

Salem Presbyterian Church
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 14, 2014

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

Order of Worship

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles Adkins Boys
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45** 544

*Hymn **Open My Eyes, That I May See** 163

*Prayer of Confession: **Lord, we have grudging spirits and greedy eyes, which survey others like spoiled children. We squabble and quarrel out of meanness. Lord, have mercy on us. Many times we do not rejoice when others have been justly rewarded, and we are jealous. Lord, have mercy on us. We hesitate to praise others, and we are unwilling to serve without rewards we can touch and count. Lord, have mercy on us. Your forgiveness, Good God, is without limit: You give us the freedom to live and grow as Your children. Help us to learn the way of Jesus in dealing with others in mercy and peace. 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 **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** Dave Lusk

Epistle Lesson **Philippians 1:21-30** 1069
Gospel Lesson **Matthew 20:1-16** 897

Lincolnview Bible Board

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **The Church's One Foundation** 186

Sermon "Not Envy, But Gratitude" 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.**

Offering *ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings*
Offertory **My Savior's Love** Dave Lusk
*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **40. Cwm Rhonda** 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.

This Week:

This 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

Wednesday:

9:30 AM

09-18-14

Senior Luncheon

Sunday:

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

09-28-14

Worship (nursery with Bill & Elgarda McGee)
Sunday School (for all ages)
Celebrate Recovery

Announcements:

Today a special collection will be made for the **Lincolnview Bible Board**. We thank them for their good work with our youth!

Sunday School begins today for all ages! **Children through 8th grade** will meet for their classes in the basement. For the first four weeks, they will be together to experience the unfolding story of God’s love and redemption.

The **Adult & High School Sunday School class** will meet in the backroom to view and discuss the world acclaimed Alpha course. The topic for today is: “Is Christianity Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?”

Senior Luncheon is this Wednesday, September 24, at the Lion’s Club.

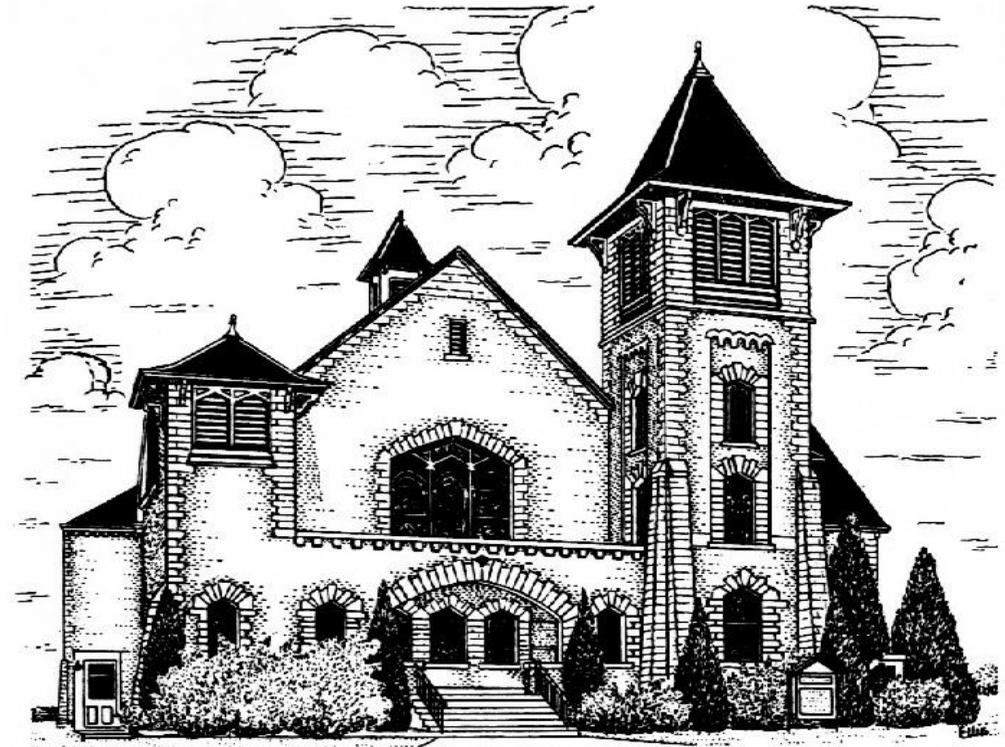
Birthdays This Week:

9/23	April Ellerbrock	9/27	Brian Ellerbrock
9/25	Darlene Jones	9/27	Lisa Lloyd
9/26	Cindy Davis	9/28	Jon Friesner
9/26	Marian Morris		

Anniversaries This Week:

9/28 Eric & Jen Pugh

Sunday, September 21, 2014



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

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date: \$74,412.00
Rec'd 09-14-14:	\$1,116.30	Rec'd to Date: \$65,346.58

Prayer Concerns:

Audrey Burnett
 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 Lamb (granddaughter of Dave & Jean Owens)
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 James Marshall (mysterious ailment and M.S.)
 Hilda Morris (heart problems)
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 Joyce Profit (heart problems)
 Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
 Maxine Stewart (mother of Kim Coil)
 Warren Summersett (broken hip and leg)
 Jesse (mother with drug addictions, needs God’s strength)

Serving our Country:

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

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TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *Envy ruins lives.*

Teaching Point Two: *Grace is not fair.*

Teaching Point Three: *Filling your life with gratitude is the only way to live.*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

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ACTION POINT

Envy is a basic anger at the good fortune of another. It's a bizarre kind of sin. If you lust, you might find happiness in the short moment. If you are greedy, you might take pleasure in the money for a season. But, there is no joy in envy. We even look sick when we are envious, and the expression came of being "green with envy." You'll never be joyful as an envious person. Yet, it lies in the hearts and minds of people like you and me. Living a life of gratitude is the only path to happiness. Let us thank God for the good as well as the bad in our lives to claim Godly joy!

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