



**Today:**

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

**04-19-15**

Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)  
Sunday School  
Session Meeting

**April 19, 2015**

**Sunday:**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM

**04-26-15**

Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)  
Sunday School

**Announcements:**

**Session** will meet today at 4:00 pm.

If you would like to contribute to the **Air Conditioning Fund**, please designate your gift accordingly.

This month's **Senior Luncheon** will be on **Wednesday, April 29**, 12:00 pm at the Lion's Club. The menu will include beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, and cupcakes for dessert.

If you have photos or information to share in next month's church newsletter, **Sounds of Salem**, please email the secretary, [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc) or place in Tamara's mailbox by Friday, April 24.

**Birthdays:**

4/20	Kevin Matthews	4/24	Larry Profit
4/22	Elgarda McGee	4/24	Elaine Siler
4/23	Grant Zielke	4/25	Julia Morris
4/24	Jeff Hoehn	4/26	Gwenda Blackmore

**Anniversaries:**

4/21 John & Mary Ellen Lloyd



**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*

**Rev. Thomas Emery**  
**“God’s Family” - 1 John 3:1-7**  
**Salem Presbyterian Church**  
**April 19, 2015**

**Prayer Concerns:**

Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)  
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)  
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit’s niece)  
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)  
Hope Eutsler (leukemia in remission)  
Ralph Eversole (several conditions)  
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)  
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)  
Betty Lloyd  
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)  
Tim Morris (liver transplant)  
Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)  
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)  
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)  
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)  
Taylar Stephens & Family  
Tom Theobald (cancer in remission)  
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)  
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)  
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)  
Aaron Reis (age 15, received a heart transplant Tuesday – son of Bruce Reis)

**Serving our Country:**

Micah Linger (*grandson of Doris Evans*)  
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)  
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)  
Will Morrison (U.S. Army Reserves – *deployed to Iraq on April 1*)

When God’s Spirit lodges within us, we are given new birth as God's own children (Romans 8:11). We are then reborn as part of God’s family and permitted to greet God as Jesus did with his words, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 2:15). This term of endearment Jesus uses for his heavenly Father, "Abba," means "daddy." We also become inheritors to a life eternal with the eternal kingdom of God to come.

**TEACHING POINTS**

**Teaching Point One:** *Lost in a physical world, we do not know spiritually who our heavenly Father is.*

**Teaching Point Two:** *By faith in the resurrection, we become “children of God.”*

**Teaching Point Three:** *We need to remember who we are, and what we can become.*

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.” (1 John 3:2 NLT).

**ACTION POINT**

We are in a new family as reborn believers. Perhaps, our early family was dysfunctional and frustrating. But, we can be adopted as God's children, not because of anything we do, but simply because God loves us. As children of God, what we will be when Christ returns is yet to be revealed to us. As children of God, we live as Christ lived on earth to show the fruits of our faith, so we stand out from the world. We will see God face-to-face in the last hour. And in between times, God abides in the earthly community of faith, His church, in fellowship with Christ, and with us. God is light. Walking in that light, we will live forever.