



**Sunday:** 11-08-20  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Morgan & Tyler McConnell)  
10:30 AM Reception  
10:45 AM Joint Session/Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:** 11-10-20  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Sunday:** 11-15-20  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)  
Guest Speaker John Zerbe No Sunday School

### Announcements:

Today, we will welcome as members of Salem, Steve and Lindsay Richards and their four children: Melia, Gianna, Vincent, and Bianca.

The Veterans Day Service is today; it will be followed by a reception in the Prayer Room for the Veterans and the Richards family.

The Session and the Trustees meet following the reception to approve the budget. The Budget and Nomination reports will be given to the Congregation November 15<sup>th</sup>, and the vote on the budget and officers will be November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Shoebboxes are due by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please start collecting **gravy packets**. The goal for our church this year is 650 packages to donate to the Salvation Army by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Upcoming Birthdays

10<sup>th</sup> Lucas Mullenhour      11<sup>th</sup> Sarah Kimmet  
12<sup>th</sup> Catie Emery          16<sup>th</sup> Doug Jones



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Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Cathy Donnal (health issues)  
Catie Emery (nightmares)  
Melissa Fallis (Warren Summersett's granddaughter)  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Jerry Holscher  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
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### TEACHING POINTS

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*Second.* We need to remind ourselves of our forgiveness in our Covenant with God.

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