

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 1, 2016

6th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 67** 518

*Hymn **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms** 460

Prayer of Confession: **Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church and claimed the peace that you offer us: we have not done your will, and we have broken your law. Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." We have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience. In Jesus' Name, we Pray. 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** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings **Acts 16:9-15** 1009

John 14:23-29 983

Time with the Children

*Hymn **Be Still My Soul** 290

Sermon **"The Peace of Christ"** Rev. Thomas Emery

*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** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **Cwm Rhondda** *Welsh Hymnal, 40*

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.



The flowers in the alter vases are given to the glory of God by the Pugh Family.

Sunday: **05-01-16**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Friday: **05-06-16**
7:00 PM Piano Recital (*Mullenhouse Music*)

Sunday: **05-08-16 -- Mother's Day**
9:30 AM Worship
10:45 AM Sunday School
6:30 PM Trustee Meeting

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$35,139.00
Rec'd 04-24-16:	\$900.25	Rec'd to Date:	\$29,654.23



"We would like to thank all of you for your care, visits, cards, prayers and thoughtfulness for Mom & Grandma – Becky Zirkle. You were all family to her and had a special place in her heart. God bless each of you."

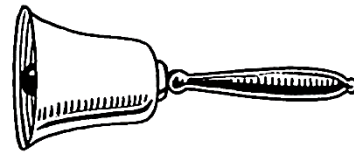
~ Jean & David Ringwald



Stephen Ministry
Bear one another's burdens

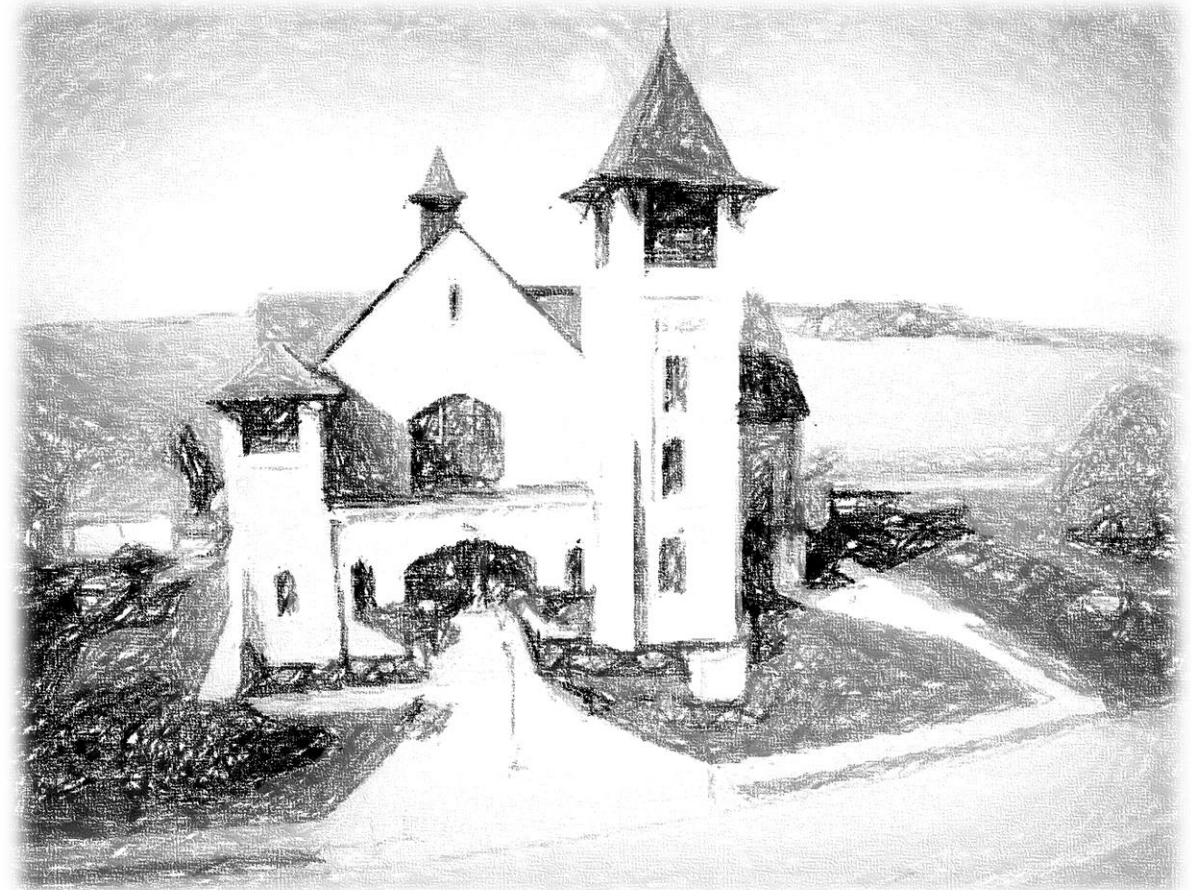
Are you looking for a **meaningful ministry** for yourself through Salem Church to help you express your care for others? Please see Pastor Tom for more information on attending a **workshop** being held on **April 30** in Toledo. Using the **Stephen Ministry** system, lay leaders in thousands of churches across the states are trained to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are dealing with grief, loneliness, cancer, hospitalization, financial stress, job loss, and personal crises. Please consider this opportunity to be better equipped to serve and guide those around you who need our love and support.

Next week is **Mother's Day** and **Junior Bell Choir Recognition**.



Upcoming Birthdays:

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| 1 Logan Friesner | 2 Audrey Hobbs |
| 3 Alyssa Evans | 3 Kim Coil |
| 4 Deb Fair | 3 Eric Pugh |
| 4 Rod Eutsler | 4 Heather Matthews |
| 6 Emma Jones | 7 Josh Lloyd |
| 8 Bob Pugh | |



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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Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

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Bob Allenbaugh (lung cancer – husband of LaDonna)
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Hope Eutsler (leukemia)
Eric Fancher (chemotherapy – son of Rev. Jon & Mary Fancher)
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)
Phyllis Holmes (cancer – sister of Jack Blackmore)
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Betty Lloyd
Elizabeth Markus (depression and salvation)
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Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
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Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)
Kim Coil
Marian Morris (stage two cancer)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Jeremy Hughes (recovering from Mersa)

Serving our Country:

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *There are two types of peace.* There is worldly peace, and there is heavenly peace.

POINT TWO – *Jesus never promised us a life free of problems.* Christ didn't want his disciples afraid when he would not be with them.

POINT THREE – *Jesus left the Holy Spirit to comfort them and us.* The Holy Spirit will give us courage when we need it.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.” (*John 14:27 NLT*)

ACTION POINT

Where does the energy we need for life come from? It comes from God's indwelling Spirit. This was an important gift that the Father bestowed upon those first disciples of Jesus and an important gift He can bestow upon us. He will give it to all who ask. But, the greatest gift He can give us is Himself. Then, we truly know His peace in our minds and in our hearts.

We need to hear Jesus speak a Jewish word to our hearts--shalom, peace. He is always there for you with His arms open wide. Cast your cares on Him. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” Why not turn your life and your cares over to Him.

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