

**Salem Presbyterian Church**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 14, 2014**

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery                      Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh  
Hymnal: Great Hymns of the Faith

**Order of Worship**

Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles                      Adkins Boys  
Welcome & Prayer

\*Hymn                      **Holy, Holy, Holy**                      70

Call to Worship                      **10. The Joy of Forgiveness**                      468

Special Guests                      Barbershop Quartet

**\*Prayer of Confession:** O Lord, we seek Your mercy, yet we ourselves look for payback when we are wronged. We think it is “only fair” and “what is right” when we retaliate, use harsh words, and withdraw from a relationship. The forgiveness You offer on *our* account is larger than we can comprehend; but we withhold forgiveness and carry a grudge over petty things. We can be so eager to do Your judging. And even worse, we conspire our inner thoughts to secure Your forgiveness while we avoid honest repentance. Forgive us Lord for the sins we know in our hearts! Save us Lord from the sins that we hide. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

\*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

Special Music                      Barbershop Quartet

Epistle Lesson                      **Romans 14:1-12**                      1034  
Gospel Lesson                      **Matthew 18:21-35**                      896

A Time with the Children

\*Hymn                      **Lead Me to Calvary**                      124

Sermon                      “Living Forgiveness”                      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                      **Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**                      13

\*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.

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**This Week:**

**Sunday:**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
3:00 PM  
6:30 PM  
6:30 PM

**09-14-14**

Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)  
Blessing of the Tractors and Meal  
Celebrate Recovery  
Youth Group  
Trustee Meeting

**Thursday:**

9:30 AM

**09-18-14**

Women's Association

**Sunday:**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
3:00 PM  
4:00 PM

**09-21-14**

Worship (nursery with Deb Fair & Gwenda Blackmore)  
Sunday School (for all ages)  
Celebrate Recovery  
Session Meeting

**Announcements:**

Following the service today, please join us outside for the  **blessing of the tractors**, and for the  **meal** that will be held downstairs in the basement.

**Sunday School** for all ages will begin next week, September 21.

**Lincolnview Bible Board** will present to us next Sunday, September 21.

**Senior Luncheon** this month will be held on Wednesday, September 24.

**Anniversaries This Week**

9/15 Bob & Denise Pugh

**Birthdays This Week**

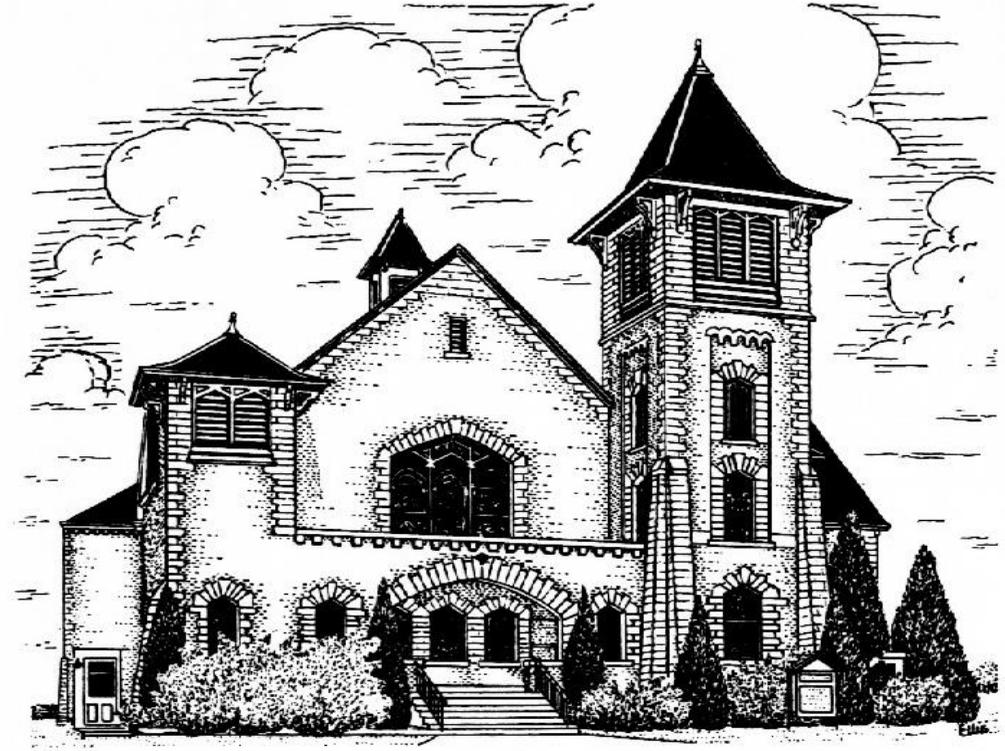
9/18 Jayne Morris  
9/18 Morgan Pugh  
9/20 Megan Jones

**Financial Update:**

Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00  
Rec'd 08-31-14: \$1,304.00

Needed to Date: \$74,412.00  
Rec'd to Date: \$64,230.28

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Bob Drewyore (son of Bette Richards)  
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Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
Cassy Emery (juvenile rheumatoid arthritis)  
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)  
Bree Gosshanbler (paralyzed – friend of Audrey Hobbs)  
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### **In Mourning:**

The family of Gretchen Baut

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