



**Sunday:** 04-26-15  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)  
10:45 AM Sunday School

**April 26, 2015**

**Wednesday:** 04-29-15  
12:00 PM Senior Luncheon

**Sunday:** 05-03-15  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)  
10:45 AM Sunday School

**Announcements:**

This week, **Senior Luncheon** will meet 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.

There are prayer request/visitor cards available in the vestibule. Please use these cards to write down the information of your **prayer request** so we are more able to put the correct information in the bulletin and Pastor will know who to contact. Your help in this is greatly appreciated! You may place them in the offering plate or leave them in the secretary's mailbox.

Tamara Mullenhour welcomes you to attend her music studio's **Spring Recital**, held here at Salem on **Friday, May 1 at 7:00pm**. She would like to extend her thanks to the church for freely giving her the opportunity to use the church's beautiful grand piano for the event.

May 10 is Mother's Day! The Junior Choir will also be recognized on this day.

**Graduation Sunday** is on May 17. Please let Pastor Tom or Tamara know of students who should be recognized and who are planning on attending this day.

**Birthdays:**

4/25	Julia Morris	5/1	Logan Friesner
4/26	Gwenda Blackmore	5/2	Audrey Hobbs
4/29	Jenny Pugh	5/3	Kim Coil
4/30	Bob Bolton	5/3	Deb Fair
4/30	Ruth Evans	5/3	Eric Pugh



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### **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)  
Aaron Reis (age 15, received a heart transplant – son of Bruce Reis)  
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)  
Judy Foust (knee surgery)  
Tina Fay  
Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)  
Hayden Williams (medical tests)  
Jean Owens (hip)

### **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*)

### **In Mourning:**

The Family of Ted Hirn

**Rev. Thomas Emery**  
***“The Good Shepherd” - 1 John 3:1-11***  
***Salem Presbyterian Church***  
**April 26, 2015**

Look at the picture Jesus gives us here of a good shepherd who will lead us in and out of green pastures. This is a comforting portrait of a shepherd caring for his sheep. The shepherd would lead his sheep out to distant areas and stay there for days. Being a good shepherd, he creates a temporary corral, a pen to keep the sheep in when they were not grazing. Using the crude stones of the field, a shepherd could quickly put together such a structure, and at night he would lay his body down in the opening of this corral making himself the door. No sheep could wonder away at night unless it stepped over the sleeping shepherd, and no wolf could come in to do harm without waking the shepherd. He is the gate.

### **TEACHING POINTS**

**Teaching Point One:** *We follow the Good Shepherd's voice.*

**Teaching Point Two:** *The Good Shepherd cares for and protects us.*

**Teaching Point Three:** *Are we listening for His voice?*

### **THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

“The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” (1 John 3:2 NLT)

### **ACTION POINT**

Jesus contrasts the good shepherd with a temporary shepherd who is a hired hand. Jesus says that hired shepherds are not fully committed to their cause, because they do not own the sheep. Have you ever been fully committed to some Christ-honoring cause? Have you had full ownership of some Christian project or program? If you have then, you know what our Lord is discussing. Who puts in the most hours? Who joyfully gives money to the cause? Works the hardest? Cares the deepest? It is the owner - not the hired hand. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He models to us how we as the church are to take care of His sheep. Are you letting Him be your model? Is He guiding you, pointing you, giving you direction?