

The 175th ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION

Salem United Methodist Church
(1834-2009)

Sunday, October 4, 2009



"REMEMBER the DAY"

The friendly country church.
Large enough to serve; small enough to care.

The 175th Anniversary Celebration

“REMEMBER the DAY” Photo Booklet

2009 was a flurry of activity as Salem United Methodist Church of Zionsville celebrated its 175th Anniversary on October 4, 2009.



Preparation started in January 2009 as plans were made to assemble and publish a newly updated history of Salem Church and Salem Cemetery.

Members were asked to bring historical and recent photos of Salem and to write their family history with their relationship to Salem. The response was tremendously supportive. Mary Jean Ottinger, Irene Ottinger Sprong, Diana Ward and I (Virginia Crose) tackled the historical research of Salem Church and Cemetery. Next we needed an editor, typist, proof readers and computer specialists. Martha Randel volunteered to do the typing and editing (a monumental task). Connie Chamberlin, Becky Cervenka and several others including Larry Randel, Tom Chamberlin, and Don Livengood spent uncountable hours proofreading. And finally, this entire project would not have been possible without the expertise of Bob Overman

who scanned and electronically provided literally hundreds of old photographs and graphics from previous history books for use in our 175th Anniversary “Seasons of Salem” book. Additionally, many others (Natalie Thayer Kruger *pictured*, Tracy Puiia, Gary Carter, Jack Andrzejak, Dominic Lizama *pictured*, Tina Lizama, Tom Overman, Joe Overman, Bob Overman & Paula Overman) supplied current photos for our history book as well as for this “Remember the Day” booklet. This project alone kept many members busy for nine months!

In May the date of Sunday, October 4th was set for the official 175th Anniversary Celebration. Rev. Jim Miller volunteered to organize and preside over the morning service. Judy and Jim Washburn graciously accepted the planning of the afternoon Celebration Program, and the Salem United Methodist Women under the direction of the current president, Paula Overman, planned the luncheon before the program and the reception following the afternoon program.



In June the newly founded Salem United Methodist Men’s Group took on the task of building a float to enter into the Zionsville Fall Festival Parade in September which extended an invitation to the entire community of Zionsville to join us in our celebration. Our parade entry was a ‘miniature Salem Church’ or in other words...Salem Chapel. After the parade the building was relocated to the Salem Cemetery and now serves as our beautiful Chapel.

GOING TO SALEM CHURCH



Clockwise: Sharon Walker;
Susan and Rebecca Ottinger;
Chalmer Crose, Larry Randel;
Jim & Judy Washburn; Natalie
Thayer Kruger with Brandon;
Rev. Wayne Patton, Paula
Overman greet children Ad-
dison Smith and Kaylie Shuter
with Cary Cervenka & Ellen
Rusk in background



Meanwhile, during all this activity, the Trustees, under the direction of co-chairs Andy Mehlhop and Don Livengood, oversaw dramatic repairs, refurbishing and remodeling of the Annex, Foyer, Stairway, Main Sanctuary, Pastor's Study, Sunday School Classrooms and a new Multi Purpose Room for meetings and small group activities and counseling.

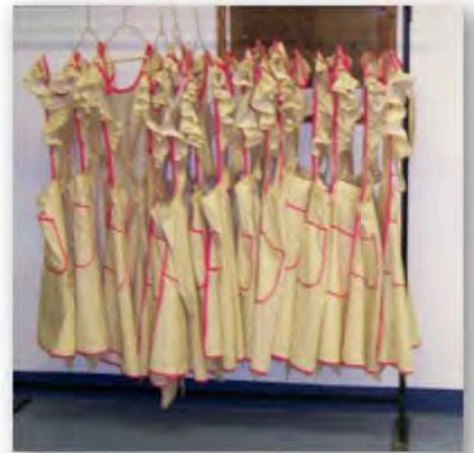


In July, music selection and practice started for Salem Choir under the direction of Ann Hokanson and accompaniments by Tina Hand, pianist, and Marie Urick, organist. Judy Washburn along with the Music Selection Committee began selecting the congregational hymns for the October 4th Morning Service and Afternoon Program.

The August newsletter, Salem Scribbles, featured ideas for period clothing as part of the Fall Festival Parade and 175th Celebration which resulted in a terrific response for the two events. Young and old donned their best 'old-fashioned attire' for both events. Many last

minute details were also completed resulting in a great turnout for the church float chapel entry at the Zionsville Lions Club Fall Festival.

September saw the printing of the "Seasons of Salem" history book. Darling aprons were being sewn via 'sewing parties' by Violet Thomas, Paula Overman and their crew (Louise Hoagland, Mary Carter and her neighbor Michelle Dickey, Danny Thomas, Judy Washburn, and Deann Thomas.) Each apron took eight hours to make, including the handmade binding, ironing, ruffles and hand stitching.



At last October 4th arrived. The beautiful mums under the supervision of Tracy Puiia were in place. Invitations to special guests, speakers and friends had been sent; the graves and cemetery immaculately groomed; presentations written, and the SUN SHINED!



