

# SOUNDS OF SALEM

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## All Saints' Day – November 1

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Isaiah 25:6-9                      Revelation 21:1-6a  
John 11:32-44

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – November 8

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Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17                  Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28                      Mark 12:38-44

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – November 15

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1 Samuel 1:4-20                      1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Hebrews 10:11-25                      Mark 13:1-8

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## Christ the King – November 22

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2 Samuel 23:1-7                      Psalm 132:1-18  
Revelation 1:4b-8                      John 18:33-37

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – November 29

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Jeremiah 33:14-16                      Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13                      Luke 21:25-36

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## The History of Music at Salem Church

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In April 1848, the William Bebb family, Thomas Morris family, and Richard Jervis family settled in, what was to become, Venedocia. All three of these families came from North Wales, and from the first Sunday, they met for worship, Sunday School, and prayer meetings.

According to the genealogy of the Bebb family, one of the motivating forces behind William Bebb's decision to leave Wales behind and immigrate to the United States was the desire to have four-part



harmony in worship. He had been teaching four-part singing to the youth of the community, and the elders of the local church did not approve and would not allow it within the church, going so far as to threaten to excommunicate him if he did not stop corrupting the children of the region. With this as one of the motivating forces for their emigration, it is no wonder that music has always been a crucial part of Salem Church.  
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## Pastor's Thoughts

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Let's recall for a moment the story of the Good Samaritan from Sunday School. A traveler was beaten, robbed, and left for dead. The priest and the Levite avoided him by passing on the other side. These religious people did not have the time or were afraid to get involved.

However, who stopped to help that poor man? It was a hated, "half-breed" Samaritan, despised by the priest and Levite, who saw the man and took pity on him and stopped to help. It was the Samaritan who bandaged his

wounds, who poured on him the oil and wine medicine, who put him on his donkey, took him to the nearest inn, and paid for the room for him out of his pocket.

Unfortunately, far too often, we get so wrapped up in ourselves that we do not even see the needs around us.



Or when we see them, we turn our heads and walk the other way. However, thank God, it does not have to be that way. You may see a car with a flat tire, someone stranded after school, someone needing a babysitter, someone who needs his or her pharmacy items picked up, and on and on...

"Who is my neighbor?" the lawyer asked. And then Jesus told this great story. When he got through, Jesus demanded an answer, "Which of these three do you think was a good neighbor to the man who fell victim to the robbers?" The lawyer replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Then, Jesus voiced to him, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:25-37).

My neighbor is anyone in need who crosses my path whose need I can meet. Christ-like mercy is nothing more than addressing the needs of those around me with what I have on hand. It is people caring enough to get involved with others. Let us glorify God by caring enough about one another to get involved!

- Pastor Tom

### Conversing with God

We converse with God in five general ways:

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. <b>Petition</b>     | 3. <b>Praise</b>       |
| 2. <b>Intercession</b> | 4. <b>Thanksgiving</b> |
| 5. <b>Confession</b>   |                        |

Christians call upon God in prayers of **petition** and **intercession** when we need something. We may pray for something in our personal lives, the life of a family member or friend, or more broadly for a group of people, a nation, or even the world.

Psalm 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" We should wish to **praise** the one who has provided everything, who is the source of the goodness and peace we seek.

We must pray to God in **thanksgiving**. As a nation, we annually set aside the last Thursday in November to give thanks for the many blessings we share. However, our daily prayer must be one of thanksgiving.

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Jesus was very disheartened when, after curing ten lepers, only one—a Samaritan—returned to give thanks: "Were not ten made clean? However, the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" (Luke 17:17-18)

Lastly, we must also pray for the forgiveness of sins through the prayer of **confession**. Jesus specifically calls for this in the Lord's Prayer. We are all sinners, and thus in need of God's healing touch.

We should not be too proud to admit that we are wrong and have failed. We must not forget how Jesus exalted the publican who could not raise his eyes to God, but had the courage to beat his breast and say, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13c).

