

September 2009

# SALEM SPOTLIGHT



Three Simple Rules

Do no harm.

Do good.

Stay in love with God.

Salem Chapel United Methodist Church

Volume 2 Number 9

Rev. Bob Raschka

Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m.

Ron Pressel, Lay Leader

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

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Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

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

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## September Birthdays



- 3 Bob Reuer
- 4 Erik Nielsen
- 11 Sheri Schuster
- 12 Dakota Cook
- 14 Teri Dilloway
- 17 Ardith Shaffer
- 18 Shannon Halama
- 20 Morris Hope
- 21 Larry Yazel  
Callie Schrader
- 23 Cole Antrim  
Heather Howard
- 24 Andy Matanic
- 25 Wendall Martensen

## Bob Notes...

This month marks the launch of our new contemporary worship service entitled "Sunday Night Alive!" The first service is on September 13 at 6 p.m.

My reasoning for proposing this service is two-fold. In recent years, churches that have offered contemporary services have had a better response on Sundays rather than Saturdays. Also, and more important, offering a service on Sunday evening will give people who cannot attend the morning service for whatever reason an opportunity to still attend worship on Sunday.

The service will include basically the same sermon as the 8:45 a.m. service. Everything about the service will be contemporary in style. Many of the other details are still being worked out, but I am looking forward to what God is going to do through both the 8:45 and 6:00 services in our efforts to reach our community and region for Christ.

Let's stay locked on to God's will for Salem Chapel as we move into the future.

In Christ,  
Pastor Bob



## Worship in September...

**World Religions Theme...** Pastor Bob will begin a series of sermons on world religions September 6. This series will attempt to help familiarize us with the major religions in the world, how they compare with Christianity, and how we as Christians can attempt to better understand these religions in our efforts at sharing the Gospel. The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 6 "The Wrestling Match—Questions about Religion" Matthew 28:16-20

Sept. 13 "Many Cycles" (Hinduism) Ephesians 2:1-10

Sept. 20 "Noble Truths" (Buddhism) Romans 8:18 & 28

Sept 27 "Pillars" (Islam) Genesis 21:9-13 & 20-21

Oct. 4 World Communion Sunday

"From Thence We Come" (Judaism) Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-6

Oct. 11 "That All Might Be Saved" (Christianity) John 3:16-17

If you wish to have more details on each of these subjects, Adam Hamilton's book Christianity and World Religions provides some of the material referenced in this series.

## September



### Anniversaries

- 4 Morris & Joanne Hope
- 18 John & Sarah Worthington
- 21 Erik & Mary Lou Nielsen
- 22 Bob & Sharon Reuer

### Continuing in our prayers....

David Bates-continuing comfort and healing

Beth Tuholski's father—comfort & healing

Edith Crawford-healing & comfort (Ethel Cable)

Kristine Froehlke-healing

La Verne Drake-Fountainview Nursing Home

Annie Dudley--cancer (Moffitts' neighbor)

Peg Eggleston-comfort & peace (Fountainview)

Susan Hayes-healing & comfort (Fountainview)

Erin Killingsworth-brain tumor (Rose Snow)

Lucas Moore-tumors (St. Jude's Hospital)

Pat Strycker—healing (pneumonia)

Betty Trusty— comfort (cancer) (Shannon Trusty's mother)

Carol Young & her mother—comfort & healing

Sympathy & Prayers go to the families of Robert Valentine & Dale Coffeen on recent family deaths. (Ethel Cable)

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.

Prayer Chain Contact: Jane Clayton 362-6729 or church office 362-3330.



### Getting to know...

## METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION

Rev. John Lewis had a vision... for a mission among the mountain people of eastern Kentucky where they would be able purchase merchandise for a small price rather than take a handout. Thus, Methodist Mountain Mission was established almost 60 years ago. His nine stores are known as Opportunity Stores. The program works well alongside the welfare program because it doesn't strip residents of their dignity.

The stores make available merchandise collected by churches, corporations, individuals and other organizations. These days pick-ups are made throughout Kentucky, part of northwest Tennessee, central and southern Ohio, and large areas of Indiana and Illinois.

