

Sunday: 05-16-21
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkin)
 Pentecost Offering [Channel 44:1]
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: 05-18-21
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study at Pamela Beamer's house, address is
 650 Golden Oaks Dr, #27 in Van Wert

Sunday: 05-23-21
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell)
 Communion

Tuesday: 05-25-21
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 05-30-21
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)
 Veterans' recognition in church service

Monday: 05-31-21
 11:00 AM Memorial Service in Memorial Park

Announcements:

This week the **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

16 th Chance Mosier	17 th Mary Jane Haines	17 th Delayna Profit
17 th Stacia Profit	18 th Ione Owens	19 th Holden Price
22 nd Dawson Kimmet	23 rd Carolyn Girod	25 th Taylor Hoehn

Upcoming Anniversaries

19 th Bart & Rosemary Strick	20 th Mark & Missy Zielke
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