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June 2015 Revised Common Lectionary Year B

2nd Sunday after Pentecost – June 7

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20
Psalm 128
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

3rd Sunday after Pentecost – June 14

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

4th Sunday after Pentecost – June 21

1 Samuel 17:32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

5th Sunday after Pentecost – June 28

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

The Lyre and Harp Window



The lyre and the harp shown in the Salem stained-glass windows are both ancient musical instruments that are mentioned in the Bible. Throughout the ages, people have used songs to express their praise to God, to seek comfort, and to express all the feelings that are part of worship. Music, and the desire to sing hymns in four-part harmony freely, was a motivating force for the first settlers who left Wales to come to Venedocia.

“²³ And whenever the tormenting spirit from God troubled Saul, David would play the harp. Then Saul would feel better, and the tormenting spirit would go away.” 1 Samuel 16:23

⁶ When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. ⁷ This was their song: “Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!” 1 Samuel 18:6-7 NLT

Read: 1 Samuel 16:14-23; 1 Samuel 18:6-7

Reflect: How do you seek comfort when troubled and express your joy in God’s blessings?

Pray: Sing a hymn to God!

Source: The Salem Confirmation Class Handbook

Pastor’s Thoughts

As we are coming to Father’s Day this year, I can’t but help reflect upon the book, *Love and Respect: the Respect He Desperately Needs; the Love She Most Desires*. I use it often in Christian marital counseling, and I take the Bible as my authority in my faith and practice. This book puts together insights from the Scriptures as a way of understanding the author’s counseling practice.

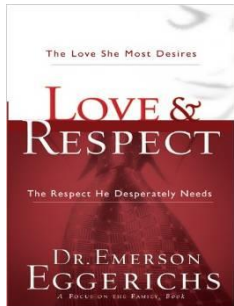
The premise of Dr. Eggerichs’ book and conference, *Love and Respect*, is that marriages get into ruts. Because we are not perfect, crazy cycles of conflict occur when both spouses want renewed passion but don’t know how to communicate that to the other.



The worse situation is when husbands and wives turn to their friends instead of each other. The problem is that men think “blue” while women think “pink”; they

are two different languages. Without *love*, she reacts; without *respect*, he reacts. The only way to healing is when his love to her, motivates her respect, which motivates his love again. It's clear that a church is only as healthy as its families are healthy. Naturally then, God also designed marriage to be a *permanent* union, unbroken and uncorrupted. God wanted a union held together by lasting love that refuses to let go.

Divorce does sadly occur and was allowed by God under certain circumstances, because our compassionate God knew our human shortcomings. None of us are perfect. And we are to show our love and understanding to those hurt by divorce.



Christ quoted the same verse Paul referenced from Genesis, then underscored the permanence of the union: "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined, let no man separate" (Matthew 19:6). Children conceived by that union

will bear the genetic pattern of two people who have become one flesh.

But marriage also involves a *spiritual* union. God is the one who joins husband and wife together. Marriage is the union of two souls knit together in every aspect of life; their emotions, intellects, personalities, life desires and life goals.

As Father's Day is upon us, let us show our love for our families by getting the Scriptural tools to build a strong foundation of love and respect. Knowing God's Word and seeking tools like the *Love and Respect* book is how a Christian can better make a Father's Day the way God imaged it.

- Pastor Tom

Memorial Day

This Memorial Day, many of us visited cemeteries and found other ways to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the Armed Forces. Memorial Day, observed annually on the last Monday of May, began in the nineteenth century as Decoration Day in memory of those who died in the American Civil War. It soon included all who died in military service — especially following World War II — and the name was officially changed to Memorial Day in 1967.

Not to be confused with Veterans Day, which honors all military veterans (both those who died in service and



those who did not), Memorial Day has become an occasion, over time, for broader expressions of memory, including deceased relatives and other loved ones who have gone before us.

In reflection of this Memorial Day 2015, we rightfully honored those who sacrificed their lives for our great nation and our freedom. Our nation was born out of the desire to worship our Savior freely, and for this great freedom we are grateful for the lives that were given by so many men and women.

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-unmarked-tomb-of-a-well-known-soldier>

What Makes Dad Special

All around the world, dads are special this month. It takes a man and woman, father and



mother, to image God to a child. "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27).

Having just one or the other isn't God's ideal, though we greatly revere those who give such valiant effort to leading single-parent homes, difficult as it is. And having two of the one and none of the other is even more trouble. Father and mother aren't interchangeable. God's created order calls for a mother and for a father, together.

"We were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only

*the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us... For you know how, like a **father** with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.” - 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11-12*

Don't miss how personal this fatherly care is. He says he exhorted "each one of you," not just the group at large. So he



knows them personally. As Robert Coleman says, "The only way that a father can properly raise a family is to be with it." And because he knows them, he doesn't exhort like a slave master, or like a judge, or like a king, but he exhorts like a father — a father who knows his children and manifestly loves them and desires the best for them.

