

Salem Presbyterian Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 10, 2014

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Hymnals: Great Hymns of the Faith/Welsh and English Hymns and Anthems

Order of Worship

Prelude
 Lighting of the Candles Catie Emery
 Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **#14 The Lord Our Refuge** pg. 470, Hymnal

*Hymn **Mae D’eisiau Di Bob Awr** 62, Welsh Hymnal

*Prayer of Confession **God, You call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in Your hands, and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. We confess that we find this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where You lead - to turn away from our own personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that You will provide for us in all things. Forgive us when we doubt You, God. Increase our faith. Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns, to Your broader vision for us and for our world. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.**

(Take a moment of silent confession before God.)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response **Hear Our Prayer, O Lord** 535

*Hymn **I Sing as a Bird (’Rwy’n Canu)** 65, Welsh Hymnal

Epistle Lesson **Romans 10:5-15** 1032
 Gospel Lesson **Matthew 14:22-33** 892

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **Ebenezer (Ton-Y-Botel)** 11, Welsh Hymnal

Sermon **“Walk on Water”** Rev. Thomas Emery

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory *ushers will receive God’s tithes and our offerings*

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **Diadem** 13, Welsh Hymnal

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
 in memory of **Edith & Howard Richards** by their family

This Week:

Sunday:

08-10-14

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)
10:45 AM Sunday School
3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery
6:30 PM Youth Group
6:30 PM Trustee Meeting

Sunday:

08-17-14

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)
10:45 AM Sunday School
3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery

Announcements:

Soprano, **Hannah Stroth**, daughter of Bryan & Becky Stroth, will present her senior vocal recital at the First Presbyterian Church of Van Wert **today**; Sunday, August 10, at 5:00 pm.

Gymanfa Ganu flyers (August 31) are available in the vestibule for your use.

A **Confirmation Class** for new members will begin soon. See Pastor Tom or Tamara about participating.

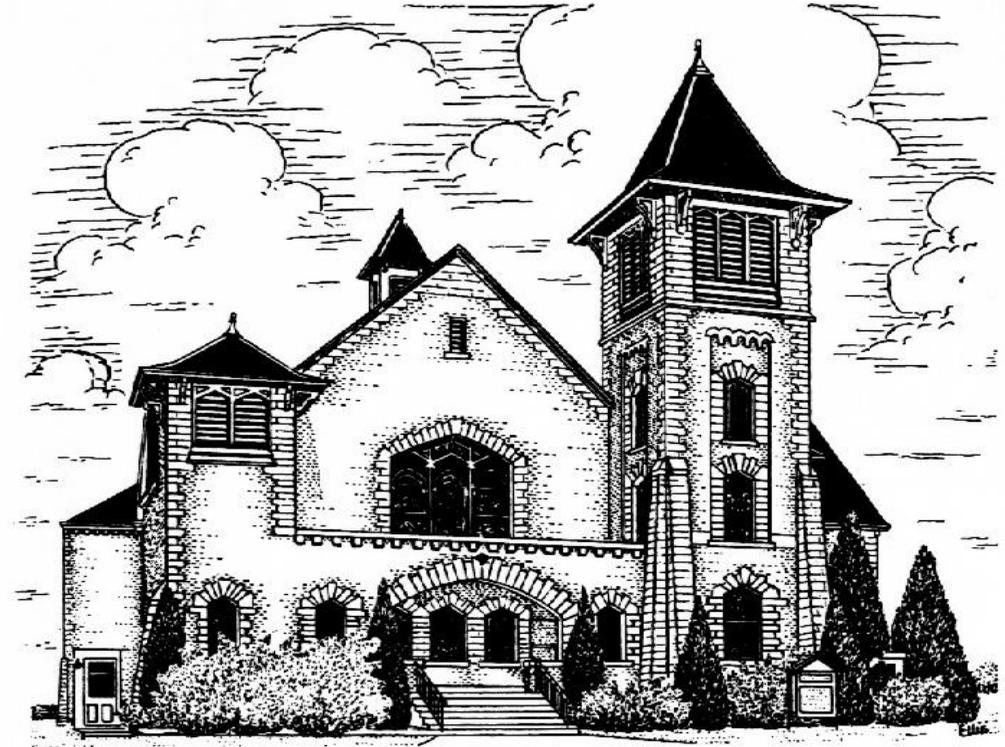
Tamara is accepting new piano and flute students for the upcoming year of lessons beginning after Labor Day. **Mullenhouse Music Studio** is located in her home just north of Venedocia. (mullenhousemusic.wordpress.com)