Since the beginning, Methodist ministries have been a part of the Mission. The United Methodist Mountain Mission has several goals:

- providing affordable, **good, usable clothing and household items** to people in areas of need,
- providing **employment** for people in these areas(—today 68 people are employed at the various store locations),
- and encouraging **spiritual growth** through Bread of Life Christian Bookstore, Hampton United Methodist Church, Wolverine United Methodist Church, and Tommy's Place, a Youth Center, all located in Breathitt County, KY.

In addition the UMMM is involved in assisting victims of disaster and helping those who cannot help themselves.

The UM Mountain Mission receives no apportionment funding from the Kentucky Conference. Over 90% of the funding comes from the sale of merchandise. Funding pays for the operation of the stores, the operations of the central office and processing plant in Jackson, and for the wages and benefits of the 68 employees who work at the Mission. All of this is possible only through the generous donors who fill the trucks with good, usable items each time they roll through the area!

Remember the Mission Work Camps we used to go on?



**The Upper Room Daily Devotional book for September/October is now available. When you have those few quiet moments with the Lord each day, let the Upper Room help guide your thoughts.**

**Lay Speakers School Class** "Discover Spiritual Gifts", Thursdays from Oct. 1 thru Oct 29. Michigan City First UMC, 6:30-9:00 p.m. CDT Ask in the office for information.

## NEW MEMBER CLASS



If you currently attend Salem Chapel and have not yet joined the membership, Pastor Bob will be offering a class beginning **Thursday, September 24 at 7:15 p.m.** The class will meet for a period of **six consecutive Thursdays.** New members will be received into the church on **Sunday, November 1.**

The class will cover basic Christian doctrine and history as well as an introduction to United Methodism and details about what membership looks like at Salem Chapel United Methodist Church. People who are already members, but would like to brush up on their understanding about these points, are also welcome to attend the class.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Trustees</i> 7 p.m.	2	3 <i>Bible Study</i> 6 p.m.	4	5
6  Worship 8:45 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 a.m. SCUMY 4 p.m.	7 <i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed 	8 <i>Staff-Parish</i> 6 p.m. <i>UM Men</i> 7 p.m.	9 <i>Sensational Seniors Luncheon</i> noon 	10 <i>Fresh Start</i> 2 p.m. <i>Bible Study</i> 6 p.m.	11	12 <i>FAMILY FUN DAY</i> 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 
13  Worship 8:45 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 a.m. *SCUMY 4 p.m. *SUNDAY NIGHT ALIVE 6 p.m. *Bible Study 7 p.m. *Pleasant Twp. 4-H Achievement 12-4 p.m.	14 <i>UM Women</i> 7 p.m. (w/ Marge Dickson) 	15 <i>Ad Council</i> 7 p.m.	16 	17 <i>Bible Study</i> 6 p.m.	18	19 <i>Wesley Fellowship</i> 7 p.m. (w/ Pressels)
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## United Methodist

UM Women gathered at Connie Wallace's home for their annual picnic. After good food and fellowship, a short business meeting followed. The Nominating Committee has until the end of September to present their roster for 2010. Fundraisers were discussed and Vada Pulver was asked to pursue information on a Quilt Show.

Other events and dates were mentioned by President Loretta Pressel. If you are interested in going, see Loretta for registration details.

Annual District Fall Meeting—Sept. 26—Knox UMC

Annual Conference Fall Meeting—Oct. 3—Kokomo Grace UMC

New Indiana Conference UMW organization event—Oct. 17—Zionsville UMC. Loretta Pressel will be installed as North District Vice-President and Susan Eggleston will be installed as North District Communications Director.

UMW Assembly of the General Church—April 30-May 2, 2010—St. Louis, MO. Funds available for one person to attend. See Loretta for registration details.

The next meeting will be Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at Marge Dickson's home with Jane Clayton as co-hostess.



## Angel Food Ministries

Ordering deadline for Angel Food Boxes is September 14. Pick-up is Sept 26 (9-10 a.m.) at First Christian Church.

