

Today:

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

05-17-15 Graduation Sunday

Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)
Sunday School
Session Meeting

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

05-24-15 Memorial Sunday

Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)
Sunday School

Announcements:

Congrats to Jonathan and Tammy (Lloyd) Wells – a baby boy, **Jonathan Jaxson**, born Thursday, May 7 (7 lbs. 12 oz., 18 ½ inches long). Rex & Lisa Lloyd are the proud grandparents and John C. & Anne Morris the proud great-grandparents!

The **Women’s Association** will meet this Thursday, May 21 at 9:00 am.

Memorial Day Services will be held on Monday, May 25. The Horeb Cemetery Service will be held at 10:30 am and the Venedocia Cemetery Service at 11:00 am.

The last **Senior Luncheon** until September, will be on Wednesday, May 27.

You are invited to the **Graduation Party for Andrew Emery** on Sunday, May 31, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at Salem Church.

Do you have information, stories, thank you notes, or photos to be included in June’s **newsletter**? Please send to the church office by May 28!

Birthdays:

5/17	Mary Jane Haines	5/19	Holden Price
5/17	Delayna Profit	5/22	Dawson Kimmet
5/17	Stacia Profit	5/23	Carolyn Girod
5/18	Ione Owens		

Anniversaries:

5/19	Bart & Rosemary Strict
5/20	Mark & Melissa Zielke

May 17, 2015



<p>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.</p>
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Salem Presbyterian Church
Venedocia, Ohio

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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)
Judy Foust (knee surgery)
Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)
Betty Lloyd
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Tina Mayes
Tim Morris (liver transplant)
Jean Owens (hip)
Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)
Aaron Ries (age 15, received a heart transplant – son of Bruce Ries)
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)
Haydn Williams (esophagus cancer treatment)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)
Will Morrison (U.S. Army Reserves) *deployed to Iraq*

Rev. Thomas Emery
“The Prayer of Jesus” John 17:6-19
Salem Presbyterian Church
May 17, 2015

In today's gospel passage, we hear Jesus, as a high priest, praying for His earthly ministry. He prays that the work He has done, the efforts He has made explaining the Kingdom of God, and the witness He has shown, will not come to an end. He prays that the work will continue in those whom his Father has given to Him to serve. They will shortly be without the physical Christ. Soon, Jesus will show His ultimate care and concern for the whole of humanity as He willingly takes upon Himself the sins of the entire world.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *This world is not our home.*

Teaching Point Two: *The Father will guard us in this environment that is unfriendly to Christ-followers.*

Teaching Point Three: *The Father will provide us guidance.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

“I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.” John 17:14 NLT

ACTION POINT

Just prior to His betrayal and arrest, Jesus is overheard in the Gospel of John praying to His Father. This high priestly prayer is an exceedingly close and personal moment between Jesus and the Father. By worldly contrast, it is common to have people indicate that they don't know how to talk to God. Perhaps, you may be among those who are uncertain. Being invited by John to eavesdrop on Jesus praying to God, can be very helpful to us. At the outset, one is struck by the ease with which Jesus speaks to the Father. It is a pure outpouring of His heart wanting to do the Father's will. That is the prayer that God wants from you. Perhaps now, pour out your own heart to God. You are as close to God as you want to be.