

# Salem Presbyterian Church

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 10, 2022

Rev, Thomas Emery

Pianist: Connie O'Neil



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

\*Hymn Huddersfield ("God of Wonders!") *Welsh hymnal*, 19

Call to Worship Psalm 82 531

Prayer of Confession: You stand beside a wall with a plumb line in Your hand, Lord—**the wall that I have built**. What once was a straight, strong wall of protection, **and was a sanctuary against all that might harm me**, is now revealed as a bowed, bulging, weak wall of separation. **I have used it to conceal myself within a dark prison of my own making**. I know that Your perfect judgment finds me wanting. **Free me, Lord**; I am my own worst enemy. **Level my feeble fortress** and rebuild me in the strength of Your love and Your forgiveness. **Lead me from my darkness into Your light. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

Response **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings Amos 7:7-17 840  
Luke 10:25-37 946  
Colossians 1:1-14 1072

Time for Children

\*Hymn Take My Life and Let It Be 393

Sermon *The Plumbline God Uses* Rev. Thomas Emery

\*Apostle's Creed: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication of the Offering  
\*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn I Surrender All 394

\*Taking the Light into the World  
\*Charge and Benediction  
\*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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## Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,126.78	Needed to Date: \$57,422.95
Rec'd 07-10-2022: \$2,268.00	Rec'd to Date: \$67,026.54

**Sunday:** 07-10-2022 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost  
 9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery  
 (nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards)  
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:** 07-05-2022  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible study in the Van Wert Hospital cafeteria  
 led by the Gideons.

**Thursday:** 07-07-2022  
 Noon Van Wert County noon Prayer Meeting at the  
 Niswonger.

**Sunday:** 07-17-2022 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost  
 9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery  
 (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)  
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

**Announcements:**

**Van Wert County Prayer Meeting** is at noon at the Niswonger for the month of July.

The Salem **Vacation Bible School** is at 9-11:30 AM on Tuesday-Wednesday July 26-27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for a multitude of roles.

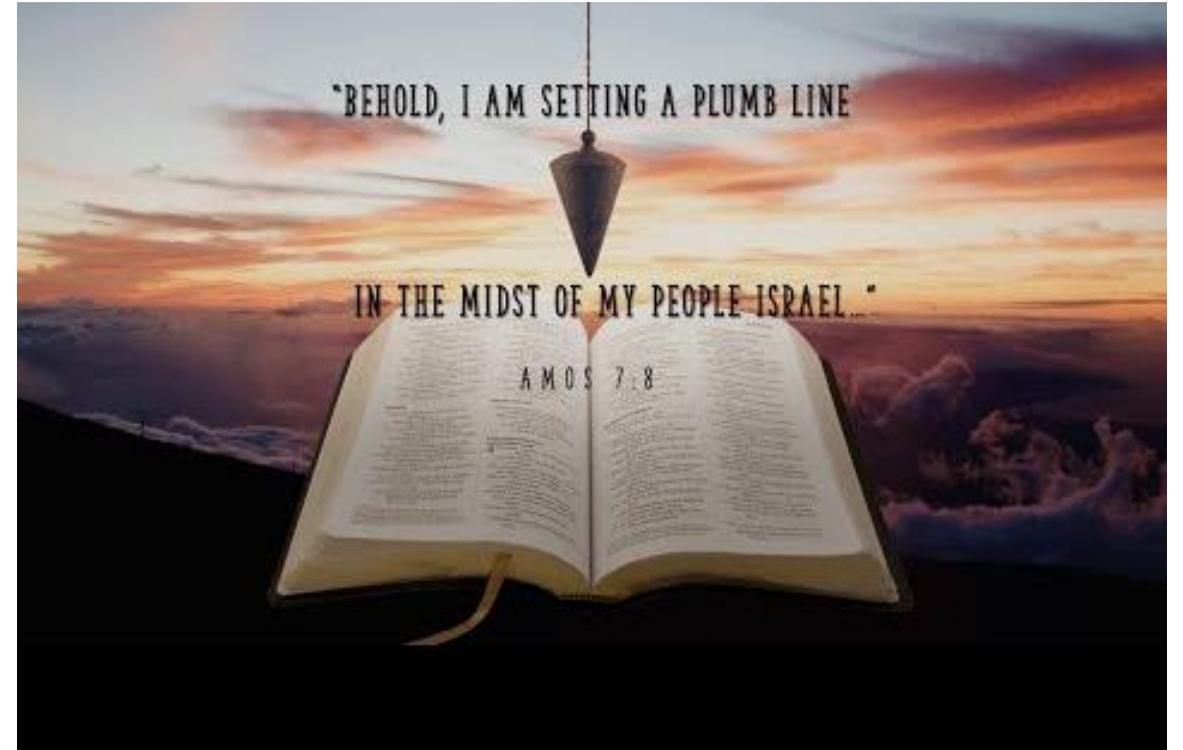
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the upcoming **August newsletter**. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

10 <sup>th</sup> Vern Hobbs	10 <sup>th</sup> Mark Zielke	12 <sup>th</sup> Kristen Price
13 <sup>th</sup> Cory McCollow	15 <sup>th</sup> Barb Good	16 <sup>th</sup> Ron Owens

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

15 <sup>th</sup> Peter & Morgan McCollow	15 <sup>th</sup> Tuzz & Liz Hobbs
19 <sup>th</sup> Cory & Sylvia McCollow	



**Amos 7:7-17**

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Kathy Comer  
Jim Davis (cancer)  
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma) LaDonna's stepdaughter  
Pastor Tom Emery (broken foot healing)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair (cancer)  
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Brett Hammons  
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Jerry Holscher  
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Stacy Smith (Covid)  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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**TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT ONE** – *Society is out of plumb.* Contemporary additions to Christianity not found in the Bible make it a “new religion.”

**POINT TWO** – *Be the kind of person that God is seeking.*

**POINT THREE** – *Focus on the promise of God.*

**THIS WEEK’S VERSE**

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**ACTION POINT**

However hard we try, none of us are righteous people. But it is only as we are honest with our sinfulness that we can appreciate the enormity of God's grace that continues to love us. Our fate depends upon our understanding that God does have a Biblical standard of justice and mercy and expects us to be responsive to it. We live in a world and society that desperately needs to hear the words of the prophets. We need to listen to these words, not because they are comforting, but because they shake us out of any temptation to complacency. Why not ponder the words of 1 John 1:8-9 and realize that we all have some getting right with God: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is just will cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Why not confess your shortcomings to God in Jesus’ Name and be forgiven?

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