

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$18,603.00
Rec'd 03-01-15:	\$471.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$15,042.33

March 8, 2015

Announcements:

Today's **Adult Sunday School** topic is, "The First Commandment."

The **Women's Association** will hold their first meeting of the year on Thursday, March 19. Please see Mary Ellen for a 2015 program booklet.

Mark your calendar for Wed. **March 25** for the first **Senior Luncheon** of the year!

The **Youth Group** will be attending **Converge 2015** March 27-28, Friday 6:00 – 10:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am – 11:00 pm. Talk to Pastor Tom for more information.

On **April 2nd** our annual Maundy Thursday meal by the Morris Family will be at 6:00 pm. Following the meal, the **Maundy Thursday Service and Communion** will begin at 7:00 pm.

The Youth Group invites everyone to the **Easter Sunrise Service, April 5 at 7:00 am**. After the service, the **Easter Sunrise Breakfast** will be served. Let us all come and share good food and fellowship as we gather together on this joyous Easter morning!

Find Salem Church on **Facebook!** It's a great way to share photos and stay up-to-date on cancelations and scheduled events. Make sure to "*like*" our page!

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Session requests all who are interested in providing food for the **funeral dinners** to sign-up in the vestibule and check which food categories you prefer (Salads, Casseroles, Hot Vegetables, and Desserts).

Lion's Club Pancake & Sausage Day is Saturday, March 21, 6:00 am-2:00 pm.



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

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Rev. Thomas Emery
“Cleansing Our Temples” John 2:13-22
Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, March 8, 2015

Prayer Concerns:

Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit’s niece)
Gene Ellerbrock (in failing health – April Ellerbrock’s father-in-law)
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)
Hope Eutsler (leukemia in remission)
Ralph Eversole (several conditions)
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Betty Lloyd
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Tim Morris (liver transplant)
Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)
Taylar Stephens & Family
Tom Theobald (cancer in remission)
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)

Serving our Country:

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

People came to offer their sacrifices at the Jerusalem Temple during Passover. Many of them were from the far reaches of Judaism, and they couldn't bring an animal with them to sacrifice. Unfortunately, they couldn't use Roman coins to purchase one. These coins were considered impure. After all, they bore the image of Caesar, which broke the commandment against graven images. The money changers were exchanging Roman coins for shekels, temple coins, and some of them were making an outrageous profit at the expense of simple, believing people, when they needed to purchase an animal in the Temple court. Seeing this injustice in God’s Temple, Jesus knew it appeared discouraging to those in the pursuit of seeking God. Then upon taking in the situation, Jesus exploded. According to the picture we get in the Gospel, Jesus gets angry at people who exploit religion.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *Anger is not a sin.*

Teaching Point Two: *From God’s perspective, some things should make us angry.*

Teaching Point Three: *There is a time for action.*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, “Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father’s house into a marketplace!” (John 2:16 NLT).

ACTION POINT

The gospel of Jesus, is a conviction that tells us we really matter, not because there is anything remarkable about us, but because there is something remarkable about God. Christ was a law-abiding man. He kept most of the sacred traditions of his people. But, tradition wasn't as important to him as people were. That is why Jesus drove the money changers from the Temple. Jesus cares about people. I invite you to accept the same authentic faith of Jesus, a faith that has one goal, to help us grow in love for one another and God. This same faith is the heart of Lent and the Easter Story.