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Revised Common Lectionary
Year B

19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 4

Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

20th Sunday after Pentecost – October 11

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

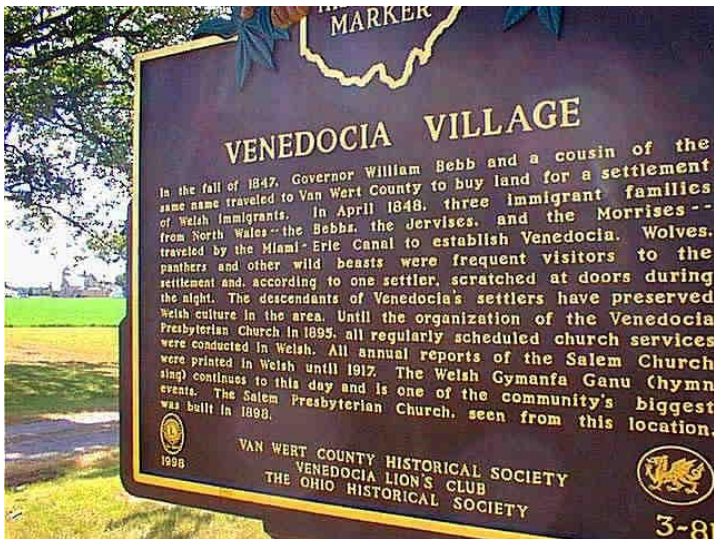
21st Sunday after Pentecost – October 18

Job 38:1-7, 34-41 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

22nd Sunday after Pentecost – October 25

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

The Origin of the Name, “Venedocia”



Venedocia Historical Marker

The only written clue on the source of the name for our village, Venedocia, comes from an [undated poem titled, “Venedocia,”](#) which is thought to be written between 1888 and 1897. The author, Eunice Edwards, was the daughter of Rev. Issac Edwards who was pastor of Horeb Church from 1882-1887 and again from 1893-1898. The poem's suggested need for building a new

church indicates the poem was written prior to 1898 when the new and current church building was dedicated.



Salem Church in 1898.

The poem states that Governor Bebb named the village for North Wales. We know from other sources that the Welsh word "venedotia" refers to North Wales, and that the Romans called a tribe there "Venedotians." The poem describes life in the village from the various businesses to the school building and teachers. Edwards ends her poem by stating that the village was blessed to be free of liquor. You can read the entire poem online on Venedocia's website, <http://www.venedocia.org/poem.html>

Pastor's Thoughts

Sandy Simpson in “Fruit of the Spirit” told a story of a mom having a birthday and the rest of the family throwing her a party. When the time for presents arrived, she was told to sit in her favorite comfortable chair. Beginning with the father and then the two older children, they came in from the kitchen bearing their gifts on a tray and lovingly presented them to Mom as if she were as special as a queen.

The smallest girl, who was too young to have had much input on the gift selection, had been left out of all these joyous plans. But watching the party, she rose to the occasion. Just when the others thought the celebration was over, she appeared from the kitchen bearing an empty tray. Approaching her mother she placed the tray on the floor, stepped on it herself, and with a childish giggle of joy said, “Mommy, I give you ME!”

When we come emptied before God, we bring only ourselves, which is the best and greatest gift we can ever give to God. It's the only gift God ever asks. And when we come emptied, God meets us and feeds us and fills us to overflowing. It doesn't make a difference whether we are rich or poor, a beggar or a thief; when we come emptied, we leave full of God's Spirit and God's love.

So, empty yourself today during your time of prayer. Empty yourself of all that might separate you from God. Come emptied to the best banquet ever prepared, eat all you can of mercy and forgiveness and leave overflowing with God's love! - Pastor Tom

The Gift of Mercy



"Who is my neighbor?" the lawyer asked. And Jesus told that great story. When he got through, Jesus said, "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robber?" The lawyer answered, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:25-37)

Who is my neighbor? My neighbor is anyone in need who crosses my path whose need I am able to meet. That's simple enough. Mercy is meeting the needs of those around me with the resources I have on hand. Mercy is not an organization or a program. It is people caring enough to get involved.