Special boxes can be purchased without having to purchase a main box. A Holiday Box can be pre-ordered...to be delivered in November (\$36).

Pick up your order form from the table in the narthex.

## Jesus knows me; this I love!

### Random Acts of Kindness for September...

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

Look for opportunities to open the door for someone or give up your seat for someone.

Adopt a family through a social service agency, not just at Christmas. People go hungry all year.

Adopt a street, or just pick up litter in the neighborhood.



## MISSIONS



Heifer International—Great News! We have received enough money through the Heifer quarter tube to purchase a cow! That means that during the time we have been purchasing animals for the Ark we have purchased a cow, a water buffalo, a sheep, a hive of bees, and a flock of chicks. Congratulations SCUMC!

Animals still available are: Llama (\$150); Goat (\$120); Pig (\$120); Trio of Rabbits (\$60); Flock of Geese (\$20); and Flock of Ducks (\$20). We will be focusing on this project throughout the remainder of this year, using the "Heifer Quarter Tube". You may purchase an animal as a gift in honor or memory of someone — perhaps on a special occasion. Any questions should go to Gene Flickinger.

Methodist Mountain Missions will again be sending a truck to pick up clothing, household items, appliances, furniture and other items between October 5 and 7. You may bring items to the church at any time between now and October 4. They may be placed under the coat rack where they will then be transferred to a designated room in the basement for storage until the truck arrives. See the insert for details as to their needs.

As Building Blocks Preschool has closed, it has been determined to distribute the supplies and items to: (1) items that our church and church school can use; (2) age appropriate items to Bashor Home; and (3) Methodist Mountain Missions.



## News & Notes...

Dear Salem Chapel UMC, Thank you so much for the thoughtful card and book/gift! SCUMY has been wonderful in my life and I wouldn't trade those times for anything. They influenced me toward God and for that I'm always thankful! Thanks for everything! Heather Kelter, Class of '09

4-H Champions this year...

Bailee Cook—Grand Champion Dairy Goat Milk

Lois Thomas—Grand Champion Dairy Goat Wether

Schasta Antrim—Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Wether

Tommy Thomasino—Grand Champion Market Lamb

Congratulations to all of you and to all of the 4-H members who worked hard and did their best this year!

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

**Little John the Baptist...**Johnny's mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!" Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined My church."

Matthew 18:4-5 "Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."



# **Methodist Mountain Mission**

## **Special Urgent Need**

**As you probably know, Breathitt County, where the Mission Plant,  
one of the Opportunity Stores, the Bookstore,  
and the Furniture Store are located, experienced  
extreme flooding over Mother's Day weekend.**

**Many, many people lost everything!  
The Mission is playing a large role in helping folks  
get back on their feet!**

**We need your help!!**

### **WE DESPERATELY NEED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:**

**DISHES**

**SILVERWARE**

**POTS AND PANS**

**LINENS**, such as towels, washcloths, sheets,  
blankets, comforters, pillows, pillowcases, curtains

**SMALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES**

**CLEANING SUPPLIES**

**MOPS, BROOMS**

**TOILETRIES**

**FURNITURE! FURNITURE! FURNITURE!**

**Good and Usable!**

**(and appliances, such as STOVES, REFRIGERATORS,  
WASHERS AND DRYERS—that work!)**

**We also need these:**

**UNDERWEAR, SOCKS AND SHOES**

**Donations can also be mailed to:**

**Methodist Mountain Mission**

**P.O. Box 888**

**Jackson, KY 41339**

**Bring your items to the  
church by October 4.  
Place them under the  
coat racks in the nar-  
thex.**

**Truck comes btwn**

**October 5 & 7.**

**SALEM CHAPEL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*2802 East State Road 4  
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*September 2009*

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

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

**September 14  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Everyone Welcome!**

**Games, Food, Fun  
for the whole family!**



*JOIN US....*

**SUNDAY NIGHT ALIVE!**

**CONTEMPORARY  
WORSHIP**

**BEGINS**

**SEPTEMBER 13 @ 6 P.M.**

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