Ann Hokanson

Salem's beautiful and inspirational morning service began at the usual 9:15 a.m. time with the tolling of its melodious historical bell followed by the Call to Worship "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the house of the Lord." "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" was sung by almost 200 people in attendance. Ann Hokanson's "The Lord's Prayer" was perfectly played on her flute, and the Salem Choir followed with "It Is Well with My Soul!" The message from Rev. David Owens, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, praised Salem for its 175 years of devotion and spiritual outreach to the community. This was followed by the offering and Holy Communion to all present. Previous ministers, Rev. Wayne Patton and Rev. Phil Lewis, officiated while Martha Graves and Annie Ottinger assisted. The Service was appropriately closed with the hymn, "Because He Lives" with the

ARRIVALS



Clockwise: Martha Randel; Steve & Donna King with Mikayla King, Marisa King & her friend; Delaine Davis; Olivia, Josh & Sean Stone; Marion Lowder; Linda Wayman and Loretta Bowsher; Madison Imel, Kathy Houx & Starr Starkey



Benediction given by Rev. Jim Miller. It was a very special, sacred, beautiful morning enjoyed by all who attended. After a group photo at the entrance of Salem Church, dinner followed in Fellowship Hall. The UMW ladies looked great in their new matching aprons. The dinner prayer, fellowship and fabulous food lovingly prepared by so many who 'pitched in' and hosted by the UMW women was enjoyed by all. Salem literally hummed with excitement! The adults and children who wore outfits reflecting Salem's history added to the fun and conversation.

With tummies full and children playing in the lovely autumn sunlit grounds around Salem, parents and grandparents watched while mommies cleaned up after dinner and more people arrived to attend the 175th Anniversary Celebration at 1:00 PM. It was like a scene from a "Currier & Ives" painting, especially immortalized with so many wearing their 'old fashioned' garb.



At precisely 12:45 p.m. lovely music reminiscent of the early 1800s was deftly played on the dulcimer and guitar by Myra Dworski and Jon Hall (*pictured.*) Salem's 95 year old church bell was rung by Jim Washburn heralding the beginning of the 175th Anniversary Program.



Rev. Jim Miller's "Welcome" and Rev. Phil Lewis' Invocation were followed by the Hymn of Adoration "How Firm a Foundation" appropriately reflecting Salem's stability and commitment. Dressed as the itinerant circuit-riding minister Rev. Asa Beck, Tim Ottinger stormed through the sanctuary door, dusting off his black suit, and bemoaning his balking horse, approached the pulpit to present a resounding and often comical history of Salem Church, circa 1834 through 1884.

To the delight of all, Salem's Children's Choir under the patient direction of Sharon Walker sang "Jesus Loves Me," "Deep and Wide," and "This Little Light of Mine." Some of these children are descendants of the early charter members of Salem Church. After special introductions of previous ministers at Salem Church

by Board Chair Eric Hand, additional music was sung by sister and brother Grace {5 ½} and Austin {3} Lizama ("You Are My Sunshine") and sisters Laine {8} and Reece {6} Butler ("Sunshine Mountain" and "Do Lord").

Jeff Ottinger presented the informative history of Salem Church for 1885-1934 featuring its growth physically and member-wise. During this period our chapel was relocated over a new basement presently housing the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. A bell tower was constructed with a new church entrance and the annex plus choir room were added. Following Jeff's presentation, Rush Harmon played guitar and sang his favorite song "It Is No Secret." Judy Washburn then read letters and well wishes from previous ministers and members who were unable to attend the day's events. Dr. Virginia Crose, lay

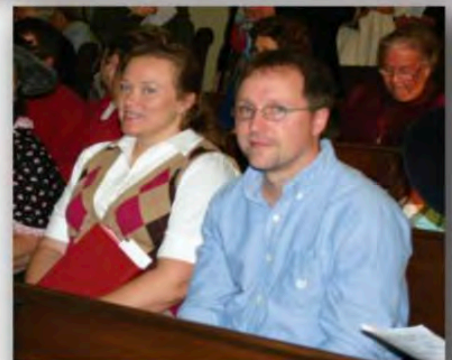


Reece & Laine Butler

AND MORE ARRIVALS



A sanctuary full of Salem members and friends have arrived for the 175th Anniversary Worship Service, including Denean & Ritchie Thatcher; Marilyn Sue Smitha and mother Maxine Lamar; Annie Ottinger and Marshall Starkey



leader, presented copies of the new history book "Seasons of Salem" to attending ministers noting their accomplishments and offering our congregation's appreciation.

Awards were given to the youngest and oldest in attendance at the Celebration ...and because we had several children attending, we gave honors to the youngest boy (Aiden James Cruz – 27 months) and the youngest girl (Karlana Rose DeLucio – 18 days old.) Aiden is a third generation attending Salem (parents Freddy and Teri Randel Cruz, grandparents Larry & Martha Randel).



The oldest member present was Irene Ottinger Sprong, 93, (pictured and a 5th generation and part of a family who has attended Salem Church for 8 generations.) Loleta Hough (95 and a 6th generation of Salem) is the oldest member but was unable to be in attendance, and sadly Loleta passed away in January 2010. Newborn Karlana DeLucio (pictured at two days old) makes the 6th generation of the Ward family all of whom attended Salem Church. Katie Harrell DeLucio is Karlana's mother; Gayle



Ward Harrell, grandmother; Hazen & Diana Ward, great grandparents; Thomas & Katie Ward, great-great grandparents; and Joseph & Sarah Ward, great-great-great grandparents. Joseph & Sarah Ward, Hazen Ward, and Ruben & Ruby Ward (great-great-great uncle & aunt) are buried in Salem Cemetery. And interestingly, Meghan Morris had her baby son, Parker, on October 6, 2009, just two days after she attended the 175th Anniversary Celebration.