In the history of mankind, ours will not go down as a merciful generation. There has been too much killing, too much cynicism, too much moral decay. Who would dare walk the streets of Chicago after dark? Who is surprised by news of yet another corrupt politician? We are the most technologically advanced nation in the world, but it seems to make no difference in the way we treat other people. A thousand years from now, what will the historians say of us?



Not long ago I ran across a striking thought: Jesus died to create a race of merciful men and women. A race of men and women who have received mercy and now gladly give it away. A race of men and women who would go into this wounded world and bind up the broken. What an impact those "mercy people" could make in our generation.



There are many reasons why we might not be merciful. Foremost among them is this: We are so busy taking care of ourselves that we have very little time left over to give to others. Mercy is hard work to do. We struggle with it and against it. But it is the work of God. Mercy is nothing more than caring for people the way God does. Let us go from here to a world in need... and show them mercy... show them Jesus... and show them God.

Adapted from "The Gift That Never Goes Old" by Ray Pritchard

"For Cooks Only"



Salem Church has an old recipe book that was put together years ago with the candid title, "For Cooks Only." Many names of the ladies are familiar and dear to our hearts. We are excited to be creating a new church cookbook that will include the recipes passed down in the pages of this booklet as well as new. So, now is the time to submit your favorite recipes! Please send your recipes with your name by mail or to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Frozen Salad

--Evelyn Pugh

- 1/2 c. cream cheese
- 1/4 c. mayonnaise
- 4 T. powdered sugar
- 1 small bottle maraschino cherries
- 1 can pineapple (drained)
- 1 c. nuts
- 2 c. small marshmallows
- 1 pkg. Dream Whip

Mix all ingredients together, fold in Dream Whip. Pour into baking dish and freeze.



Rolled Oats Cake

--Becky Zirkle

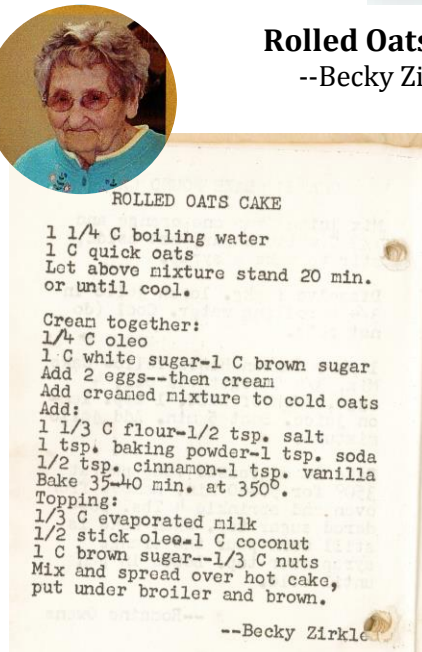
- 1 1/4 c. boiling water
- 1 c. quick oats.
- Let mixture stand 20 minutes or until cool.

Cream together:

- 1/4 c. oleo
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- Add creamed mixture to cold oats

Add:

- 1 1/3 c. flour, 1/2 t. salt
- 1 t. baking powder
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1/2 t. cinnamon
- 1 t. vanilla.



Bake 35-40 minutes at 350°

Topping: 1/3 c. evaporated milk, 1/2 stick oleo, 1 c. coconut, 1 c. brown sugar, 1/3 c. nuts. Mix and spread over hot cake. Put under broiler and brown.

100th Gymanfa Ganu



The 100th Gymanfa Ganu was a full house!

The Music Committee would like to thank everyone for their support and attendance for the 100th Gymanfa Ganu! It received great reviews by all, and Eric Foster did an outstanding job directing.

We send a special thanks to Maggie Morris Lopez for her help with directing the Alumni Choir. Her enthusiasm and ability to bring together people's voices proved to be very successful! It was our honor to sing for Bartie and we were blessed to have her and her family in attendance.



Maggie Morris Lopez

People that served behind the scenes helped make the day very special: Connie O'Neil (piano), Bonnie Bolton (organ), Gloria Leiter (kitchen), and Mary Jo Miller and Sandy Caffro (morning social hour). For those who helped in any way, a big thank you to all!



