.	11	Sensational Seniors Luncheon - noon	12		13	Men's Emmaus Walk 13-15	14	UMW serve Ex. Home- makers Lunch (Dee Hughes, chr)
15		16	Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	17	Ad Council 7 p.m.	18	4-H Mtg. (Margo S.) Fellowship Hall	19		20	Women's Emmaus Walk 20-22	21	Wesley Class (at Bev Warren's)
22	June Newsletter Items Due Today	23		24		25		26	Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	27		28	
29		30	Memorial Day 	31						Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School	4-6 p.m. SCUMY 6 p.m. Sunday Night Alive! 7 p.m. Bible Study		

Mission Happenings

We rejoice that Salem Chapel has been given the opportunity to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by reaching out to others in need. Salem Chapel has been able to do this through the Missions Committee and through your committed support in the following ways :

1. **The Quarter Bank**—over the past 15 months we have raised funds to make it possible for Heifer International to provide a heifer, a llama, a sheep, a goat and a pig, along with training to families in need. These animals help provide ongoing and sustainable income, food, fertilizer for the recipients. They also experience the joy of giving, as the first offspring of their animals are passed on to others in need.
2. Two local families were granted **assistance with rent/utilities**.
3. One local and church-related family was given **assistance to help meet medical-related expenses**.
4. We have covenanted support for a **missionary (Steve Neuman) to Brazil**. This covenant commits \$5.00 per church member per year for his mission work.

Cluster Collecting Items Annual Conference

The six churches of the New La Porte Prairie Cluster (Salem Chapel, Maple Grove, La Porte First, Lamb's Chapel, Rolling Prairie, and New Carlisle) are coming together to collect items to take to the Operation Classroom truck at Annual Conference. These items will be turned in at the Annual Conference session in June and then distributed to those in need in Sierra Leone. Each church is assigned to bring a specific item...Salem Chapel has agreed to bring wash clothes. The deadline for bring in these items is Sunday, May 22. Vada Pulver, Annual Conference Delegate, will take them with her to Muncie in June.

5. The **Grocery Cart** collecting items for the Salvation Army has seen a significant increase in the past 1 1/2 months. This is of great assistance to those in our community who live on the edges of poverty and/or have difficult due to the depressed economy.
6. Under the leadership of Jen Conrad, funds were raised for the **Royal Kids' Camp** through a unique auction. This auction was supported by many Salem Chapel people.
7. **Camperships** are available to children and youth who will be attending one of our United Methodist Church Camps this summer.

Registrations need to be sent in soon and the church office needs to be notified of those attending camp so that arrangements can be made for the camperships. (A special note of appreciation to the youth and those who supported them in raising funds for camp with the Spaghetti Dinner.)



Lord, fill my mouth with
worthwhile stuff

And stop me when I've
said enough!

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The Birth of Mother's Day

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. The custom continues to this day.

A Blessed and Happy Mother's Day

to all mothers

and to those who have mothered!

