

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$14,469.00
Rec'd 02-14-16:	\$505.12	Rec'd to Date:	\$8,875.61

Announcements:

Please consider giving to the **Lincolnview Bible Ministries** using the envelope inside the bulletin.

Adult Sunday School is going verse by verse through the book of Romans and examining how God intends our lives to be and how God will judge each person on the final day.

The **Youth Group** will go **ice skating** Sunday, February 28. Meet at the Manse at 1:00 pm and we will return by 4:00 pm.

St. David's Day is March 6. *Gomer Congregational Church* will be hosting a dinner from 4:30 – 6:30 pm on Saturday, March 5 with a musical program beginning at 7:00 pm free of charge. Dinner is \$8.50 or tickets in advance for \$8/adult, \$4/child.



Community Lenten Services begin at 7:00 pm followed by a time of food and fellowship. Salem Church will be hosting the service Sunday night, **February 28**.

February 21 – Spencerville Friends Church – Speaker: Pastor Andrew Adkins

February 28 – Salem Presbyterian Church – Speaker: Pastor Tom Shobe

March 6 – First Baptist Church in Spencerville – Speaker: Pastor Justin Furman

March 13 – Trinity UM Church in Spencerville – Speaker: Pastor Tom Emery

March 20 – Kossuth UM Church – Speaker: Pastor Jim Fletcher



March 25 (Good Friday) Nazarene Church in Spencerville – Speaker: Pastor Charles Johnson



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.

Salem Presbyterian Church
Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adams (diabetic issues)
Bob Allenbaugh (heart and lung issues – husband of LaDonna)
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Hope Eutsler (leukemia)
Bill (Nancy) Evans
Eric Fancher (chemotherapy – son of Rev. Jon & Mary Fancher)
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Betty Lloyd (broken hip)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
Elaine Siler (cancer has returned – cousin of Ann Rees)
John Stutz
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren Summersett)
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)
Rev. John Medaugh
Evelyn Pugh (hospice)

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)

Birthdays This Week:

21	Paul Price	23	Alice Gamble
23	Shonda Pugh	24	Tim Price
25	Bill McGee	27	Kevin Fair
28	Jean Owens		

If you have a prayer request, please write it down and leave it in the offering plate or send an email to secretary@salemchurch.cc so that we can have a contact person to follow up and to insert the prayer request with the correct spelling and details. Thank you!

*“For Whom Do You Live?” Luke 13:31-35
Salem Presbyterian Church – Rev. Thomas Emery
February 21, 2016*

Like a mother hen, Jesus' love is so consuming that He wants to sweep us up under His protective wings. There are others, namely Herod, in pursuit of Him, but Jesus is like a persistent mother. His love compels Him to pursue His flock with a passion. In answering Herod, Jesus demonstrates that He has work to finish in Galilee, sweeping a few more chicks under His wings, before He is headed to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, He knows He will fly off from His chicks alone to draw God's judgment only to Himself so that death will take Him while sparing the chicks. He is protecting His children whom He loves with a mother hen's shielding passion. What an image!

TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *This second Sunday of Lent, take the time to realize where your life is headed.* The cross lays bare your human heart and will reveal your inner person. Who lives in you – Christ or the false hopes of this world?

POINT TWO – *Our Christian faith is the set of moral principles that guide our decisions and the lives we live. We must allow the love of God to direct our thoughts, guide our actions, and to rule our lives.*

POINT THREE – *But one thing Jesus will not do is make us love Him. He will not decree love nor control our human will. He can, but He is a gentleman and will not force us.* Jesus went to the extreme of accepting the cross in the face of our sinfulness, and we must be as persistent as our Lord in the face of the world's indifference.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

³⁴ *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.” (Luke 13:34 NLT)*

ACTION POINT

The church is the body of Christ. Through the church, the kingdom of God is on earth. The church is the last hope that the world will be saved. Because of this, the true Christian will continue to sit in the pew to worship to show their devotion to Christ. He will be at the church school to learn more of God's truth in the Bible to know how God wants us to conduct ourselves. He will continue to give his tithe, time and talents toward the work of the church because he knows her work is the work of God serving the world. The lost and the next generation need to be told the Good News of Christ. The Christian will continue to respect, love, and serve the church, no matter what the world thinks of the church. The true Christian will remain loyal to the church, because he believes in her. The church is of God.