Eric Foster directing

We are already planning for next year. The Gymanfa will be Sunday, September 4, 2016 with Christopher Uhl as director and special music by Susan Morgan Leffel. More details to follow!

Keep Singing! - *The Music Committee of Salem Church*



Bonnie Bolton on Organ



Connie O'Neil on Piano



Alumni Choir



Morning Social Hour



Sandy & Larry Caffro



Sunday Morning Worship Service



The Light Supper was enjoyed by many and included a historical photo PowerPoint.

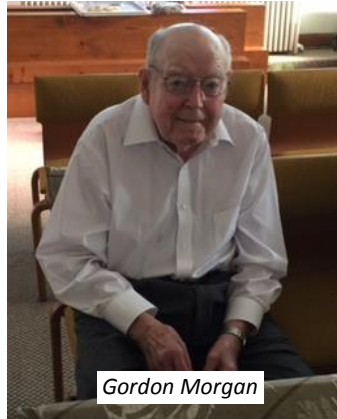




David & Jean Owens and Marilyn Evans Stockton are ready to enjoy the 100th Gymanfa Ganu!



"Sandy" (Carol Emery) meets a Welshman (Kathy McCollow) during the Time with the Children.



Gordon Morgan



Susan Morgan Leffel sang for special music September 27.



There are still a few **brass ornaments** left for \$12.00 each. Please see Doris Price or Ann Rees.

Audio recordings of both the morning and evening services on September 6, are available to listen to online on www.salemchurch.cc.

Looking Ahead

Sunday School **for all ages** has resumed for the fall.

The **Lincolnview Bible Board** will be sharing with us on Sunday, October 11.



You are invited to **Violet Ashton's 100th Birthday Party Open House** on Sunday, October 11 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Roselawn Manor in Spencerville. And send a card and see if she receives at least 100!

Celebrating 100 Years of Violet



Sunday, October 11, 2015 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Roselawn Manor
420 East Fourth Street, Spencerville, Ohio 45887

The **Women's Association** will meet on Thursday, October 15, at 9:30 am in the church basement.



A **baby shower** will be held on Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 pm, for Tamara Mullenhour, in the backroom of the church.

This month's **Senior Luncheon** will be on Wednesday, October 29, at 12:00 noon at the Lion's Club Building. The photo below shows Kim Coil, "Scarecrow," and Liz Hobbs at the September luncheon dressed in Ohio State gear. We look forward to seeing you there as everyone has a great time. Remember to bring a gift for the game of Bingo!



Thanksgiving Food Drive



Please place your canned food items in the barrel in the vestibule at the church for the Van Wert County Food Pantry.

Operation Christmas Child

Please plan to fill a shoe box this year and make a real difference in the life of a child either in this country or in one of the many war torn and poor countries around the world. The goal this year is to reach 2.7 million children worldwide, not only with a box that they will treasure, but also with the Gospel message in "The Greatest Journey" discipleship lessons included.



Through this outreach, over 1.1 million children in over 80 countries have made decisions for Christ and are now sharing that message with others. A girl in Mongolia names Munkhtuya said: "Through [the discipleship] lessons, I became a Christian and started going to church. Now I pray to God. Before I received Jesus as my Savior, I had fear in my heart. Now I feel peace and all my fears are gone. I thank God."

Information on how to pack a box is available online and at the church. Many of these children have never received a gift before and they are thrilled to know that someone cares enough about them to send a shoe box.

Our collection date is **Sunday, November 22**. The boxes will then be taken to the Van Wert Youth for Christ office to be sent on. Thank you for preparing to give a box for this Christmas season! --Jean Owens

Thank You

"To my Salem Presbyterian Church Family; Thank you all for the prayers, visits, food and support during Mom's long journey home. The flower arrangement was beautiful and very fitting. The Dove reminded Livi of watching the birds with her Great Memaw. Mom's chains are gone and she is standing up straight and happy in heaven!"

~Janice Jones and family

Session Notes

Gymanfa Ganu: The Music Committee reported a profit of \$1,800 to be put toward next year; approximately 175 were served for dinner; feedback has been graciously given by many that this was the best Gymanfa Ganu yet. An audio recording and printed program are posted on our website at www.salemchurch.cc.

