

Sunday: **09-16-18**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)
Blessing of the Tractors
11:00 AM Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday: **09-19-18**
7:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting

Sunday: **09-23-18**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
12:00 PM Session Meeting

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** will resume October 2, at 7 PM. We will be going through the book of Matthew. All are welcome.

The **Session Meeting** will be held at noon on Sunday, the 23rd.

The **Senior Luncheon** begins again on Wednesday, September 26th.

The family of **David Hugh Evans** wants to extend a thank you to friends and well wishers at the funeral and a thank you to those who helped with the funeral and the meal afterward.

Thanks to all those who volunteered their time to usher at the Van Wert County Fair Grandstand events. Our total hours rendered our congregations \$600.00. We hope this may be another opportunity at next year's fair.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

18th-Jayne Morris

18th-Morgan Pugh

20th-Megan Jones



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