

Salem Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Rev, Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Evans family



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn Have Thine Own Way, Lord! 388

Call to Worship Psalm 52 510

Prayer of Confession: Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as Your people. **We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them.** We hear the cries of the poor and shut the doors of our hearts to them. **We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.** Forgive us, and heal us of our brokenness. **Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives.** Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us. **We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Please take a moment of silent 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 Amos 8:1-12 840
Luke 10:38-42 946
Colossians 1:15-28 1072

Time for Children

*Hymn Take Time to Be Holy 376

Sermon *A Basket Full of Ripe Fruit* 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 Calon Lan *Welsh hymnal, 66*

*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:	\$1,945.26	Needed to Date:	\$54,467.28
Rec'd 07-14-19:	\$1,575.20	Rec'd to Date:	\$57,802.68

Sunday: 07-21-2019
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Session Meeting

Sunday: 07-28-2019
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Gwenda Blackmore*)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday-Wednesday: 07-30 to 31-2019
9:30-11:30 AM Vacation Bible School

Announcements:

Thank you, for those who signed up for dishes and serving at the **Van Wert County Prayer Meeting**. The next meeting is at 2 – 4 PM July 28 at 2 PM at Fountain Park in Van Wert.

Volunteers are need for Vacation Bible School. Please contact Pastor Tom or Carol if you are able to help on July 30th and/or 31st.

Volunteers are needed for a church grounds work day scheduled at 8 am on August 3rd.

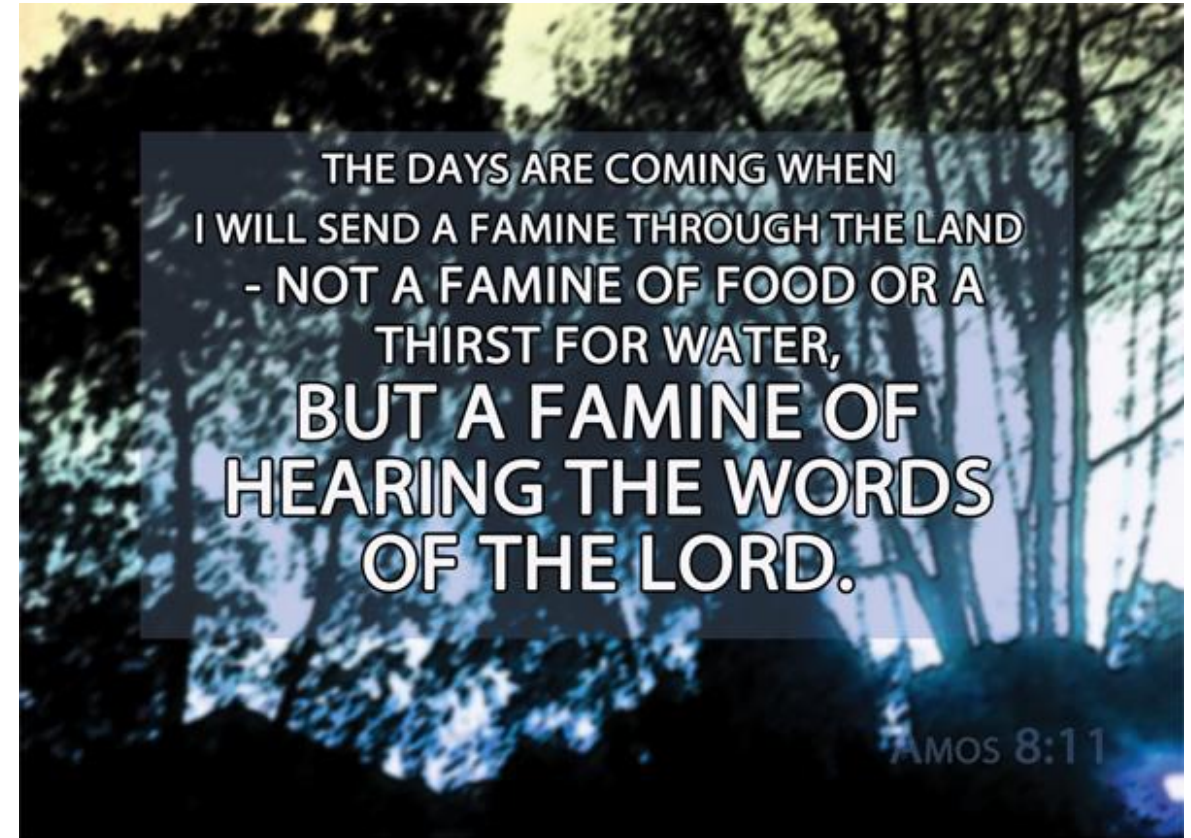
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the August newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

22nd-Dave Rees 24th-Evan Pugh 25th-Kent McClure
26th-Brent Price 29th-Heather McClure 29th-Doug Strickler

Upcoming Anniversaries:

24th-Ruth & Bill Evans 25th-David & Nancy Jo Breese
27th-Jeff & Kelly Lloyd



AMOS 8:1-12

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Prayer Concerns:

Kylee Ball (surgery)
Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Peggy Burnett
Billie Coalson (Agent Orange)
Jackie Coalson (COPD)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
Jim Davis (cancer)
Mark Davis
Kent DuCheney (surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)
Aaron Francis (broken leg)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Tim Huster (cancer)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Nancy Lautzenheiser
(colon cancer)
Barbara Lewis (heart attack)

Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth
Becky Martz (health problems)
Carol Matthews(Lou Gehrig's disease)
Sarah Miller (health issues)
Gwen Montez (surgery)
Marian Morris (failing health)
Dorothea Plikerd
Terry Profit (chemotherapy)
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Marjorie Rhodes
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Deb & Steve Sheppard (health issues)
Bruce Taylor (need liver transplant)
Martha Jean Evans Vasquez
Doug Wierwille (cancer)
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (brain surgery)

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *The people have lost the sense that they are to reflect God in their lives.*

POINT TWO – *Having lost their identity, the people pushed the envelope of what is acceptable behavior.*

POINT THREE – *God will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or thirst for water, but of hearing the Words of the Lord.*

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

Amos was fearful that God was going to reach the limits of divine patience and give up on the people. God is telling Amos that the people have gone on too long in their sins and have neared a point of no return where the nation will suffer an unwanted fate. And that is precisely what happened. Less than thirty years later, Israel fell to the Assyrians, and many of the people were dispersed to other lands. The people of Israel didn't like what they heard. They liked how they lived. They wouldn't listen. They ran Amos out of town. He went home and wrote it all down in hopes that someday, somewhere, someone would hear the Word of the Lord about the way to live with Him and with each other -- and then live it out. Jesus likewise said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." Why not seek the righteousness of God found in reading His Word, and be blessed, not cursed, with judgment?

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