Other Business: The new *PCUSA Hymnal* was reviewed and rejected because it had very few four-part harmony hymns. The Youth Group scheduled to eat pizza and see the movie, "The War Room," while still in theaters. Sunday School kicked off September 20th for both adults and children. The children are doing a creative cooking and Bible lesson together called *Baking Through the Bible*.

Upcoming: The next Communion will be October 4. The Budget Committee will meet with the Trustees to have the draft budget finished by November 1. The Nominating Committee is beginning work on lining up next year's candidates. The next Congregational Meeting will be November 29. The Advent Breakfast was changed to December 6 because Thanksgiving lands later this year.

Send in Your Recipes!

Easy Peasy Pumpkin Cupcakes

--Tamara Mullenhour



- 1 box yellow or spice cake mix
- 1 small can pumpkin

Mix together. Bake.

Optional: add spices to taste, nuts, or raisins. Top with powdered sugar or cream cheese icing.

Be sure to send in your recipes to be included in the new church recipe book!

Sister Church Celebrates Welsh Heritage

Gomer Congregational Church will celebrate their 98th Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday, October 4 at 7:00 pm. They will also be hosting a traditional **Welsh Breakfast** and Bake Sale on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00-11:00 am. The menu will include: Scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrown potato cakes, biscuits, fruit with Welsh Cream, baked beans, mushrooms, homemade jelly, and coffee and juice. Tickets at the door are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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

Violet Ashton

c/o Roselawn Manor
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Oakland, CA 94607

Pete McCollow

(U.S. Marine Corps)
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Jacksonville, NC 28540

Will Morrison

(U.S. Army Reserves)

Micah Linger

(U.S. Marine Corps)
Grandson of Doris Evans

Praises!

Nicholas Poling is home from the hospital and recovering well from his accident and brain injury.

P.J. Burnett celebrates 42 years of a successful kidney transplant, given by her sister *Marilyn Foust*.

Prayer Concerns



Norma Adam (diabetic issues)
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)
Eric Fancher (chemotherapy – son of Rev. Jon Fancher)
Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Betty Lloyd (broken hip)
Eileen Lucier (cancer treatment)
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Evelyn Pugh
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Mike Rowland (diagnosed with brain tumor)
David Slygh (organ transplant problems)
John Stutz
Thad Summersett (brian tumor – grandson of Warren S.)
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Noah Wyatt (post-surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)
John Smith (house lost to fire)
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Jay Mollenkopf (cancer – nephew of Doris Price)

Anniversaries



10/2 Kevin & Heather Matthews
10/7 Jason & Sarah Kimmet
10/21 Bob & Kathy McCollow

Birthdays



10/2 Kory Mullenhour	10/17 Rosemary Strick
10/2 Brianna Ebel	10/21 Randy Skanes
10/8 Bob McCollow	10/23 Bart Strick
10/10 Violet Ashton	10/25 Josh Hobbs
10/13 David Breese	10/27 Dolores Skanes
10/13 Kayla Owens	10/28 Keaton Adkins
10/14 Jason Kimmet	10/29 Nancy Swygart
10/14 Zach Profit	10/30 Jeff Coil
	10/31 Cathy Smith

October 2015

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Communion 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Lincolnview Bible Board 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School 6:30pm Trustee Meeting	12	13	14	15 Women's Assoc. 9:30 am 	16	17
18 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School 2:00pm Baby Shower 4:00pm Session Meeting 	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Sunday School	26	27	28 Senior Luncheon 12:00 pm 	29	30	31 Reformation Day  Halloween

Week of	Greeter	Special Music	Ushers	Acolyte	Nursery
October 4	Jenny Pugh	Skylar Whitaker	Rex & Lisa Lloyd Family	Catie Emery	Rex & Lisa Lloyd
October 11		Christina Emery			Tuzz & Lizz Hobbs
October 18		Youth Bells or Choir			Jeff & Kim Coil
October 25		Chris Bindel			Todd & Jayne Morris



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*Please send in your stories, memories, and photos
either by post or email to be included in
future newsletters!*



Barn on south end of Main Street in Venedocia