While we think of prayer as a mental or verbal exercise, such a view is far too narrow. We must see our lives as a prayer. If prayer is communication with God, all that we do and say, even think, is a prayer.

### "For Cooks Only"

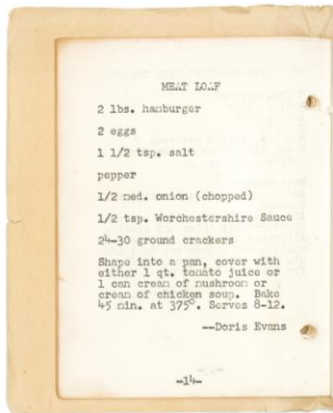


Salem Church has an old recipe book that was put together years ago with the candid title, "For Cooks Only." Many names of the ladies are familiar and dear to our hearts. We are excited to be creating a new church cookbook that will include the recipes passed down in the pages of this booklet as well as new. So, now is the time to submit your favorite recipes! Send to [secretary@saalemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc) or P.O. Box 678, Venedocia, OH 45894



## Meat Loaf

--Doris Evans



2 eggs  
1 1/2 tsp. salt  
Pepper  
2 lbs. hamburger  
1/2 medium onion (chopped)  
1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
24-30 ground crackers



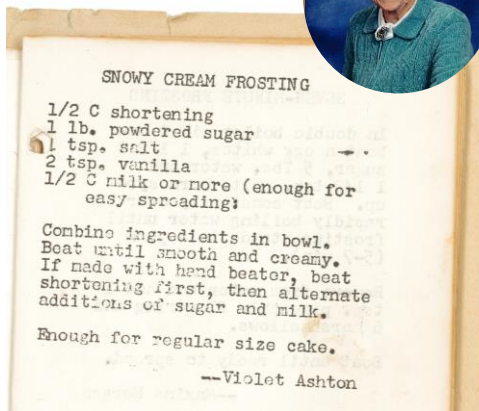
Shape into a pan, cover with either 1 qt. tomato juice or 1 can cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup. Bake for 45 minutes at 375 degrees. Serves 8-12.

## Snowy Cream Frosting

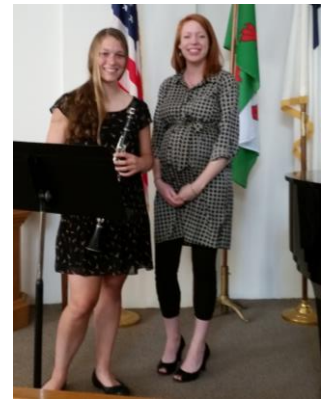
--Violet Ashton

1/2 C. shortening  
1 lb. powdered sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 C. milk, or more

Combine ingredients in bowl. Beat until smooth and creamy. If made with hand beater, beat shortening first, then alternate additions of sugar and milk.



Bell Choir



Christina Emery & Tamara M.



There has been a new and very energetic face recently in addition to "Sandy" and Kim on Sunday mornings during the **Time with the Children**. Kelly Lloyd likes to dress up from being a soccer player to a fun Minnie Mouse fan!

**A Baby Shower** was held Sunday, October 18, for Tamara and Kory Mullenhour who are expecting their first child in early November.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much to all the ladies of Salem Church for sharing with me in the joy of expectation of our first baby due to arrive very soon! The baby shower last Sunday was so fun and I appreciate all the ladies that came and for all the work and preparation that made the afternoon very special. Thank you so much for the many thoughtful and generous gifts! This new baby will truly be welcomed and loved by this church family. You are all such a blessing to us.

Many thanks, Tamara & Kory Mullenhour



## October at Salem



Skylar Whitaker

**Special Music** this month brought many talented individuals to the front to share their worshipful music with the congregation. **Skylar Whitaker** sang and played guitar, **Christina Emery** performed a clarinet arrangement of Come Thou Fount accompanied by Tamara Mullenhour, and the **Bell Choir** members, led by Kathy McCollow, was made up of the "older" youth of the church.

