

August 2009

SALEM SPOTLIGHT



Three Simple Rules

Do no harm.

Do good.

Stay in love with God.

Salem Chapel United Methodist Church

Volume 2 Number 8

Rev. Bob Raschka

Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m.

Ron Pressel, Lay Leader

Fellowship Hour 9:45-10:15 a.m.

Website: salemchapelumc.org

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

August Birthdays

- 1 Fred Buehrer
- 5 Angela Brown
- 6 Rosemary Miller
- 8 Carole Young
- 10 Tyler Froehlke
- 12 Shirley Johnson
- Jim New
- 13 Annette Brandfass
- 15 Mike Hartsock
- 16 Christie Schrader
- 18 Rick Timmons
- 22 Sharon Reuer
- 25 Gene Eggleston
- 28 Dennis Christensen
- 30 Maureen Flickinger
- 31 Ed Barnes



Bob Notes...

This first month of ministry at Salem Chapel has been a blessing to us as we have begun to learn people's names and struck up some new friendships. One discovers that the "people of God" exist everywhere in every place. We have so deeply appreciated the warmth and kindness expressed in so many different ways. A special thanks is extended for the wonderful welcome dinner on the evening of July 12. This was a great opportunity to get to know several of the people in the congregation as you went around and introduced yourselves. It took some time, but I think it was very meaningful. It was helpful to not only my family, but also to everyone as you discovered information you might not have known about your fellow church attendees. We are especially grateful for the items that were brought in for our pantry. Let's just say the parsonage is all stocked up with food which should last for some time. Thanks!

August is often a month of transitions for people as vacations are taken, school starts back up, (I see it is Aug. 19 in La Porte). And many young adults head off for college.

During this month of transition that is part of a year of transition for many of us, let us remember that even though things change all around us, even though "the grass withers and the flowers fall, the word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8

Looking forward to awesome ministry for God in this place,

Pastor Bob



August

Anniversaries

- 3 Beth & Jim Tuholski
- 7 Vern & Donna Berg
- Walt & Jeni Pearson
- 29 Mike & Carol Cook



August Worship at Salem Chapel

August 2 "Did You Hear the Latest?" Ephesians 4:14-16

Celebration of Holy Communion

August 9 "The Redeemer" Psalm 130

August 16 Rev. Gene Flickinger preaching

August 23 "Is God In the House?" I Kings 8:20-30

August 30 "The Folly of Distant Hearts" Mark 7:1-8

NEW HOURS: Worship 8:45 a.m.

Fellowship 9:45-10:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Continuing in our prayers....

- David Bates-continuing comfort and healing
- Barb-healing & comfort (Sharon Reuer)
- Juanita Bentley- -healing (Crissy Starkey's sister)
- La Verne Drake-Fountainview Nursing Home
- Annie Dudley--cancer (Moffitts' neighbor)
- Peg Eggleston-comfort & strength
- Susan Hayes-healing & comfort
- Jim Hofferkamp-cancer (Pat Strycker)
- Sonny Johnson-healing & strength
- Paul K-healing/ heart (Judi/Randy Matanic)
- Erin Killingsworth-brain tumor (Rose Snow)
- Bill McVay-cancer
- Don Murray-strength & healing
- Lucas Moore-tumors (St. Jude's Hospital)
- Ilean Pointon-cancer (Evelyn Mick)
- Dean Ribordy-healing/heart (Jane Clayton)
- Ardith Shaffer-comfort
- Bill Stigler-healing
- Ed Strycker-cancer
- Connie Wallace-healing & comfort
- Shirley Woodrick-healing (Pat Strycker)
- Carol Young & her mother—comfort & healing

Our sympathy to Sonny & Shirley Johnson on the death of Sonny's mother in July.

Our sympathy to Ardith Shaffer and her family on the tragic death of her great-grandson recently.

Special prayers for Mike Wallace, serving in Afghanistan. He was recently wounded, but is healing nicely.