The uplifting song "Church in the Wildwood" was sung by the men of Salem Choir. Tina Ottinger Hand summarized Salem's history from 1935 to 1984 linking it to many nostalgic memories of our own about World War II, the Korean War, television, super bowls, computers, Rev. Hertel's many heroics, Barbie dolls and Salem's annual Chicken Noodle Dinner each October. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" was enthusiastically sung by the congregation in praise of the day and our Lord, followed by remembrances being offered from various congregational members/guests led by Larry Randel (pictured.) One special remembrance was given by Bonnie Parker Trosky for Salem being blessed with having Rev. Bill Tressler minister to the congregation, and especially to the young members of UMYF. Rev. Tressler and others in the congregation lovingly worked hard and gave extra time to lead the UMYF group (which was twenty-plus strong) in a variety of lessons and activities. Bonnie found many new friends and said this experience of being part of UMYF changed her life and enhanced her attitudes for good...making her a better person.



Deann Thomas, Salem's resident poet, read "Our Country Church," a beautiful poem she wrote specifically about Salem for our 175th Celebration. Larry Randel preceeded the choir special with the meaning and actions of friends at Salem... "An all-important part of life that we enjoy so much is just to shake the hand of one who has that friendly touch. Someone who smiles and says hello...wherever we

SALEM'S KIDS SING



Jacy Hill, Addison Smith, Kaylie Shuter, Austin Lizama, Mason Cruz, Grace Lizama, Aiden Cruz, and on the steps Reece Butler & Laine Butler



Reece and Laine Butler



Charlie Noble accompanies Austin and Grace Lizama



may meet in happiness or sorrow...in glory or defeat. There is no greater comfort or more enduring theme than just to know that someone else rejoices in your dream or is there when one is in need. So whether joy or tragedy comes knocking at the door...a good and faithful friendship endures for evermore.” This



was followed by a ‘Friends Medley’ sung by Salem Choir (“Old Friends,” “What A Friend We Have In Jesus,” and “What A Precious Friend Is He”), rejoicing in today’s fellowship in our gracious, country church. Nathan Hand (son of Tina Ottinger Hand) brought Salem’s history up-to-date from 1985 to 2009 with its present projects and influence of Americana. “Onward Christian Soldiers” was sung as Salem’s hymn of expectation for the future. Will Alexander {4} and Rebecca Ottinger {2 1/2} (again, both part of the Ottinger clan) and other children represented Salem’s future for 2010 and beyond.

Salem Board Chair Eric Hand (*pictured*) made special presentations to all ministers present. They included:

I. Presentation of “Salem Key” to Salem ministers in attendance.

As a takeoff of a “key to the city” ceremony, each minister was presented a Salem Key pendant in honor of

- a. The key personal decision they made to dedicate their life in God’s service as a minister.
- b. The key part each played in Salem’s history.
- c. The key influence each has been in the lives of many at Salem and elsewhere.

They were asked to either place the pendant somewhere visible to remind themselves of their key contribution to others or to give it to someone that had been a key influence in their lives.

II. Presentation of “Salem Seeds”



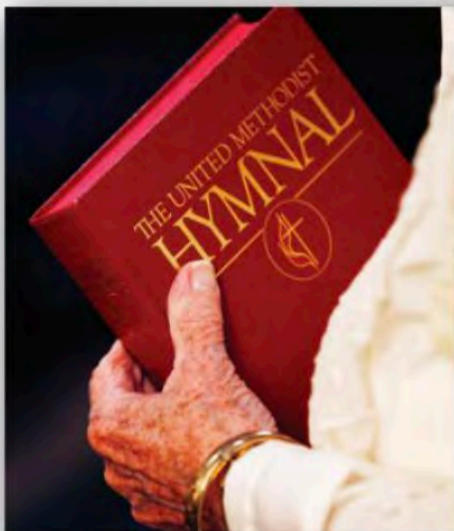
Each minister was presented a small bag of “Salem Seeds” which were acorns from the burr oak tree at the corner of the cemetery along the parking lot fence. This tree is the largest and oldest living thing at Salem and has overlooked this site for 250-300 years. This type of oak is very slow growing but can reach 100 feet tall, is extremely durable, may produce seeds for 400 years and may have lived nearly 1000 years. If only Salem’s burr oak could talk! What wonderful stories it could tell. The acorns represent new life, long life, strength and deep roots; hence, they are also reflective of the influence of Salem and the many seeds the ministers have planted in the lives of those who have attended Salem Church.

After closing remarks by Rev. Jim Miller, “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” was affectionately and emotionally sung by all, followed by a very meaningful Benediction by Rev. Wayne Patton (*pictured.*)

WORSHIPPING OUR LORD



Rev. Jim Miller welcomes guest minister Rev. David Owens and all in attendance for the 175th Anniversary Worship Service.



Salem Choir responded appropriately, joyfully and tearfully with "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." With the postlude being played by Marie Urick, all present then adjourned to the Fellowship Hall for cake and punch to complete the 175th Anniversary Celebration.

The sun set on a very fun-filled, happy and memorable 175th Anniversary Celebration. It culminated nine months of planning with work being done by every person in Salem's Congregation. The event flowed seamlessly due to thousands of volunteer hours. Salem truly is a Church for All Seasons; its congregation is bound by love of God, love of our beautiful church and Christian love for each other. Salem Church remains the friendly, country church – large enough to serve; small enough to care.

It has been a privilege to serve Salem, its wonderful ministers and congregation.



Dr. Virginia W. Crose, Lay Leader
Chair, Salem 175th Anniversary Celebration



Dr. Virginia Crose presenting "*Seasons of Salem*" history book to Rev. Phil Lewis. Mrs. Millie Lewis seated in pew. Rev. Jim Miller to Phil's right. Bob Overman in background. Rev. Wayne Pattoon also received a history book.

Creative and layout of The 175th Anniversary Celebration "REMEMBER the DAY" Photo Booklet by volunteers Dominic O. Lizama and Martha (Maiden) Randel. Editors and co-Editors were Virginia Crose, Martha Randel, Judy Washburn, Connie Chamberlin and Becky Cervenka.