## Looking Ahead

### Venedocia Trick-or-Treat – Saturday, October 31



Community Trick-or-Treat will be held from 6:00-7:30pm. The Lion's Club will hold their annual **Costume Judging Contest** at 8:00pm at the Lion's Club Building.

### Daylight Savings Time Ends – Sunday, November 1

Remember to turn your clocks back an hour!



### All Saints Day – Sunday, November 1



A special time during the morning service will be held in remembering our lost loved ones of this past year.

### Election Day – Tuesday, November 3



### Veterans Day Service – November 8

### Session & Trustee Meeting – November 15, 11:30

**Thanksgiving Food Drive** – Salvation Army has requested us to collect 450 boxes of brownie mix. Please place in the vestibule barrel.



### Women's Assoc. Meeting – November 19, 9:30am

### Operation Christmas Child – Sunday, November 22



Please bring your shoe box donations to the church by Sunday morning for collection day!

### Thanksgiving Eve Service – November 25

A special service of praise and thanks will be held on Wednesday at 7:00pm.



### Advent Breakfast – November 29

Join us in the basement after the service at 10:30am for the advent breakfast.

### Senior Luncheon – December 2, 12:00pm

There will be no senior luncheon in the month of November, but please mark your calendars for this Senior Luncheon held in early December! The menu will include chicken breast with mashed potatoes and gravy, a vegetable, and dessert. Please bring a small gift for the game of bingo.



## Christmas Ornaments



There are still plenty of brass ornaments available for purchase (\$12.00 each) which would make great Christmas gifts! Please contact Doris Price, 419-667-3652 or Ann Rees, 419-667-3215. They even look better in person.

## 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 counties 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

Dear Salem Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for taking part in the Pregnancy Life Center's **walk for Life**. You had two representatives from your church who walked, raising \$500. This amount combined with all walkers raised a record total of \$35,000!

Blessings, Trina Langdon (director, PLC)



## All Saints Day – November 1



*Salem Church remembers our lost loved ones from our community and congregation this All Saints Day.*

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Paul "Sonny" Martz      | Sue Leiendecker   |
| Larry Fox               | David Jenkins     |
| John Burnett            | Ruth E. Morris    |
| Bob Drewyore            | Lori Ball         |
| Gloria Jean Ruddock     | Vernon Hobbs, Sr. |
| Janell Swygart Miller   | Tina Mayes        |
| Chris Adams             | Gene Ellerbrock   |
| Angela Martz            | Dennis Owens      |
| Esther Spridgeon        | Ned Detrick       |
| Sue Moeller             | Ted Hirn          |
| Haydn Williams          | Margaret Keltner  |
| Elizabeth "Betsy" Jones |                   |

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*"Someday you will read in the papers that Moody is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now. I was born of the flesh in 1837, I was born of the Spirit in 1855. That which is born of the flesh may die. That which is born of the Spirit shall live forever." **Dwight L. Moody***

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## Session Notes

Session met Sunday, October 18, at 4:00 pm. The Budget Committee requested that budget and income information to be posted on-going in the Newsletter. The **Nominating Committee** is looking for members interested in serving on the Trustees or the Session. The **Joint Session and Trustee meeting** is set for November 15, at 11:30 am. We are collecting boxes of brownie mix for the **Salvation Army** for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Carol Emery and Jenn Pugh are working on the program for the December 13<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Service. Christmas Caroling and the Manse Party** is set for the evening of December 13. **Communion** will be served next at the December 24 **Christmas Eve Service.**

## The History of Music at Salem Church

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Under the direction of a chorister, the congregation perfected the singing in harmony that the elders in Rhiwgriafol sought to prevent. In the 1937 book *One Hundred Years of Welsh Calvinistic Methodism in America*, Daniel Jenkins Williams wrote, "A conspicuous characteristic of the Venedocia Church is its remarkable and inspiring congregational singing."

