

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$20,670.00
Rec'd 03-06-16:	\$2,372.75	Rec'd to Date:	\$17,848.71


Announcements:

The Venedocia Lions Club will be hosting their annual **Pancake & Sausage Day** on Saturday, March 19, 6:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Session will meet next Sunday at 11:30 am.

Please join in singing with the **choir** on Easter Sunday! Directed by Jan Jones, practices will be held on Sundays, March 13 and March 20 at 8:45 am.

Community Lenten Services:

 March 13 – Trinity UMC in Spencerville (Speaker, Pastor Tom)

March 20 – Kossuth UM Church

LENT March 25 – Nazarene Church in Spencerville (Good Friday)

Each service begins at 7:00 pm and will be followed by food and fellowship.

Easter Schedule at a Glance:

 Palm Sunday – March 20: service at 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday – March 24: supper at 6:00 pm, service at 7:00 pm.

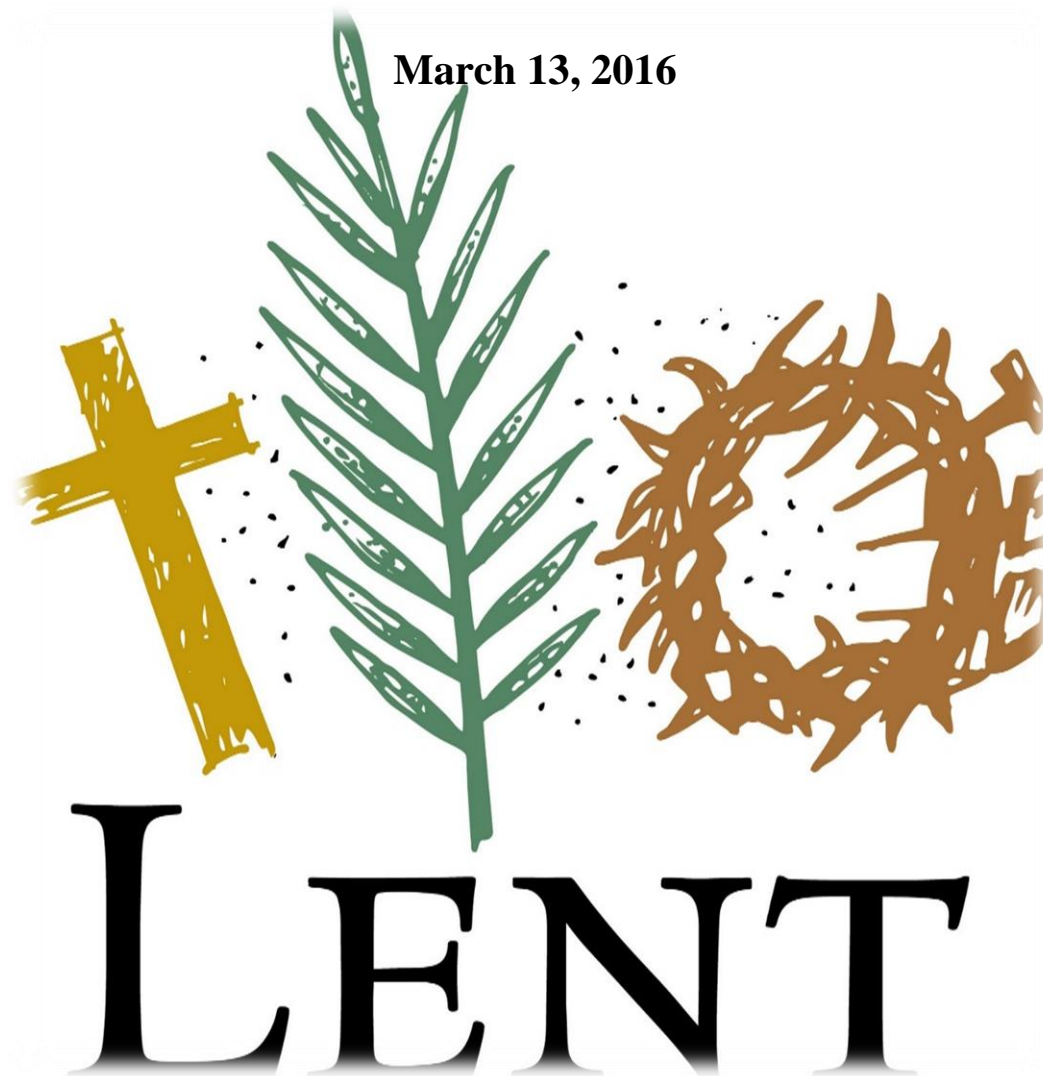
Easter – March 27: Sunrise Service by the youth at 7:30 am, breakfast at 8:30 am, Easter Service at 9:30 am.

The new Christian movies for Easter are coming out. Pastor Tom recommends that we see “**Risen**,” playing at the Van Wert Cinema. In the year 33 AD, a Roman Tribune in Judea is tasked to find the body of an executed Jew that is rumored to have risen from the dead.

Please consider to sign up for **flowers** on the bulletin board chart.

Senior Luncheons are back! The first luncheon of the year will be on Wednesday, March 23 at 12:00pm in the Lion’s Club building.

March 13, 2016



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

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Hope Eutsler (leukemia)
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