WORSHIPPING OUR LORD



Tim Ottinger History Presentation SALEM CHURCH 1834-1884

These are the life and times of the first 50 years of Salem Church: 1834-1884. In 1834, in southwest Eagle Township, a group of people regularly met in their homes for spiritual devotions to form one of the oldest religious congregations in Indiana today. Services or “classes” were held in this manner until 1849 when the first Salem church was built on what used to be Salem Road, now South 800 East or Kissel Road. Due to great faith, courage and determination of the pioneers of this time, they started Salem United Methodist Church.



Class leaders of the time played very active roles in the beginning of early churches including Salem. They were visited every month or two by a Circuit Rider. He was usually young, literally living out of his saddlebags, traveling by horseback from meeting to meeting and never without his Bible or “Book of Discipline.” Circuit Riders could arrive on weekdays, not just Sunday. When this occurred farmers were called in from working in the field for the service and then would return to their work at the end of the service.

For the first fifteen years, the small congregations met in various homes in the community until the first church was built in 1849.

George Wood and his wife Elizabeth Wood deeded the land for the church to William Lemon, William Johnson and Jonathan T. Hall who were named as the first trustees.

SALEM CHURCH OF 1849

The first church of which we have definite recorded information was indeed built in 1849, fifteen years after the organization of the “classes.” The meetings had been apparently growing, almost entirely without ownership of real or personal property of any kind.

The first building for Salem Church was placed on the shoulder of a knoll that dipped down to the banks of our nearby stream, Fishback Creek, which gave “freshness to the land, recreation for the boys, and refreshment to bird and beast and man.” The original building was 30 feet wide, 36 feet long, and 12 feet high. There is a pencil sketch on cardboard drawn by Emory Shaw of this first building.

The building was somewhat different from most Methodist churches of that day. Most were built with two front doors, one for the men and one for the women. But the men and women of this church seemed from the beginning to be willing to use the same entrance. However once inside, they sat in gender-segregated pews.

CHOIR



Salem Choir was pleased to participate in the 175th Salem Anniversary Celebration. Rosemary Shortz, Andy Ricketts, organist Marie Urick; Violet Thomas & Patsy Livengood; flutist and director Ann Hokanson; pianists Tina Hand & Autumn Hansen... and the rest of the choir members, Tim Ottinger, Bob Overman, Charlie Noble, Larry Randel, Martha Randel, Connie Chamberlin, Mary Jean Ottinger, Judy Washburn and Dr. Virginia Crose. It is a joy to Sing Praises to His Name, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



George Wood had migrated to Boone County from Salem, North Carolina, and then from Salem, Indiana, in Washington County. He requested that this church be named Salem. This request was granted with the church name recorded as Salem Methodist Episcopal Church.

Life on the farms during these times was somewhat isolated. The majority of the people lived in quiet times, with their hard work centering around the home and their social and emotional life centering around the church.

The town of Zionsville was chartered in 1852, and the first resident was John Miller, who built and lived in a boarding house. By the 1860 census, the population of Zionsville was counted at 364.

At the same time of the beginning of this peaceful little church, The American Civil War was raging as close as Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia from 1861–1865. God was here then as He is now. With a fast growing local population, fertile farmlands providing many with prosperity, a new church was a need in this community and it came to be.



THANK YOU. Tim Ottinger

Jeff Ottinger History Presentation SALEM CHURCH 1885-1934

The first Salem Church built in 1849 lasted almost half a century. A new church was needed and decided upon in 1885. An “Article of Agreement” was found which described the desired structure and aesthetics of what was to be Salem’s new church. The ‘same new pews’ of this 1885 construction are still being used in the church today by the choir and also in the Sanctuary Annex.

This building of 1885 cost about \$1,800.00. The new church was dedicated on Sunday, November 21, 1885. Rev. John Cissel, presiding elder, was the guest of honor and preached the sermon.



The “Sunday School” at Salem came into full growth before 1900. It had been a secondary activity of the church. The first missionary society was organized in 1900 by Mrs. Ira Calvin, who was the first president. Charter members were Lillie Crose, Emma Green, Rebecca Harmon, Effie Moore, Anna Bender, Annie Marsh, Emaline Lemon, and Sara Burgin.

The Salem Church building of 1885 served the congregation until 1914 when the congregation decided improvements should be made to the church. The building did not meet the social as well as the spiritual needs of the people. The congregation was large, the community was growing, and the Sunday School was prospering.

It was agreed the present area was a most desirable location. The existing building was moved to the top of the knoll, just east of the former location with a basement to be added. There exists an old photograph from 1914 showing workmen moving the 1885 building just east of its former location.

CHILDREN'S TIME



Paula Overman leads Salem Youth in the Children's Sermon during Worship Service. Autumn Hansen holds Will Alexander (foreground)



Reece Butler, Laine Butler and Brandon Kruger



The children learn from this morning's message.



Susan Ottinger with daughter Rebecca and Aiden Cruz



Laine Butler, Brandon Kruger, Olivia Stone, Natalie Dieckman

The bell tower was built in 1914 when the new entrance was constructed. The original bell from 1914 is still used today. The round "Dove" window, representing the Holy Spirit bringing his love down to us, was installed. A large audience witnessed the ceremonies of the cornerstone laying on Sunday afternoon, June 21, 1914. Ralph P. Bundy, in an eloquent address, illustrated the material value of a church to a community and how all other property increased because of its existence.

