

Sunday: 07-04-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)

Sunday: 07-11-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Sunday: 07-18-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)
10:45 PM Session Meeting

Summer Announcements:

The congregation is invited to celebrate **Dominic Adkins** upcoming graduation. The graduation celebration will be held **Sunday, July 4th, from 3-9 PM** at his home at 15584 Ohio City-Venedocia Road.

First United Methodist Church is hosting through July the **on-going Van Wert County-Wide Prayer Meeting**. The next meeting is at **noon, Thursday, July 8th** at 113 West Central Ave., Van Wert, Ohio.

Celebrating **Marjorie Eutsler's 90th birthday** on July 18 from 1 to 4 pm at the Lincolnview Community Building. Please join us for appetizers, cake, and ice cream (no gifts please). If you would like to mail a card, her address is: 15044 Main St, Venedocia, OH 45894

Vacation Bible School is **July 27-28th, 9:00 to 11:30 AM**.

Marian Morris new address is Homestead at Towne Center, 240 Towne Center Blvd., Rm #210, Van Wert, OH 45891

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

Upcoming Birthdays

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| 6 th Charles Boroff | 10 th Tuzz Hobbs | 10 th Mark Zielke |
| 12 th Kristen Dunlap | 13 th Corey McCollow | 15 th Barb Good |

Upcoming Anniversaries

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| 4 th Toby & Elizabeth Adkins | 15 th Tuzz & Liz Hobbs | 15 th Peter & Morgan McCollow |
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Kathy Comer
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Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Ann King (cancer)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
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TEACHING POINTS

FIRST - What the people of ancient Israel missed is that while God was in the midst of the city, God called them to trust not a place but a presence.

SECOND - When God calls us to be shepherds to the world, God calls us to care for people so that they "shall not want" by knowing Christ.

THIRD - Though God's Kingdom has not fully come yet, the way we live as Kingdom people today is by inviting God to live within us.

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ACTION POINT

David failed at times when the seduction of power or self-interest led him astray. But for the most part, David managed to remember to be both a king and a shepherd to his people. We are prone to similar forgetfulness as well. It is so easy to forget why God put us on this earth and called us to be His people. Let's use some words of David's about shepherding to remind us how we are all called to live our lives. They are probably the most known words in the Old Testament - the 23rd Psalm (RSV). We are to trust that God cares, loves, provides, guides, and protects us.

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