

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 18th, 2017, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

The flowers are given to the glory of God The Evans Family



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 116:1-2,12-19 553

*Hymn: Ebenezer Welsh hymnal, 11

Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, You reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them to dream the impossible dream—that You would transform what appears to have been a barren and lifeless situation into one overflowing with promise and hope—and, through faith in You, they believed your promises. **Forgive us, O God, if we never get beyond thinking of Your call on our lives as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption.** Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of Your love in His determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up His own life. **Forgive us, O God, when we allow the power of evil to flourish, because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise. Forgive us, 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**

Special Music Connie O'Neil

Scripture Readings Genesis 18:1-15 13
 Matthew 9:35-10:8 885
 Romans 6:1-11 1028

Time for Children

*Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See 163

Sermon: "Nothing is Too Hard for God" 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 our tithes and offerings

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: Trust and Obey, vs 1,2,5 261

*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.



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$1,934.00	Needed to Date:	\$46,416.00
Rec'd 06-11-17:	\$1,334.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$45,360.54

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

06-18-17

Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*)
Session Meeting

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

06-25-16

Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)
Sunday School

Announcements:

Today, no Sunday school will be held, and the Session meeting will take place on right after the service.

Today we honor our Fathers for their love.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

Thank you, for all that helped with the Ice Cream Social.

The Spencerville parade Salem Float needs about eleven people to participate and to ride and to handout candy June 24. The parade check-in is at 3 pm at 2500 Wisher Drive in Spencerville .

For the youth, we are scheduling tentative dates, that work for the most kids, for a day trip to the Ark Museum in Northern Kentucky near Cincinnati. Please ask Pastor Tom if you have an interest.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Birthdays in June

18th-Charlie Good

25th-Tamara Mullenhour

Anniversaries in June

22nd-Todd & Jayne Morris

24th-Owen & Karen Pugh

25th-Rex & Lisa Lloyd



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Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adam (liver issues)
Elizabeth Adkins (liver surgery)
Violet Ashton (broken leg)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)
Larry Howell
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Jeremy Hughes (recovering from MRSA)
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)
Sami Jones (shoulder surgery)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Betty Lloyd
John Lloyd (recovering at home)
Elizabeth Markus (depression & salvation)
Marian Morris (stage two cancer)
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
Dorthea Plikerd (Rehab at Roselawn)
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Joyce Profit (heart issues)
Chris Reichert (health issues)
George Siler (physical therapy)
Bill Stewart (brother of Kim Coil)
Keith Stoller (surgical complications)
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren S.)
Warren Summersett (cancer treatments)
Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)

Serving our Country:

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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – Nothing is too hard for God.

Point Two – Miracles come through faith.

Point Three – God keeps His promises.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.” (*Genesis 18:14 NLT*).

ACTION POINT

Where does our deepest hope lie? It is in the wild laughter that rumbles through the centuries. It is the laughter of Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth, the resurrected Lazarus as well as the laughter of millions of persons over the past 2,000 years who have discovered that God is alive. God is truly at work in their lives. It is the laughter of hope during a hopeless situation, the laughter of expectation when everyone else has given up, and the laughter of astonishment at old age as we hold a baby in our arms. What a beautiful, joyful noise as Sarah laughed! Abraham and Sarah knew now in our passage, all that God wants is a trusting faith in Himself. Why not put your confidence in Jesus to lead us into that committed, joy-filled trusting relationship with God!

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