Several members of the congregation made donations to be used for new stained glass windows which replaced the previous plain glass windows. These are the windows you see today by donors Samuel Larkin and Elzira Beck, Peter H. and Margaret A. Bender, Newton and Juda Alice Carter, Charles F. and Mary Foreman, James Ellis and Sarah Alma Holler, Mary Lemon, William N. Lemon, John S. and Sarah A. Shaw, James and Adelaide Threewits, W.F.M.S. (Women's Foreign Missionary Society), Men's Bible Study and The Salem Sunday School.

The beautiful window on the north wall of the sanctuary depicting Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, was donated by William B. and Lillie A. Crose.

Early in the 1930s the kennels of Trader's Point Hunt Club moved into the neighborhood. Salem Church was asked to open the hunting season on Thanksgiving Day with the annual "The Blessing of the Hounds." A collection was taken up each year for the building fund through the generosity of the Trader's Point Hunt Club members.
(Jeff Ottinger - *standing*)



A multi-day celebration of 100 years of Salem Church was held in October 18-23, 1934. This "little white church on the hill" has been one of the most attractive in the area for a long, long time.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Jeff Ottinger

Tina Ottinger Hand History Presentation SALEM CHURCH 1935-1984



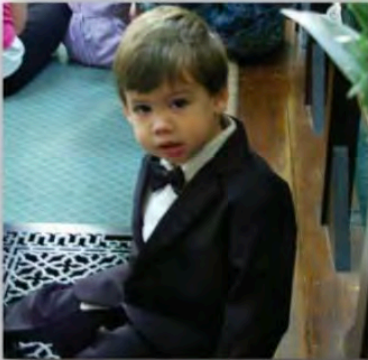
1935...another year in time. Mary Pickford weds Douglas Fairbanks. Amelia Earhart flies from Honolulu to Oakland, CA. Nylon is invented. The board game Monopoly was first sold. And sandstorms now known as the Dustbowl ravaged the Great Plains. The year 1939 saw the merger of the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal South, and the Methodist Protestant Churches. These were now unified and renamed into the larger Methodist Church organization. The Great Depression of the 1930s brought difficulties for all. Church memberships and finances suffered but most congregations survived and became reinvigorated after World War II.

Salem had a program called "Harvest Home" celebrated at Thanksgiving time each year. At times when there was not enough money to pay the minister one could hear the cackle of hen or sound of a duck or goose from the basement downstairs on Thanksgiving eve. These were offered as well as corn, potatoes,

SALEM'S YOUTH



Sean Stone; Backview of Kids Sermon; Joseph Lamar; Jacy Hill, Addison Smith & Kaylie Shuter; Rebecca Ottinger with Mom Susan Ottinger; Mason Cruz enjoys play while Martha Randel gives info to Nursery Caregivers Angie Veatch & Mandy Hamlin; Starr Starkey with granddaughter Haven Ann Starkey; Aiden Cruz (below). Sharon Walker (not pictured) coordinates various youth programs for Salem Church.



pumpkins, flour, sugar and such... all in an amount the congregation knew he needed. Even with all the turmoil of the 1930s, these were busy times for Salem. Activities that still exist today include the Ice Cream Social in July, Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner, holiday events and the Chili Supper in February.

In the 1950s, four Sunday school rooms and an office were added to the basement, as well as restrooms. At the same time, it was decided to modernize the kitchen facilities. There are many of us here today who remember running around those new Sunday school rooms back then.

The town of Zionsville on August 9, 1952, celebrated its centennial anniversary. Salem's origin of 1834 preceded the town of Zionsville's in 1852.

In 1966, the Sanctuary was remodeled. The years of the 1960s and 1970s are known all too well in growth and controversy...in business, politics, culture, the church, the world and Eagle Township.

The year 1968 brought one of the most important changes in Methodism. The Methodist Church and Evangelical United Brethren Church united nationally into the United Methodist Church. Hence, the name changed once more and is as it stands today--- Salem United Methodist Church of Zionsville, Indiana.

As most of us know, an informal style of worship grew. Women began to wear slacks. Men (and women) sometimes wore jeans. Some preferred traditional hymns, others more contemporary styles of music. As times rolled on in 1984, Salem Church's Sesquicentennial (150th year) was celebrated, but still these days were not without turbulent, emotional and interesting tests of change.

All was well in 1984 until the congregation learned their minister, Pastor David Campbell, was being transferred. Since no ministers were available for Salem Church, the Conference was considering selling the Salem Church building and moving the members to Zionsville United Methodist Church only four miles away.

Salem members resisted so District Superintendent Sam Phillips sent his son, Robert, to 'fill in' during the summer before Robert left for Law School. Miraculously, Pastor James Hertel, who was leading a group of ministers to the Holy Land, answered Salem's call for a full time minister at half a minister's salary.

Rev. Hertel, a recently retired minister, missed being an active partner with Christ and was drawn to this pretty little church in the country. Rev. Hertel enthusiastically continued to save souls for another thirteen years at Salem Church, ensuring continuity of our small congregation. His focus was keeping Salem's church building in good repair and expanding the congregation from its average Sunday attendance of 40.

Yes, in 1984, like the prior 100 years, Salem Church was ready to set sail for growth and grow it did. It was ready for whatever came next.

THANK YOU! Tina Hand



Tina Hand is lead pianist for Salem Choir.

SEE YOU FOR THE 200th ANNIVERSARY

Many of Salem's children join Rebecca Ottinger and Will Alexander as the young folks invite everyone back to Salem Church in 2034 to celebrate Salem Church's 200th Anniversary!



Joseph Lamar, Audrey Lamar, Laine Butler, Rebecca Ottinger and Reece Butler with Judy Washburn at podium.