Serving our country: Jason Cook-grandson of Vanda Cook; Eric Metcalf-grandson of Jackie Metcalf; Nathan Miller-grandson of Jim & Jean New; Charles Ruttledge-in Afghanistan; Michael L. Wallace--son of Connie Wallace-Afghanistan; Andy Watson-serving in Army.

Please update or add to this list by calling the office. Thanks so much.

Dear Friends,

It is vital that I have accurate information on prayer requests. And it is important that we know when to remove a person's name from the list....or have an update on their status. If you are able to give an update or want a name removed, please let me know.

Prayer requests from the previous week appear in the bulletin, so you need to complete a blue prayer request card in order for the item to appear in the bulletin the next week. I appreciate your input and will do my best to keep information updated and accurate.

Thank you so much!

Susan



New Bible Study Day

Pastor Bob will begin a Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. The first meeting, July 30, will be a time to get acquainted and to decide on the direction the group wants to take in their study. Everyone is welcome to join in...whenever and as often as you are able.

Sunday evening Bible Study with Walt



South Shore Orchestra

As some of you may have heard, Pastor Bob plays the violin. He is currently a member of the South Shore Orchestra out of Valparaiso. You are all invited to their next concert, a pops concert on the lawn of the Ivy Tech auditorium, located on the street across from JCPenney on Indiana 2 just BEFORE you get to Indiana 49 from the east. The concert is on **Saturday, August 15 at 7 p.m.** This is a free concert. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy some wonderful music!

Correspondence....

Salem Chapel UMC,

Thank you so much for thinking of me.

I love the Christian car sign and the graduation book. It means a lot to me. I loved seeing my name on the billboard church sign.

Thanks and Love,
Timmy S.



Thank you to our friends at Salem Chapel for your caring and concern and for all your cards, visits, and words of encouragement. Thank you so much for your prayers.

Don & Linda Hunter



Thank you for all your help. I want you to know your kindness made all the difference. Many thanks to everyone involved in preparing the funeral dinner for my son, Rodger. Praise the Lord for our wonderful friends.

In Christian Love,



Angel Food Ministries

Order forms are in the narthex...

orders due by Aug. 17...

pick up Aug 29...

NEW!!! You no longer need to purchase a box to purchase any of the specials!



Help make the newsletter a "news" letter!!!

If you have items for the newsletter, please leave them in the box on the office door. Be sure to sign your name so we know who to contact with questions.

From the District...

Reynolds' Rap (from our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Cindy Reynolds)

Greetings,

The next three weeks I will focus on the "Three Simple Rules". I trust you all know what I am speaking of when I refer to the three simple rules: "Do no harm" "Do good" and "Stay in Love with God". These are more than just nice sayings. These are basic principles that direct our living and how we relate to one another. Daily decision-making is at times difficult. These three rules can help.

Do no harm.. This is more than just being nice. This is different than not being aggressive, angry, or criminal. Do no harm challenges us to consider the consequences of our actions or lack of action, our words or our silence, and our presence or our absence. Jesus Christ sets the standard when he says, "love your enemies" and "pray for those who persecute you". In fact, if you read Matthew 5 carefully you will begin to see the nature of doing no harm.

This week I suggest that we read Matthew 5 several times and ask God to reveal the truth about "do no harm" in light of these verses.

Have a good week.

Shalom,

Cindy



Charge Conference: Sunday October 25, 3 p.m. at La Porte First UMC.

Cluster Leader Training: September 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Location not set at this time.

Jesus knows me; this I love!

Random Acts of Kindness for August...

Bake goodies and take them to the police station, fire station, or hospital.

Buy a meal for a young couple or family sitting next to you at a restaurant. Be sure the waitress tells them **after** you leave. It's a nice surprise they will never forget.

Send your child (ren) a note in their backpack reminding them how special they are to you.

Leave your change in the soda machine for the next person. It's a nice surprise.

Purchase a box from Angel Food Ministries and forget to pick it up. Boxes not picked up go to Salvation Army!



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August '09

"Knowing Jesus Christ and making Him known to our neighbors and the nations."

Sunday Schedule

8:45 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

From a Kid's Point of view...

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar...So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."