The Gymanfa Ganu, which translates "festival of singing," is a long-standing tradition in the congregation. Beginning in 1915, the annual report lists payment made to Dr. Daniel

Protheroe of Chicago, Illinois, who regularly came for some years to direct the Gymanfa Ganu. He was a prolific hymn writer and wrote at least two hymn tunes named after Venedocia.

The importance of music in the life of the congregation is also reflected in their willingness to adapt quickly to new musical technology. In 1920 electric blowers were installed on the organ, and the church borrowed the money necessary to complete the work. In 1971, a new 19 rank Moller pipe organ was dedicated, replacing the original 1898 Barckhoff Pipe Organ of 14 ranks that had been removed the previous November.

In 1954, the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers was formed, and in 1963 Schulmerich became the first company in the United States to manufacture handbells. Salem Presbyterian Church quickly became involved in what was to become the growing popularity of handbells, and in November of 1964, a gift of 25 Schulmerich cast-bronze handbells were given to the church in the memory of Thomas A. Morgan by his family. In the fall of 1969 an additional 13 bells were given by Mr. and Mrs. Layton Jenkins in memory of both their parents, for a total of 38 bells covering a three-octave range. From December 1965 through May 1972, 30 youth and 20 adults participated in the bell program which brought the mission of the bells over 9,000 miles reaching approximately 20,000 people (excluding radio and TV audiences).

In September of 1997, the church dedicated a Kawai baby grand piano given by the Davis family in memory of their two daughters, Marla Davis McOmber and Sharon Davis. Both of these young women had grown up in the church, and Marla had served as the church's organist, and Sharon as choir director prior to their untimely deaths. The piano was originally given to Marla by her husband as a wedding gift, and upon her death was given to her sister, Sharon. When Sharon was killed in an automobile accident, it was given to the church in memory of the two sisters.

Today, the music program at Salem Church endures and grows, reflecting the continuing emphasis the congregation places on music. The youth bell choir including children ranging from kindergarten through high school continues. The 2014 Sunday School Christmas program was music centered and included choirs, handbells, flute, and piano, with several contributing their many talents. The 2015 Gymanfa Ganu was said to be the best so far. Today, we are blessed with the dedicated organist, LaDonna Allenbaugh, who makes her virtuoso talents shine each Sunday as well as many in-house talented members through special music.

Adapted from [www.Venedocia.org](http://www.Venedocia.org)

## Financial Update

Rec'd to Date: \$77,126.43

Needed to Date: \$88,881.00

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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

## Violet Ashton

c/o Roselawn Manor  
420 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 109  
Spencerville, OH 45887

## Betty Lloyd

Van Wert Manor  
160 Fox Rd.  
Van Wert, OH 45891

## Gordon Morgan

Vancrest of Convoy  
510 Tully Drive  
Convoy, OH 45832

## Warren Summersett

Vancrest Healthcare  
10357 VW—Decatur Rd.  
Van Wert, OH 45891

## Lee Lare

P.O. Box 654  
Venedocia, OH 45894

## Evelyn Hoverman

Hearth & Home  
1118 Westwood Drive  
Van Wert, OH 45891

## Marian Morris

Hearth & Home  
1118 Westwood Drive  
Van Wert, OH 45891

## Evelyn Pugh

Vancrest Healthcare  
10357 VW—Decatur Rd.  
Van Wert, OH 45891

## Becky Zirkle

Vancrest Health Care, A8  
10357 VW—Decatur Rd.  
Van Wert, OH 45891

## Away at College



## Andrew Emery

Siddall Hall, 102  
2540 Corbett Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45219

## Cassy Emery Box 564

c/o Cincinnati Christian U.  
2700 Glenway Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45204