Reece Butler, Will Alexander, Jacy Hill, Addison Smith, Kaylie Shuter with Tina Hand at piano and Rev. Jim Miller in background.



Laine Butler, Reece Butler, Kaylie Shuter



Kaylie Shuter behind sign, Addison Smith, Jacy Hill

Nathan Hand History Presentation **SALEM UMC CHURCH of Zionsville 1985 - PRESENT**

Rev. James Hertel Sr., introduced earlier as joining Salem in 1984, enthusiastically continued to advise, guide and counsel the souls of this community for thirteen years, ensuring continuity of a small congregation, but a congregation filled with love and vitality for this small and very meaningful place. During his era, from 1984 to 1997, Rev. Hertel continued 'Fellowship Time with Goodies' before Sunday morning services which Rev. Robert Phillips had initiated during his short, but helpful time during the transitory summer of 1984. Rev. Hertel also initiated the Children's Sermon during the Sunday mornings. "The children are the future" he emphasized and "teaching them early of God's unconditional love should hold no equal in our priorities".

The 1990s saw the beginning of Salem's first monthly newsletter, later named *Salem Scribbles*. This continues today in 2009, full of timely information about Salem with skills of Mary Ann Feeley, Kathy Mehlhop and Virginia Crose. In 1994, Robert Bender, Sr. oversaw a new entrance to Salem with a covered porch, stairs and landing.

1996 proved to be a banner year when Pastor Hertel raised over \$25,000 in 25 minutes one Sunday morning. This was to help fund projects Salem had planned including a new parking lot on the north, Fellowship Hall remodeling including handicapped access, a kitchen renovation, three new furnaces and five air-conditioning units. A total of \$37,726 was spent on these projects. 1997 brought a sorrowful note with Pastor Hertel's unexpected retirement after suffering from a stroke in early spring. Pastor Hertel, after much careful consideration, helped recruit a minister whom he admired and respected - Rev. Wayne Patton. And so in November 1997, Salem bid farewell to one of Salem's many beloved ministers, Rev. James Hertel.



Pastor Wayne Patton certainly kept the momentum rolling at Salem. A chairlift was installed, making both the upper and lower levels available to all members. A new sound system was purchased along with new hymnals and Bibles. Unfortunately though, the new Millennium brought change to our pastoral leadership again. For health concerns Pastor Patton retired and Rev. Bonnie Plybon graciously assisted another transition time at Salem.

Rev. Plybon initiated the Discipleship Bible Study Series which led to the Adult Bible Study Class held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. following the worship service. However, since Bonnie Plybon's heart was with helping the unfortunate for the inner city, she left Salem for Indianapolis in 2001 handing the reigns we thought temporarily, to retired Rev. Phil Lewis. Rev. Lewis loved Salem so much he stayed for four wonderful years! In 2005, he permanently retired and Rev. Patton returned to Salem to co-minister with a good friend, Rev. James E. Miller.

Rev. Miller took over full time July 1, 2008, and has continued Salem's vitality and growth. It had been 40 years since being at the pulpit, but his Sunday messages are meaningful and apt for the times we live. If there is someone in need of a visit, usually by the time Rev. Miller is called he has already been there. Rev. Miller continues our Christmas Eve Services and started a Maundy Thursday Service in 2007. Both of these evening events are beautiful, richly significant and greatly appreciated by the congregation.

JOYOUS LAUGHTER



Clockwise: Andy Ricketts, Tim Ottinger, Larry Randel, Rush Harmon, Tina Hand; Maxine Lamar; Connie Chamberlin; Marshall Starkey, Jack McClellan; Margeret Yde; Freddy & Teri Cruz with son Aiden {the youngest boy in attendance at 2 years 5 months}; Starkey's cousin Janet Petsch

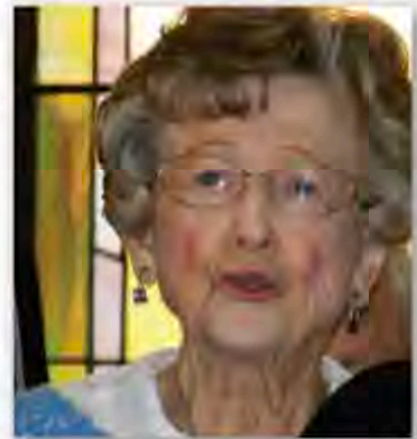


In 2008, Salem's 90-year old pews were refurbished, a larger conference room was added downstairs, beautiful remodeling was done in the annex along with cabinetry, carpeting and humidifier system....all with a goal of matching the new with the character of the old.

Salem United Methodist Church is perhaps the oldest continuously active church in Boone County, IN. Our average Sunday worship attendance is between 80-90 with many members being ancestors to those who started this church so many years ago with uncompromising faith, courage and determination. For as long as Salem continues to be blessed, we will be "Large Enough to Serve. Small Enough to Care."

THANK YOU! Nathan Hand

Several members of the Ottinger Family were asked to present the history of Salem Church at our October 4th celebration because they are descendants of original charter members of Salem Church and represent four generations, all related and all active members, currently attending Salem United Methodist Church of Zionsville. It was a great choice as the Ottingers shared very interesting information about the various 'seasons' of Salem Church. Listed below are the relationships of the Ottinger Family to Mary Jean (and Berl who is deceased) Ottinger as well as Annie Ottinger (and Clayton, also deceased.) Mary Jean Ottinger is pictured to the right.



Tim Ottinger is Rebecca's dad and Tina Hand's brother. Nathan Hand and Will Alexander are Jeff Ottinger's cousins (as are Tim and Tina). Tim and Tina's mother, Mary Jean Ottinger, helped compile much of the Salem History information but due to her recent hip surgery was unable to be part of the historical narrative.

