



**Sunday:** 11-26-17  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)  
10:45 AM Congregational meeting following the service  
Sunday School

**Tuesday:** 11-28-17  
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Sunday:** 12-03-17  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)  
10:45 AM Christmas Joy Offering to Veterans  
Advent Breakfast

**Announcements:**

Adult Sunday school will take place in the Prayer Room after the service. The class is looking at historical covenant agreements God has with us.

The Manse Party and Caroling is on December 10. The Youth Christmas Program is on December 17.

If you would like to donate \$5 to decorate the church with poinsettias, please give you money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd.

We have a goal of donating 250 packages of stuffing to the Salvation Army, please help us reach this goal. If you want to volunteer ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the Van Wert Walmart, call Lt. Josh Morales at (419)910-9332.

Women's Bible Study began and is running on Tuesdays at 10 am and at 7 pm. Our goal is to fellowship and have fun experiencing God together!

Our website is down temporarily as the hosting company moves to a new server.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the December newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

29<sup>th</sup>-Kathy McCollow                      30<sup>th</sup>-Mike Breese

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

28<sup>th</sup>-Dave & Jean Owens                      30<sup>th</sup>-Herman & Nell Jean Wienken



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Elizabeth Adkins (liver issue)  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
Larry Eutsler  
David Hugh Evans (cancer surgery)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Larry Howell  
Linda Howell  
Tim Hurbert (cancer in lungs & pancreas-friend of Barb Good)  
Jan Jones (health Issues)  
Paula Jones (healing from fall)  
Sami Jones (health issues)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)  
Betty Lloyd  
Becky Martz (health problems)  
Janet Mohr  
Marian Morris  
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)  
Kim Owens  
Dorothea Plikerd  
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)  
Lewis Price (bladder cancer, stones, Paul Price's brother)  
Joyce Profit  
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)  
Randy Richards (mowing accident)  
Laura Saylor (Viral Meningitis, wife of Pastor Mike Saylor)  
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)  
Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)  
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)

**\*\*Condolences to the family of Leona Browning\*\***

**Serving our Country:**

Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)  
Nick Fuller (U.S. Air Force)  
Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)  
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Rev. Thomas Emery  
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### TEACHING POINTS

*First. Jesus is the Shepherd God who is intimate with His sheep and their needs and hurts.*

*Second. God is personally in charge.*

*Third. He is the coming King.*

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

*“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds, the leaders of Israel. Give them this message from the Sovereign LORD: What sorrow awaits you shepherds who feed yourselves instead of your flocks. Shouldn't shepherds feed their sheep (Ezekiel 34:2 NLT)?*

### ACTION POINT

Everyone here can point to some pain from the past that nags at us. Maybe it even has robbed our lives of joy. Overcoming such pain is not easy or quick. Ezekiel assures us, though, that God knows our pain, cares about our pain and is seeking us out to bring us wholeness. Sometimes, God works through support groups, pastoral counseling, or therapy. We do not have to give in to the pain; we do not have to let it win. God is working for us and in us. Let us open ourselves to God's grace. Today, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday as we conclude the Christian Lectionary Year A. We look to Jesus as the Good Shepherd and healer who loves and cares for us, and who will one day return in glory. Let us allow ourselves to trust God. Let us embrace hope. Let us overcome the past and live in God's future.

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