



**Sunday:** **05-20-18**  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)  
10:45 AM Communion & Pentecost Offering  
1:30 PM Sunday School  
Session Meeting

**Tuesday:** **05-22-18**  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday:** **05-23-18**  
noon Senior Luncheon

**Sunday:** **05-27-18**  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
1:30 PM Session Meeting

**Announcements:**

This week the **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm, no 10 am meeting.

This month's Session meeting is scheduled for 1:30 this afternoon.

The congregation is invited to celebrate **Madison Pugh's** upcoming graduation. The celebration will be held on Sunday, May 27, from 6-9 pm at the Venedocia Lions Club.

Please check the **Visitation/Emergency Call List** at the back of the church to verify we have the right phone number and indicate if you are able to receive text messages.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

22<sup>nd</sup>-Dawson Kimmet      23<sup>rd</sup>-Carolyn Girod      25<sup>th</sup>-Taylor Hoehn

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

20<sup>th</sup>-Mark & Missy Zielke



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Mark Davis  
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Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
David Hugh Evans (Pneumonia and Septic infection)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Jim Francis  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
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*Second. In times of indecision, sometimes in life, we need just to decide.*

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#### ACTION POINT

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