

# Salem Presbyterian Church

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

\*Hymn Llanfair *Welsh hymnal, 44*

Call to Worship Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 566

Prayer of Confession: Dear God, You are the Potter and we are the clay. **Sometimes when we charge ahead without thinking about how our words and actions will impact others, things turn out wrong or ugly.** We think of broken relationships with family members, with friends, even within the church. **But we are aware that today, and yesterday, and the day before that, we have lived as though it's only about us.** We have lived as though we are the potters, not the clay. **Hear now our thoughts, our regrets, our confessions for the times when we have acted selfishly.** We have acted as though only what we want, matters. **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 \*Jeremiah 18:1-11 706  
Luke 14:25-33 952  
Philemon 1-21 1088

Time for Children

\*Hymn Have Thine Own Way, Lord! 388

Sermon The Potter and the Clay 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 Cwm Rhondda *Welsh hymnal, 40*

\*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.

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## Financial Update:

<b>Needed Weekly:</b>	<b>\$1,945.26</b>	<b>Needed to Date:</b>	<b>\$68,084.10</b>
<b>Rec'd 09-01-19:</b>	<b>\$2,201.30</b>	<b>Rec'd to Date:</b>	<b>\$69,296.03</b>

**Sunday:** 09-08-2019  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)  
Peace Making Offering  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Sunday:** 09-15-2019 Blessing of the Tractors  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)  
10:45 AM Potluck meal

**Sunday:** 09-22-2019  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Session Meeting

**Announcements:**

A big **thank-you** to all the members of the church that helped prepare food, serve food, usher, plan, landscape, or any of the multiple jobs that help make our Gymanfa Ganu a success! We couldn't do this without your help.

**Senior luncheon** will start back up on September 25th at noon.

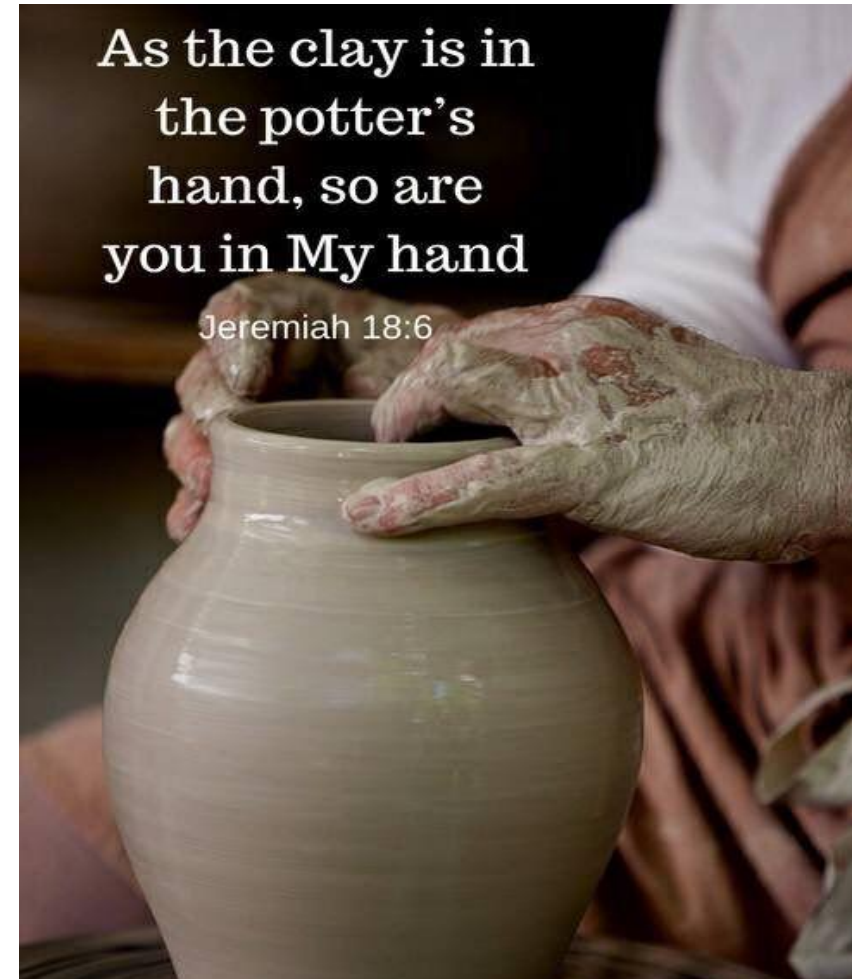
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@saalemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays:**

11<sup>th</sup>-Landon Price      12<sup>th</sup>-Jackson Dunlap      18<sup>th</sup>-Jane Morris  
18<sup>th</sup>-Morgan McConnell      20<sup>th</sup>-Megan Jones

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

8<sup>th</sup>-Paul & Doris Price  
11<sup>th</sup>-Doug & Jan Jones  
15<sup>th</sup>-Bob & Denise Pugh



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Jane Lloyd Arnald (health issues)  
Kylee Ball (surgery)  
Connie Bassett (breast cancer)  
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)  
Peggy Burnett (cancer)  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)  
Jim Davis (cancer)  
John Davis (eye surgery)  
Cathy Donnal (health issues)  
Kent DuCheney (surgery)  
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)  
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)  
Bill Harmon (cancer)  
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)  
Tim Huster (cancer)  
Jan Jones (health Issues)  
Paula Jones (healing from fall)  
Connie Johnson (cancer)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)

Linda Lissey (cancer)  
Bob Louth (heart problems)  
Bob Louth, Jr. (prostate health)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
Becky Martz (tests)  
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)  
Norman Shnipke (stroke)  
Bruce Taylor (had a 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** – *God is always refining us.*

**POINT TWO** – *God always wants what is best for us.*

**POINT THREE** – *Even in the worse of situations, you and I can have a new start if we accept God’s offer to begin again in Christ.*

**THIS WEEK’S VERSE**

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**ACTION POINT**

God urges Jeremiah to call Judah to repentance so that God can shape them into the persons God intended them to be in the first place. God is in charge of our world and all of us in it. How we give ourselves to God determines the kind of medium God has to mold in His Hand. What God needs is for us to give ourselves to Him completely through Christ who died on the cross for our sakes. He’s our example of giving our complete selves. God can take a lump of clay and transform it into a diamond. God can take a lump of clay and fashion into a living human being. God can take your life and make it a useful tool for God’s Kingdom. You may not think you have anything to give or that God doesn’t think you’re worth the effort, but you’re wrong. Nothing is impossible for God, because God loves you. God simply wants to be the Potter in your life, shaping who you are through the presence of Christ in your life.

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