

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

Sunday: 07-25-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with ??)

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 22th** at 113 West Central Ave., Van Wert, Ohio.

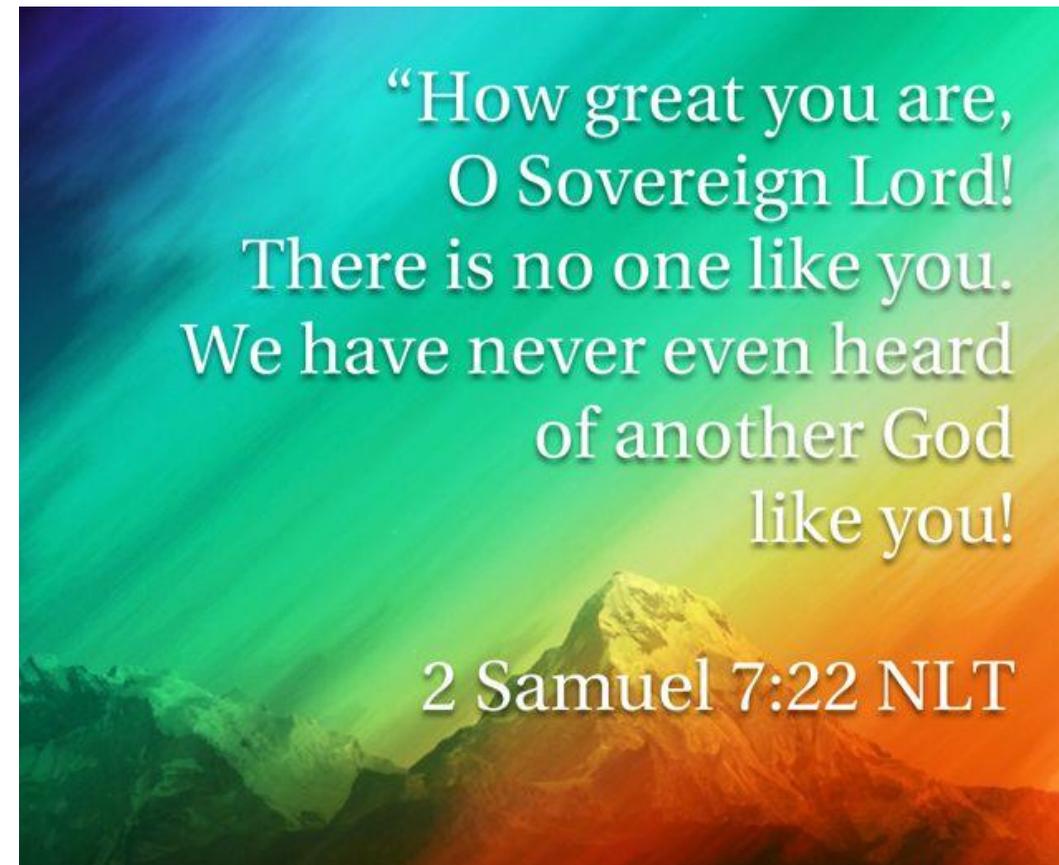
Celebrating **Marjorie Eutsler's 90th birthday** on today, July 18, from 1 to 4 pm at the Lincolnview Community Building. Please join us for appetizers, cake, and ice cream (no gifts please). If you would like to mail a card, her address is: 15044 Main St, Venedocia, OH 45894

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

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

Upcoming Birthdays

Upcoming Anniversaries



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Prayer Concerns:

Kaitie Adams (recovering from surgery)
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)
LuAnn (family issues)
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Byron Mohr
David Morris (Zeb)
Marian Morris
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)
Ione Owens
Steve Peters (surgery & recovery)
Paul & Doris Price
Marjorie Rhodes
Reddington Rothgeb (leukemia)
Shalia Schomaeker
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)
Stacy Smith (Covid)
Betty Tennant
Harold & Rosa Wollenhaupt
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

Serving Our Country

Gyer Blackmore (U.S. Army)
Dillon Ellerbrock (U.S. Marine Corps)
Butch Eutsler (U.S. Army)
Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)
Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

Rev. Thomas Emery
“*Let God Take the Lead*” 2 Samuel 7:1-17
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After David built a grand palace out of the cedars of Lebanon, he wanted to also create a magnificent temple for the Lord (7:1–7). The prophet Nathan encourages him, but then God reveals to Nathan that David will not be allowed to construct the temple. The reason is that David is a man of war who has shed much blood and that his son, Solomon, will be “a man of peace and rest,” who will be allowed to build the temple (1 Chron. 22:8–9). The reasoning in 2 Samuel seems to concern the direction of authority: who is whose benefactor? God does reveal through Nathan that he will continue to bless the entire nation and David through his dynasty (7:8–17).

TEACHING POINTS

FIRST POINT – Sometimes our dreams and ideas are from God, and sometimes they are not.

SECOND POINT - God is not limited to a temple but is consistently on the move with His people.

THIRD POINT – God is the one who is in charge.

THIS WEEK'S KEY PASSAGE

“Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever” (2 Samuel 7:16 NLT).

ACTION POINT

The narrator views David as the instrument of the Lord in fulfilling the promises to Moses and renewing the success of Joshua. In addition, God promises to make David's name great, just as he promised to do for Abraham (Gen. 12:2). God promises to maintain a special “father-son relationship” with each new king, assuring him of divine counsel. As the Lord's “son,” however, the king is required to obey His commands faithfully. If the Davidic king sins, God will punish him, but he will not take the throne away from David's family (1 Kings 11:34). Eventually a king will arise who will reign “with justice and righteousness” (Isa. 9:7), and the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him (Jesus) in a powerful way (Isa. 11:2). Many of the later prophecies about the Messiah draw on this great promise to David. That is our hope as well that God will be our loving Father who will guide those who obey His commands faithfully, and God will not give up on us in His desire for us to come back to Him like Prodigal Sons and Daughters when we become rebellious.