Rebecca, Tim's daughter, is one of Mary Jean Ottinger's granddaughters, Will Alexander is Tina Hand's grandson and a great grandson of Mary Jean Ottinger. Are you confused? Well let's try it this way... Mary Jean Ottinger, wife of Berl who is deceased, is the mother of Tim Ottinger and Tina Hand, grandmother of Nathan Hand and Rebecca Ottinger, and great grandmother to Will Alexander. Mary Jean is also Jeff Ottinger's aunt...and Annie Ottinger (pictured below to the left) is Jeff's mother. And there's more...

Tim Ottinger is the father of Rebecca (Mary Jean's granddaughter).



Tina Hand is the mother of Nathan Hand and grandmother of Will Alexander. Tina is an aunt to Rebecca Ottinger and a cousin of Jeff Ottinger. Nathan Hand is the son of Tina Ottinger Hand and grandson of Mary Jean Ottinger. Will Alexander is Mary Jean's great-grandson, Tina Hand's grandson (son of Sarah Hand Alexander). Jeff Ottinger is the son of Annie (and Clayton) Ottinger and a cousin to those listed above, plus nephew of Mary Jean Ottinger.

Still a little confused...then we offer our apologies. But this does illustrate that Salem is truly a 'family affair.' Thank you, Ottingers, for a job well done.

JOYOUS LAUGHTER



Clockwise:

"Step Photo Smiles;" Rev. Jim Miller & Judy Washburn; Nancy Thayer, Natalie & Brandon Kruger, Tina and Austin Lizama, with Martha Randel; the sun shines on Jeremy & Kelli Starkey with Kathy Houx and Starr & Haven Starkey; The Pastors' Smiles; Tracy Puiia & Rev. Wayne Patton and it's a sure thing that Martha Ogburn with back to camera is smiling too; Violet Thomas; Will Alexander



“Our Little Country Church”

In the early, difficult days of eighteen thirty-four,
local pioneers were needing and planning for much, much
more.

Making their plans in the homes, ‘round a warm, glow-
ing fire. sharing some food as they discussed their simple
desire

They wanted a special church meeting place,
so their big dreams an plans, set an exacting pace.

A site was given, an they all worked hand-in-hand
to build them a church on this very piece of land.

That little Country Church has come a long way
it was built by the creek, with plans to stay

Waiting the arrival of that Circuit ridein Preacher,
come’n in carrying a Bible, to be their teacher

Never sure, when he an his horse might finely arrive,
for sure, always praying, that he was still alive.

Yes he brought the Good Book, but also brought news
of the areas’ happenings, and what it was like in other
pews

Those faithful friends and neighbors met every Sunday,
they would come for the gospel, an then to kneel an to pray.

When that rider arrived on any other week day,
the word would be spread for a service right away.

He might stay for a week, if he could spare the time
leaving his blessing an saying good byes,
then he would ride on down the line.

Worshippers continued to come, an the congregation grew,
what a great blessing, they filled every pew!

Soon they knew what must be done,
they all gathered, each father and son

To build a new church, again, with their own worn hands,
yes our little Country Church still strikingly stands,

among the beautiful trees on that same piece of land,
with only a name change, we can still understand

It was build with love an respect for God up above,
as we remember, He sent us a Pure White Dove.

The grace of the church with each stained glass window,
beckons all those passing, to come on in, and follow.



That bell in the tower, rings out ore the local terrain,
Come, join us for worship, it’s Sunday again!

With our faith overflowing near that same little creek side,
we come together with friends, filled with history an pride

One hundred and seventy-five years of faithful service,
suppose they dreamt of their little church’s lasting purpose?

With each passing year, our faithful church family has risen,
in what ever way possible, the needs always freely given

Now we’ve remodeled a bit, even cleaned and polished for
this Birthday Celebration with great honor an respect,
for our Salem’s past heritage and tradition.

As we look forward, with dreams, an planning for more
years to come, We’re Praying for many loving memories
of new generations, and then some.

AMEN

by/deann thomas/Salem member

This poem was specifically written by
Deann Thomas for the 175th Anniversary
Celebration and was lovingly presented as
part of the afternoon celebration program at
Salem Church by Deann.

SALEM PASTORS and GUEST

Pastors Wayne Patton, Phil Lewis, Jim "Rev" Miller and guest Rev. David Owens



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The Ottinger family for presenting the Salem History from 1834 - 2009
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Without all of your assistance, this celebration event and resulting photo booklet would not be possible. Thank you to everyone who participated and attended our October 4, 2009 Anniversary Celebration.

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SERVING & WORSHIPPING

Clockwise: Laine Butler; Rev. Miller and Rev. Owens; The Dieckman Family Stacy & Lezlee with daughters Sophia, Natalie & Abigale; Tim Ottinger, Larry Randel, Charlie Noble, Andy Ricketts & Tina Hand at the piano; Rev. David Owens giving the morning message.



PITCH-IN LUNCH



There's nothing more tasty than a church meal! Everyone enjoyed the food, friends, fun and fellowship.



CELEBRATION RECEPTION



Clockwise: THE CAKE; Chef Paul E. Thomas baked 'the cake'; many of the UMW members wearing their specially made 1950's aprons are ready to serve for the reception following the afternoon Anniversary Program; Loleta Hough proudly wearing her UMW apron; additional UMW members with their signature aprons; Paul Thomas cuts cakes as Violet Thomas assists.



