

Sunday: 09-20-20
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)
Blessing of the Harvest immediately after the service

Tuesday: 09-22-20
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 9-27-20
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)
10:45 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

We ask that you wear a mask until you are seated with a six-foot separation and every other row social distancing. You may remove the mask to sing when in your seating. Our offering plates are at the back doors. Please help yourself there to a facemask or sanitizer. Feel free to use the pew Bibles and hymnals; after the service, leave them open on the pews to be sanitized in the open air over four days.

The **Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday** and the **Blessing of the Harvest** is today after the service. Because of the Coronavirus, there will be no meal this year. We will re-sing verse one of **"For the Fruit of All Creation"** as we gather on the front porch steps.

The **Worldwide Communion** is October 1st; the special offering will be taken for a local charity.

Next Saturday is **Marian Morris'** birthday. It would mean a lot to her if you send a card to her at: Hearth and Home, 1118 Westwood Dr., Van Wert, Ohio, 45891.

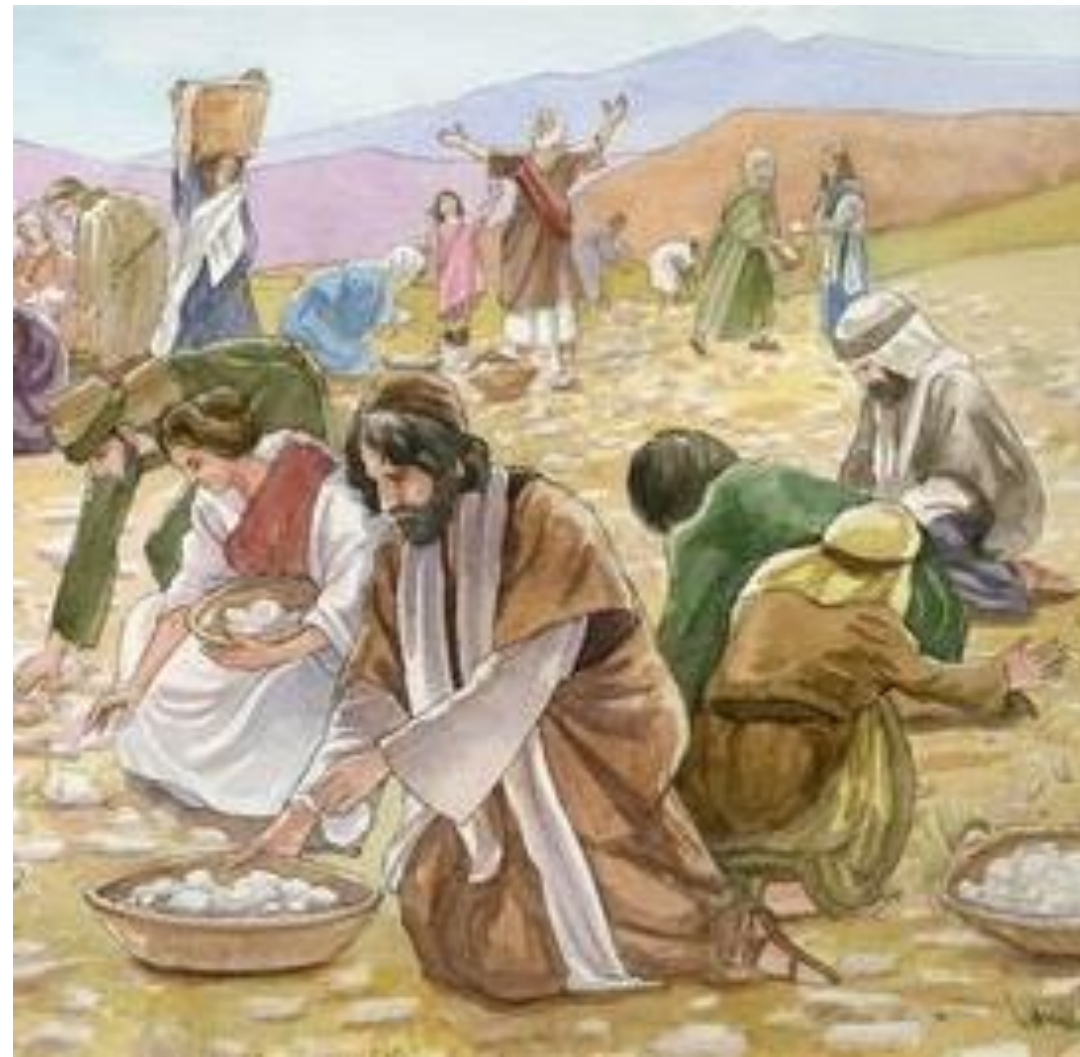
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

20 th -Megan Jones	23 rd -April Ellerbrock	25 th -Darlene Jones
26 th -Cindy Davis	26 th -Marian Morris	27 th -Lisa Lloyd

Upcoming Anniversaries

28th-Eric & Jen Pugh



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Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Cathy Donnal (health issues)
Catie Emery (nightmares)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Jerry Holscher
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
LuAnn (family issues)
John Lloyd
Donald Martin
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
David Morris (Zeb)
Marian Morris
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)
Ione Owens
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TEACHING POINTS

First. God is our daily provider.

Second. We confuse wants with need and greed takes over.

Third. We cannot live by bread alone.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

¹¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the Israelites' complaints. Now tell them, 'In the evening you will have meat to eat, and in the morning you will have all the bread you want. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God'" (Exodus 16:11-12 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Our Creator God provides for our life. He may save us with quail or manna. But these are still minor gifts. The greatest gift is God himself. The One who chooses not to abandon us but to accompany us all the days of our lives. He has come to teach us to pray to the One who alone is the source and giver of "our daily bread." He has come to offer us forgiveness and life, and God speaks through His Word and gifts and says, "take and eat, this is my body given for you for the forgiveness of sin." Yes, God provides. He presents us with signs along the way until we are finally with Him who is the Way - the Way through all the entanglements of this world's wilderness. He is the Way. He is the Provider. Why not follow Him?

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