Children Choosing Christ needs volunteers for the fair. See Carol or the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more information. This is a fun, easy way to share your faith.

We will have **Sunday School** in the upstairs back room continuing with the series set on location in Israel of places where Jesus walked.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date: \$64,077.00
Rec'd 08-03-14:	\$8,230.63	Rec'd to Date: \$54,432.05



Rooted in our heritage and called into God's future, we proclaim in new ways the unchanging Good News of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

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Venedocia, Ohio

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Prayer Concerns:

Gretchen Baut (cancer and kidney problems – friend of the Silers)
Jim Beougher (advanced cancer – uncle of Tony Lawrence)
Audrey Burnett
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Bob Drewyore (son of Bette Richards)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Cassy Emery (juvenile rheumatoid arthritis)
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)
Vernon Hobbs
Linda Howell (back and heart healing – Jeff Coil's sister)
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)
Paula Klein (cancer – friend of Evelyn Martz)
Amanda Owens Lamb (granddaughter of Dave & Jean Owens)
Betty Lloyd
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Tim Morris (son of Hilda Morris)
Ione Owens
Joyce Profit (heart problems)
Evelyn Pugh (healing of her pelvis break)
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
Warren Summersett (broken hip and leg)
Jesse (mother with drug addictions, needs God's strength)
Bree Gosshanbler (paralyzed – friend of Elizabeth Hobbs)
Ralph Du Cheney (serious medical testing – father of Stacia Profit)

In Mourning

The family of Frank Hayba (husband of Betsy Jones Hayba)
The family of Margaret A. Hukill

Serving our Country:

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Walking on Water” Matthew 14:22-33
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It was not the custom of Jesus to walk on water. When He wanted to travel, He usually went by boat, just as you and I do. But, our passage shows the exception of a confounding miracle that the disciples witnessed. Jesus walked on water during a raging storm. While in a boat far from shore and fearful of drowning, they saw Him walking to them through a mist of fog. Then, Jesus said to them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *We need to focus our eyes on Jesus.* Look at the waves and you're a goner, but look to the Lord and find salvation there.

Teaching Point Two: *Are we under circumstances or on top of them?* Turbulent circumstances are always with us. We don't create them, and many times we cannot change them. But, with God's help we can refuse to be engulfed by them.

Teaching Point Three: *The worst thing we can do during a storm is to let go of our faith in God.* If we let go of our faith, we will surely sink. However, if we will just hold on to our faith and look for Christ's hand reaching out to us, we can make it through any storm.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"But Jesus spoke to them at once. 'Don't be afraid,' he said. 'Take courage. I am* here!'" (Matthew 14:27 NET, *Greek "I am" See Exodus 3:14, the Name God calls Himself).

ACTION POINT

In his excitement, Peter said: "I want to walk on the water too." So he called out to Jesus, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." And Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus but, as the story is told, "When he saw the wind, he was afraid." Beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" As Jesus stretched out his hand to Peter, he said to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Let us internalize Christ's loving word for us this day. "Take courage. It is I. Don't be afraid." In the face of economic downturns, in the face of our health slipping away, in the face of losing a loved one to illness or your children dealing with life's issues, don't be fearful. Christ is with you. Take Christ's hand reaching out to you, and He can lift you above the waves.