HATS



Clockwise: Teri & Freddy Cruz; Rev. Jim Miller;
Jackie Cowan and O Hamilton; Judy Washburn;
Laine Buttler; Tim, Susan & Rebecca Ottinger

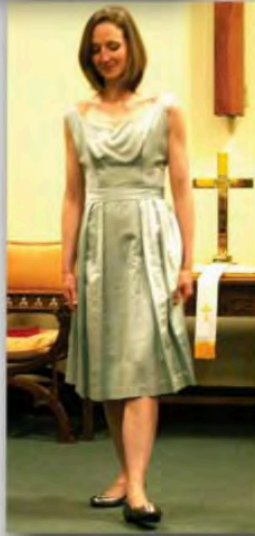
and MORE HATS



Clockwise: Ann and O Hamilton; Paula Overman and Linda Miller; Martha Randel & Judy Washburn; Deann & Pete Thomas; Donna Ricketts; Martha Graves; Teri Randel Cruz, Mason Cruz, Grace Lizama, Tina Randel Lizama holding Austin Lizama



PERIOD ATTIRE



Clockwise: Violet Thomas; Martha Graves, Annie Ottinger; Bonnie Parker Troskey, Bo Danner; Paula & Bob Overman; mom Lezlee Dieckman with daughters Natalie, Sophia, and Abigale; the Cruz, Lizama and Randel clan (with Teri Randel Cruz modeling the famous pillbox hat); Andy & Donna Ricketts; and Emily Zucker, daughter of Becky Cervenka.



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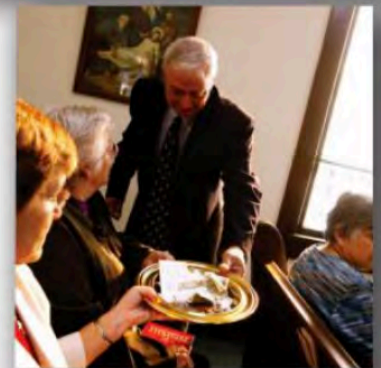
Clockwise: Linda Miller; Jo Beth Hough; Micah & Chaleen (Crose) Faulkner dressed as 1830s teacher and schoolmarm; Jackie Cowan, Deann Thomas; Judy Washburn; Jill, Abby & Ryan Davis with Ryan's mom Donna Ricketts; Bob Overman, Charlie Noble, seated Tom Winegardner, Grandpa Ron Hough and Sam Winegardner; Rush Harmon; and in the center our guest musicians Jon Hall and Myra Dworski



FAMILY and FRIENDS



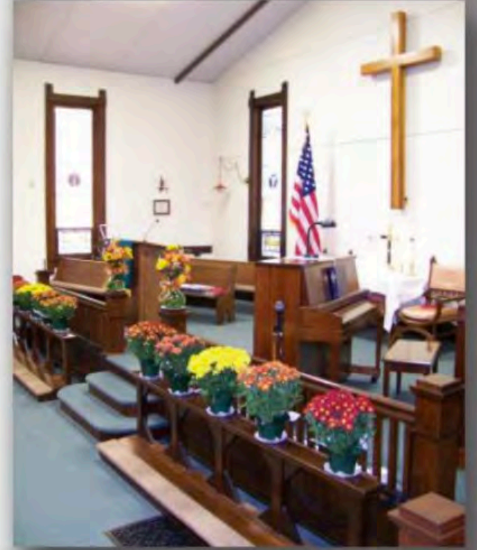
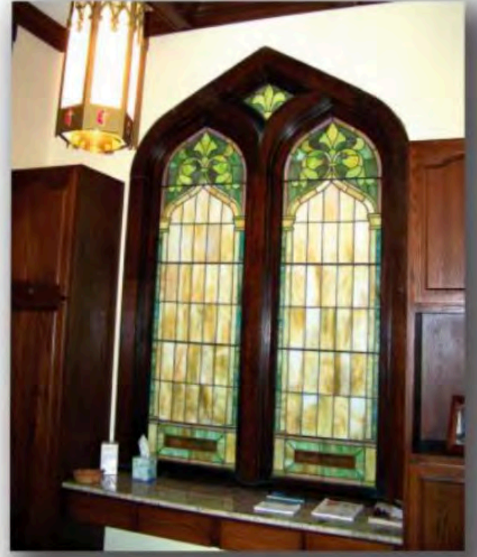
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OUR CHURCH and CHAPEL



Salem UMC of
Zionsville, IN
1834 - 2009



At Salem Church, we love our Lord Jesus Christ and are blessed to have worshipped Him for 175 years. Our praises go to Him forever and ever. Amen.

"REMEMBER the DAY"

Celebration
Glory
Heaven
Bell Tower
Kindness
Methodists
Community

Renewed Acquaintances Precious Friends GOD Yesterday Tomorrow Period Attire Dove
Hats In Remembrance of Me Stained Glass Windows Joy Sermon Communion Pictures Apostle's Creed
Family Service Grace Hope Charity The Lord's Prayer In His Service Adoration Bell Believe Faith Life
Singing Stories Music Chapel Father Son Holy Ghost Excitement Generations Praises Family Fun Jesus
Brothers Fellowship Pastors Laughs Food Giving Cross Coming Going Lessons Aprons The Almighty Sisters

Memories
Singing
Adoration
Refreshments
Beautiful Day
Baby Jesus
Humility
Knoll of the Hill
Kissel Road
Pictures
Laughter
Love
Smiles
Meditation
Praying
Belief
Music
Prayers
Grandparents
Children
Special Program
Leaders
Worshippers
Sharing
Tithing
Salem Cemetery
Loved Ones
Faithful
God Forever

There were so many precious moments enjoyed and memories made on this day of celebration. Many of those are captured 'in the cross.' Please enjoy "Remembering the Day."