

The alter flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Daryl Girod by his family.

This Week:

Sunday:

08-31-14

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)
10:45 AM Sunday School
4-6:00 PM Gymanfa Ganu – light supper served
7:00 PM Gymanfa Ganu – song service

Sunday:

09-07-14

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

Today is our annual **Gymanfa Ganu!** Thank you to everyone who has helped prepare for this wonderful day. Please bring **salads & desserts** by 3:00 p.m.

Sunday School begins for all ages on September 21st. If you are interested in being a **S.S. teacher**, please sign up on the table in the vestibule. Teachers are needed for Pre-K – 2nd grade, 3rd – 6th grade, and 7th – 9th grade.

Blessing of the Tractors and meal is scheduled for Sunday, September 14.

Birthdays This Week

9/1 Elizabeth Adkins	9/4 Claudia LeValley
9/1 Kim Ebel	9/4 Katie McClure
9/3 Pete McCollow	9/7 Rob Wiss

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$70,278.00
Rec'd 08-24-14:	\$1,194.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$59,772.60



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.

Salem Presbyterian Church
Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

Prayer Concerns:

Gretchen Baut (cancer and kidney problems – friend of the Silers)
Audrey Burnett (problems breathing)
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Bob Drewyore (son of Bette Richards)
Ralph Du Cheney (serious medical testing – father of Stacia Profit)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Cassy Emery (juvenile rheumatoid arthritis)
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)
Bree Gosshanbler (paralyzed – friend of Audrey Hobbs)
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 and M.S.)
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)
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Jesse (mother with drug addictions, needs God's strength)
Hilda Morris (in hospital with heart problems)

In Mourning:

The family of Jim Beougher
The family of Iona Evans

Serving our Country:

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

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Committed People” - Matthew 16:21-28
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TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *Let us ask ourselves "Am I following Jesus or just believing in Christ?"*

Teaching Point Two: *The greatest temptation in life is to accept less than the best God has for us.*

Teaching Point Three: *There is a price in following Jesus, and it is worth the price.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's" (Matthew 16:23 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Jesus tried to tell them He was going to Jerusalem to suffer, die and be raised again. They were visibly upset. What they failed to understand was that Jesus was a model to follow. Jesus would suffer and die, and in dying He would have life. When we give of ourselves for Christ's sake, when we witness to our faith, and even place ourselves at risk, we will find life. That's the Good News of the Gospel. Let us fall on our knees and make a commitment today to truly follow Christ.

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