There's something about fatherhood that makes such warm but strong exhortation especially appropriate. It's not that mothers don't exhort or shouldn't exhort. It's not that mothers should never step forward and, with manifest love and earnestness, charge a child to walk in a manner worthy of God. But there is something about fatherhood that makes such exhortation and encouragement particularly fitting.

The Apostle Paul charges not the parents in general, but the fathers in particular, "*Do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*" Same story in Colossians 3:21: "*Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.*"

"It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ...we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but [God] disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment, all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

- Hebrews 12:7, 9-11

On this Father's Day, whether your dad has been all that you ever hoped and dreamed, or you've now grown old enough to see his faults and failings (sadly the more common story), there are distinct virtues to respect in dad, even as we love the overlapping virtues in mom. Let's see if we can honor dad this Father's Day not just by pointing out what made him a good parent, but a good father.

Source: <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-makes-dad-special>

This Past Month at Salem

Mother's Day was a special day at Salem Church. The **Junior Choir** was recognized and the children blessed us with music one more time before summer! They played the bells, and they also sang. Afterwards, the children presented all mothers in church that morning with a gift: a package of hand lotion, lip balm, and a seed packet.



Graduation Recognition Sunday was on May 17. The two high school graduates from our church family are **Jordan Young** from Lincolnview and **Andrew Emery** from Spencerville. The Session members laid hands on them to bless them in their future. Jordan and Andrew were given the book, *The Complete Bible Answer Book*, by Hank Hannegraaf.



Again, we had a great month of **special music!** We are always grateful for the musical talents of our organist, LaDonna Allenbaugh. We were particularly blessed by her talents this month when she played special music. LaDonna first spoke about the sometimes taken-for-granted instrument performing a beautiful hymn arrangement. This month, we also heard from the voices of Madison Pugh, Sheila Collins, and Doris Price & Eileen Lucier.



Time with the Children is always a special point in the Sunday morning service when the children join Pastor Tom Emery up front and to receive a visit from "Sandy" (Carol Emery). On this particular Sunday, "Sandy" looked as if she was prepared to go into outer space,



because she thought the Bible said she was not *from* this world! Her friend (Kim Coil) corrected her by showing that the Bible (John



17:14-15) tells us that, though believers are *in* this world, we are not *of* this world (not part of its values, but of Christ's).



Memorial Day Services were held at Horeb and Venedocia Cemeteries on Monday, May 25. Each year, the Lincolnview Band performs a tribute. Sheila Collins from Van Wert also sang.

Coach John Zerbe from Spencerville high school and Pastor Tom Emery spoke at the service held at Memorial Park.



Looking Ahead

Jordan Young's Graduation Party is on Saturday, **June 6**, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Lion's Club building in Venedocia.



It's time for **Vacation Bible School** at Salem Church, coming **Thursday and Friday, June 18 – 19, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for ages 3-12!** Children should meet at the park next to the Lion's Club (weather permitting). The kids will meet Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego and find out how these three friends stayed strong and courageous even when they faced a fiery death. We will get to know Paul too. Please **pre-register** your child by calling Carol Emery or Salem Church at (419) 667-4142. Leave a message with your name and phone number and you will get a return call for more information. You can also pick up a pre-registration form at the church. If you would like to help in any way, leave that on your message as well. *Tell your kids to get ready to **ROAR LIKE A LION!!!***



Salem Church will again participate in the **Spencerville Parade on Saturday, June 27**. Join us to walk it and hand out candy!

This year's **Ice Cream Social** will be on Friday, **July 31**. **Lion's Club Sausage** will be served along with other food items.



Celebrating our **100th Gymanfa Ganu** will be an event you won't want to miss on Sunday night, **September 6**. If you have questions, historical information, or photos to share, please send to the church office: P.O. Box 678, Venedocia, OH 45894 or secretary@saalemchurch.cc or contact Jean Owens by email: joytrips@watchtv.net.

A Letter to Alumni Choir Members

Dear Alumni Choir Member,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Salem Presbyterian Music Committee. As you may already know, this year on Sunday, September 6, we will be hosting our 100th Gymanfa Ganu!



We consider ourselves so blessed to have participated and grown up with such a great Welsh heritage. We have had strong church leaders, family members, and a loving God who has blessed us to be a part of this wonderful song festival.

Our Gymanfa director this year will be Eric Foster, who many of you know. Maggie Morris Lopez will also be coming to help celebrate.

Maggie has agreed to lead past choir members in a special music presentation for the **Sunday 9:30 am** worship service on **September 6**. We are excited about a great return of "Bartie's Choir Kid's" and hope that you will join us. Maggie says she will keep the song simple and fun (and we know she always delivers on the fun part)! A practice is to be set for Saturday, September 5 at 1:00 pm with a second practice on Sunday before church at 8:30 am.

We would appreciate hearing from all of you, no matter what your voice range is or age may be! Please let me know if you can attend and feel free to add anyone that has not heard from us yet. You

may contact me through the church which will be forwarded to me: secretary@saalemchurch.cc or 419-667-4142. You can also follow our Gymanfa Ganu 100th year celebration on our church website, www.SalemChurch.cc. Hope to see you on September 5 and 6, 2015!