## Sammi Jones

## Serving our Country



## Cory McCollow

(U.S. Coast Guard)  
311 Oak Street #109  
Oakland, CA 94607

## Pete McCollow

(U.S. Marine Corps)  
116 HAC Street  
Jacksonville, NC 28540

## Will Morrison

(U.S. Army Reserves)

## Micah Linger

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

## 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 (chemo – son of Rev. Jon Fancher)  
Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)  
Betty Lloyd (broken hip)  
Eileen Lucier (cancer treatment)  
Evelyn Pugh  
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)  
Mike Rowland (diagnosed with brain tumor)  
David Slygh (organ transplant problems)  
John Stutz  
Thad Summersett (brain 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)  
Kevin Thatcher (ALS)  
Kathy McCollow (healing from gallbladder surgery)

## Anniversaries



11/7 Dave & Sandy Clayborn  
11/13 Terry & Vicki Profit  
11/27 Larry & Joyce Profit  
11/28 Charles & Norma Boroff  
11/28 David & Jean Owens  
11/30 Herman & Nell Jean Winken








## Birthdays

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 11/1 Avery Zielke     | 11/13 Terry Profit   |
| 11/5 Carla Breese     | 11/16 Doug Jones     |
| 11/5 Evelyn Hoverman  | 11/24 Evelyn Pugh    |
| 11/5 Marjorie Rhoades | 11/28 Jeremy Ebel    |
| 11/11 Sarah Kimmet    | 11/29 Kathy McCollow |
| 11/12 Catie Emery     | 11/30 Mike Breese    |

***"Pray without ceasing." – 1 Thess. 5:17***

# November 2015

| Sunday   | Mon | Tue                   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|-----------------------|--|--|-----|-----|
| <b>1 All Saints Day</b> <br>9:30am Worship Service<br>10:45am Sunday School       | 2   | <b>3 Election Day</b> | 4  | 5  | 6   | 7   |
| <b>8 Veterans Day Service</b><br>9:30am Worship Service<br>10:45am Sunday School<br>6:30pm Trustee Meeting   | 9   | 10                    | <b>11 Veterans Day</b><br>              | 12   | 13  | 14  |
| <b>15</b><br>9:30am Worship Service<br>10:45am Sunday School<br>11:30am Joint Session & Trustee Meeting  | 16  | 17                    | 18   | <b>19 Women's Assoc. Meeting - 9:30 am</b>   | 20  | 21  |
| <b>22 Shoe Box Collection</b> <br>9:30am Worship Service<br>10:45am Sunday School | 23  | 24                    | <b>25 Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00 pm</b>   | <b>26 Happy Thanksgiving</b>  | 27  | 28  |
| <b>29 Advent Begins</b><br>9:30am Worship Service<br>10:30am Advent Breakfast  | 30  | 1 <i>December</i>     | <b>2 Senior Luncheon - 12:00noon</b>  | 3  | 4   | 5   |

| Week of     | Greeter      | Special Music                   | Ushers   | Acolyte     | Nursery                |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------|------------------------|
| November 1  | Charlie Good | Chandler Adams                  | David Rees, John Lloyd<br>Kim Coil & Kelly Lloyd | Catie Emery | Gwenda Blackmore       |
| November 8  |              | Jan Jones & Youth               |  |             | Bill & Elgarda McGee   |
| November 15 |              | Dave Lusk                       |  |             | Mark & Missy Zielke    |
| November 22 |              | Morris Family Quartet           |  |             | Kent & Heather McClure |
| November 29 |              | Christmas Carol Medley (Advent) |  |             | Jan Jones              |



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### **Memory Lane...**

*"I was born in 1945 when Venedocia was a thriving place. I remember the Jones girls who worked the telephone switchboard; first at their house and later in the building across from the ball park. They commanded the world... pulling out and pushing in those plugs that would connect parties. I always wanted to be like them."*

*~ Connie (Jones) Foster*



Weather has been dry this year for the 2015 fall harvest. This photo was taken from the upstairs of the Manse, facing west towards the cemetery.