

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:

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 August newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

12th Kristen Dunlap	13th Corey McCollow	15th Barb Good
16th Ron Owens	18th Marjorie Eutsler	22nd Dave Rees

Upcoming Anniversaries

15th Tuzz & Liz Hobbs	15th Pete & Morgan McCollow
19th Cory & Sylvia McCollow	24th Bill & Ruth Evans
25th David & Nancy Jo Breese	27th Jeff & Kelly Lloyd



2 Samuel 6:14 David was dancing before the Lord with all his might.

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Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Marjorie Eutsler
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Shana Fryer
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 - *Many people have the experience of Obed-edom, finding rewards that come from contact with Christianity.* David noticed that the Ark blessed Obed-edom when kept at his house for three months.

SECOND - *When we see a vision for God become a reality, our hearts are filled with joy.*

THIRD - *Relationships can be complicated and need the gospel as a foundation.*

THIS WEEK'S KEY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

Michal's anger showed that she and David were following different visions. A relationship does not mean agreeing with or overlooking troublesome behavior, but it does mean trying to understand each other's expectations. It says that where we feel those expectations are unreasonable, we talk about them and explain our feelings. And where we cannot agree, often we can live with our differences. Surely our world, our nation, our homes are filled with Obed-edom, people who receive the benefits of Christianity, though unbelievers. In all this, there is no room for complaint or resentment on the part of Christians. They only live out a principle of mercy that God has put into operation, and which Jesus asks that they follow. Therefore, Christians responding to the grace of God in Jesus Christ should expect that others become blessed by their Christian faith and their Christian life. That is a part of God's plan for the world.

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