

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, August 9, 2015
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Catie Emery

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 130

562

*Hymn

Huddersfield

Welsh Hymnal, 19

Prayer of Confession: Lord Jesus Christ, we confess how easy it is to be drawn into worldly lifestyles, and we need Your constant help to make our behavior consistent with Yours. Forgive us when our words have been less than truthful. Forgive us for using anger to manipulate and to control. Forgive us when our actions have lacked total integrity. Forgive us when our words have been thoughtless and offhand. Renew us with Your Spirit so that our words and actions bring You pleasure and not pain. Fall afresh on us, O Holy Spirit, and make our lives true reflections of Jesus' life. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Response

Glory Be to the Father

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Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings

John 6:35, 41-51

972

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

1066

Special Music

Maddie Dunn

A Time with the Children

*Hymn

Ebenezer (Ton-Y-Botel)

Welsh Hymnal, 11

Sermon

"Let Go of All Bitterness"

Rev. Thomas Emery

Spirit of the living God - fall fresh on me

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the living God - fall fresh on me

*Apostle's Creed: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory *(Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings.)*

*Response

Praise God

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Cwm Rhondda

Welsh Hymnal, 40

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen**

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by the Evans Family.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$64,077.00
Rec'd 08-02-15:	\$2,159.63	Rec'd to Date:	\$56,826.91

Today:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM
6:30 PM

08-09-15

Worship (nursery with Ross & Alyssa Evans)
Adult Sunday School Class
Trustee Meeting

Sunday:

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

08-16-15

Worship (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins)
Adult Sunday School Class
Session Meeting

Announcements:

Becky Zirkle is celebrating her 95th birthday this week! Her daughter has invited everyone at Salem Church to a birthday party at Vancrest Healthcare in Van Wert in the family room, **today** from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Park on the backside, north lot for direct entry.

The trustees bring to attention that the **handicap lift** is in need of repair. There is an estimate of \$4,500 to repair the lower door lift mechanism. Please designate your donations to the **major improvement fund** to help cover this cost. Thank you.

After replacing our **copier** machine, we now have the older model for sale! It is in good condition (last serviced in June) and available for purchase. Bids starting at \$100 and any questions regarding the copier may be directed to the secretary.

Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday is coming this month! Drive to church in style on **August 23**, for the special service of thanksgiving and prayer for safety to be held on our annual Blessing of the Tractors Sunday. A carry-in meal will follow.

Our **100th Gymanfa Ganu** is approaching quickly and many plans are in place to make this celebration a memorable one! Held annually on Labor Day Weekend, this year it is on Sunday evening, **September 6**. A light supper will be served from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and the Festival of Song will begin at 7:00 pm.

Birthdays This Week:

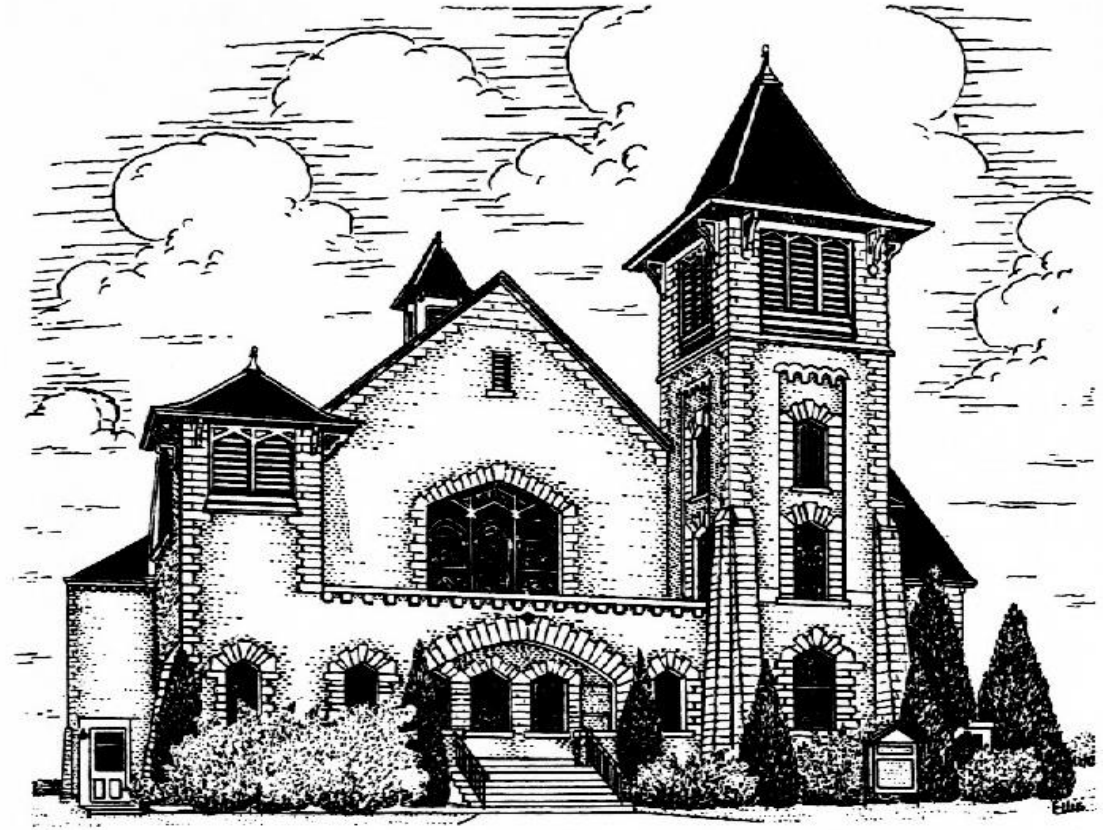
8/9 Denise Pugh 8/13 Becky Zirkle
8/11 David Hobbs 8/15 Henry Wiss

Anniversaries This Week:

8/12 David & Carla Breese



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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.

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Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adams (diabetic issues)
Jack Blackmore
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Hope Eutsler (leukemia)
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 (broken hip)
Eileen Lucier (cancer treatment)
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Evelyn Pugh
Aaron Ries (age 15, received a heart transplant – son of Bruce Ries)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Mike Rowland (diagnosed with brain tumor)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
Taylar Stephens & Family
John Stutz
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)
Eric Fancher (chemotherapy – son of Rev. Jon & Mary Fancher)
Nicholas Poling (brain surgery – grandson of Charlie Good)

Serving our Country:

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

In Mourning:

The Family & Friends of Haydn Williams

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Get Rid of All Bitterness” Ephesians 4:25-5:2
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We have growing up to do. All of us are born as babies. All our needs were satisfied. A baby screams and mother feeds him. If he is wet, his diaper gets changed. Everything revolves around the infant; he or she is the center of the world. Nothing was required of in return as a baby. An ideal world was necessary for our survival. One of the hardest tasks in growing up is accepting that we are not the axis around which everything and everyone revolves. We have to give up the “me first principle.” If we don’t, then we will let temporary anger and bitterness rob us of relationships. A Christian’s lifestyle is not about “what about me,” but life is all about “what about you.” As adults, we are to be “be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point 1: *Angry people have no idea that their attitude is an offense against God.*

Teaching Point 2: *Rid ourselves of the spirit of this world.*

Teaching Point 3: *Being filled with the Spirit of Christ, we give thanks for everything.*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

“³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:31-32 NLT)

ACTION POINT

Bitterness and anger can consume us and wreck our health if we do not convert that energy into godliness. Otherwise, we will miss some of life's finest blessings. If we are to live a new life and if we are to be new people, we must be aware of those emotions within us that must be kept under control. We must also focus our eyes on Christ who comes to us with love, forgiveness, mercy and grace. We must have our eyes open to the opportunities for service and witness through kindness, tenderheartedness and forgiveness directed toward the people that we meet. Life is not about “what about me” as a child, but life is all about “what about you” seeking to be like Christ.