

Salem Presbyterian Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Connie O'Neill

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob & Kathy McCollow



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn

Llanfair

Welsh hymnal, 44

Call to Worship

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

566

Prayer of Confession: Dear God, You are the Potter and we are the clay. **Sometimes when we charge ahead without thinking about how our words and actions will impact others, things turn out wrong or ugly.** We think of broken relationships with family members, with friends, even within the church. **But we are aware that today, and yesterday, and the day before that, we have lived as though it's only about us.** We have lived as though we are the potters, not the clay. **Hear now our thoughts, our regrets, our confessions for the times when we have acted selfishly.** We have acted as though only what we want, matters. **We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Please take a moment of silent confession).*

Assurance of Pardon

Response

Glory Be to the Father

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Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

It is Well

MaKenna Kimmet & Connie O'Neill

Scripture Readings

*Jeremiah 18:1-11

706

Luke 14:25-33

952

Philemon 1-21

1088

Time for Children

*Hymn

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

388

Sermon

He Is the Potter

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*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.**

*Offertory: Prayer of Dedication

*Response

Praise God

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*Hymn

Cwm Rhondda

Welsh hymnal, 40

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

God Be with You

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,126.78	Needed to Date:	\$74,437.16
Rec'd 08-28-2022:	\$730.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$79,769.54

Sunday: 09-04-2022 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
4:30 to 6:00 PM Meal
7:00 PM Gymanfa Ganu

Sunday: 09-11-2022 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Sunday: 09-18-2022 Blessing of the Harvest / Drive your Tractor to Church Sunday 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell*)
10:45 AM Potluck after outdoor Service

Announcements:

Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at the Pentecostal Way Church, at noon on Thursdays at 1215 Leeson Avenue.

The **Men's Bible Study** is on Tuesday at 7:30 AM at the VW County Hospital cafeteria.

A big **thank-you** to all the members of the church who will help prepare food, serve food, usher, plan, landscape, or any of the multiple jobs that help make our Gymanfa Ganu a success! We couldn't do this without your help.

The next **Session Meeting** is on September 25th.

Senior luncheon will start back up on Wednesday, September 28th at noon.

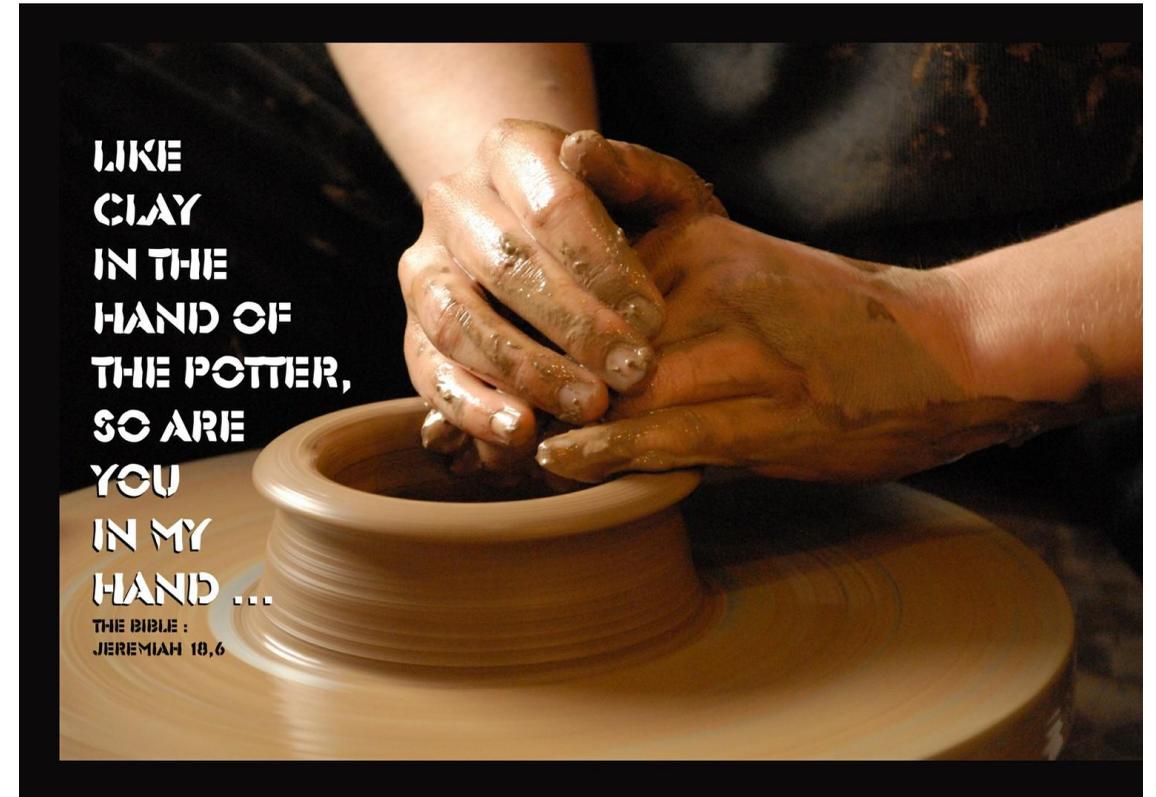
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

4 th Claudia LeValley	4 th Katie McClure	11 th Landon Price
12 th Jackson Dunlap	18 th Jayne Morris	18 th Morgan McConnell
18 th Tyler McConnell	19 th Gianna Richards	

Upcoming Anniversaries

8 th Paul & Doris Price	11th Jeremy & Samantha Morris
15 th Bob & Denise Pugh	28 th Eric & Jen Pugh



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HAND OF
THE POTTER,
SO ARE
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HAND ...**

THE BIBLE :
JEREMIAH 18,6

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Dr. Ron Bell
Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Dave Burnett
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *God is always refining us.*

POINT TWO – *God always wants what is best for us.*

POINT THREE – *Even in the worse of situations, you and I can have a new start if we accept God’s offer to begin again in Christ.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

God urges Jeremiah to call Judah to repentance so that God can shape them into the persons God intended them to be in the first place. God is in charge of our world, and also all of us in it. How we give ourselves to God determines the kind of medium God has to mold in His Hand. What God needs is for us to give ourselves to Him completely through Christ who died on the cross for our sakes. He’s our example of giving our complete selves. God can take a lump of clay and transform it into a diamond. God can take a lump of clay and fashion into a living human being. God can take your life and make it a useful tool for God’s Kingdom. You may not think you have anything to give or that God doesn’t think you’re worth the effort, but you’re wrong. Nothing is impossible for God, because God loves you. God simply wants to be the Potter in your life, shaping who you are through the presence of Christ in your life.

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