Sincerely, Kathy McCollow

Services for Senior Citizens



Founded in 1975, the **Van Wert County Council on Aging** is a non-profit agency that prides itself on offering services that helps Seniors to live their lives with independence and dignity for as long as possible in the environment of their homes. This mission is accomplished by offering a variety of services such as operating chore services, outreach programs, the operation of the **Senior Luncheon Café** and the **Van Wert Senior Citizen's Center** (located at 220 Fox Road in Van Wert). The Council on Aging follows criteria established by the Older Americans act which defines an older American as someone age sixty years and older (aged 55 and older to utilize the Senior Center).

The largest service program offered is the **Transportation of Seniors**. We strive to offer safe and reliable transportation for our consumers. Our consumers depend on us to be able to attend their medical appointments, grocery shopping, banking, and an assortment of many other places that are important for their independence. For those living in outlying villages, such as Venedocia, transportation is an even greater need. The transportation program looks to transport the maximum amount of consumers while also attempting to streamline driver's routes.

The Council on Aging does not receive funding from our local government. With the agency being non-profit, we are heavily reliant on client contributions for us to meet the needs of our seniors and offer our consumers a suggested contribution list to help us offset our costs. However, it is important to note that no clients are ever denied service because of inability to contribute.

We are fortunate to serve the great Seniors of this county and always welcome new consumers to take advantage of our services. For those that would like further information regarding our transportation services or other services offered at the Council on Aging feel free to contact us at 419-238-5011.



Please remember our elderly members, soldiers and college students with cards & visits.

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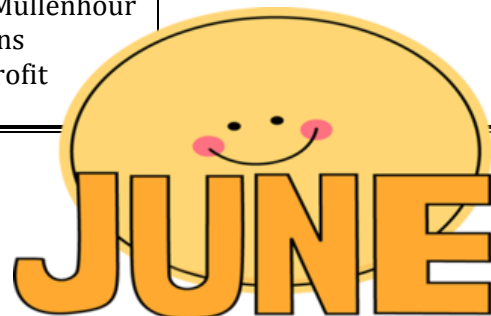
Prayer Concerns

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 (in recovery)
Jesse (recovering from heroin addiction)
Margaret Keltner (mother of Jan Jones)
Betty Lloyd
James Marshall (mysterious ailment and M.S.)
Tim Morris (liver transplant)
Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
David Slygh (organ transplant problems)
Taylar Stephens & Family
Tom Theobald (cancer in remission)
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Noah Wyatt (post-surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Aaron Ries (received heart transplant –Bruce Ries' son)
Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)
Judy Foust (knee surgery)
Jean Owens (hip)
Tina Mayes
Haydn Williams (esophagus cancer treatment)
Norma Adams (diabetic issues)


In Mourning

The Family of Elizabeth "Betsy" Jones
The Family of Larry Fox

| Birthdays | | Anniversaries | |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 6/2 | Barb Owens | 6/2 | Ron & Barb Owens |
| | Brock Profit | 6/14 | Jeff & Kim Coil |
| 6/6 | Cassy Emery | 6/17 | Bill & Elgarda McGee |
| 6/8 | Tammy Lloyd Wells | 6/22 | Jeremy & Kim Ebel |
| 6/10 | Dillon Ellerbrock | | Todd & Jayne Morris |
| 6/13 | Kevin Price | 6/24 | Owen & Karen Pugh |
| 6/14 | Sandra Caffro | 6/25 | Rex & Lisa Lloyd |
| 6/18 | Charlie Good | 6/28 | Larry & Sandra Caffro |
| 6/25 | Tamara Mullenhour | | |
| 6/29 | Tom Evans | | |
| 6/30 | Shania Profit | | |



JUNE 2015 EVENTS

| Sunday | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|-----|-----|---|-----|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Jordan Young's Graduation Party 1:00 – 4:00 pm |
| 7 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School 4:00pm Music Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm Trustee Meeting | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18  Vacation Bible School Thursday and Friday 6:00 – 8:00 pm | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Father's Day 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School 4:00pm Session Meeting | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Spencerville Parade |
| 28 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School | 29 | 30 | | | | |

| Week of | Greeter* | Ushers | Acolyte | Nursery** | *Besides greeting with a smile, greeters should be at the outside landing to watch the steps and parking lot as well as assist with the elevator to help those in need. ** Nursery workers please bring snacks for 15 children. |
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| June 7 | Gwenda Blackmore | The David & Carla Breese Family | Catie Emery | Jeff & Kim Coil | |
| June 14 | | | | Todd & Jayne Morris | |
| June 21 | | | | Gwenda Blackmore | |
| June 28 | | | | Bill & Elgarda McGee | |



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Music for June

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Sunday, June 7

Special Music: Valerie Barnhart

Sunday, June 14

Special Music: Hymn Sing

Sunday, June 21

Special Music: Bible School Program

Sunday, June 28

Special Music: Paul & Annette Hoverman



Salem on a May evening