

Salem Presbyterian Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Rev. Thomas Emery

Pianist Lexie Greer

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Eric & Jenny Pugh



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn Take My Life and Let It Be 388

Call to Worship Psalm 14 485

Introductory Film

*Hymn I Love You, Lord 2X See Insert

Prayer of Confession: **Dear God, the God of abundant grace, may Your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship You this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover Your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear Your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to Your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. 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 *Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 689
Luke 15:1-10 952
1 Timothy 1:12-17 1080

Time for Children

*Hymn Amazing Grace 236

Sermon "Are You Foolish and Do Not Know God?" 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.**

*Offertory: Prayer of Dedication

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Hymn Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining See insert

*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.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,126.78	Needed to Date:	\$76,563.93
Rec'd 09-04-2022:	\$1,404.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$81,173.54

Sunday: 09-11-2022 14th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting.

Tuesday: 09-13-2022
7:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria.
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study Romans: Lesson 8

Thursday: 09-15-2022
Noon **Van Wert County Prayer Meeting** is at the Pentecostal Way Church at 1215 Leeson Avenue.

Sunday: 09-18- Sunday 15th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM **2022 Blessing of the Harvest / Drive your Tractor to Church**
10:45 AM Worship (*nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell*)
Potluck after outdoor Service

Announcements:

A big **thank-you** to all the members of the church who helped prepare food, serve food, usher, plan, landscape, or any of the multiple jobs that help make our Gymanfa Ganu a success!

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

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

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

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

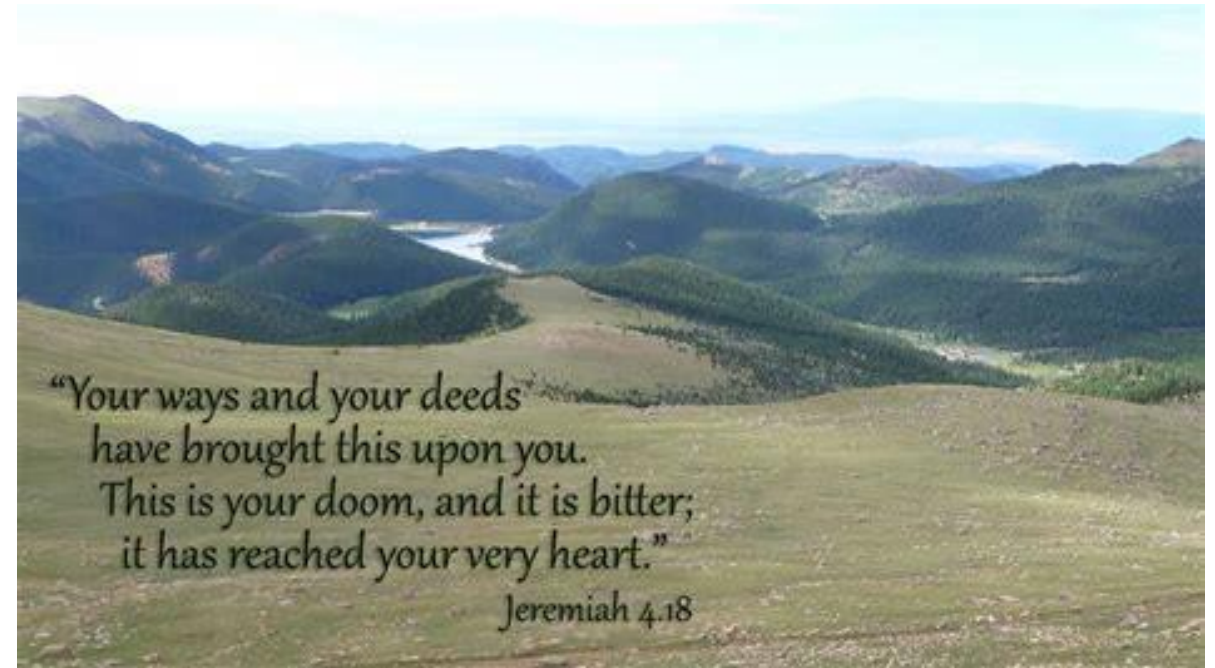
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

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

11th Jeremy & Samantha Morris	15 th Bob & Denise Pugh	28 th Eric & Jen Pugh
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Dr. Ron Bell
Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Dave Burnett
Kathy Comer
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
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Pastor Tom Emery (long covid healing)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Surely, we aren’t so spiritually impoverished, so foolish, so stupid as to forget about the One who will not give up on us, the One who will not let us go.*

POINT TWO – *God isn’t calling us names; He is calling us to life.*

POINT THREE – *God will send the wind.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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God was faithful, but the people were not. God provided blessing upon blessing, but the people didn’t seem to notice it came from Him. God gave of Himself in every way, but the people remained indifferent. They served themselves. They worshiped gods of their own making in the temples of their hearts. They lived their lives as if all that mattered was satisfying their whims and desires. They couldn’t see beyond themselves. They couldn’t reach up to God. All of God’s hopes for these people crumbled as they failed to remember who they were, whose they were, and why they had been created in the first place. Admittedly, aren’t we too so spiritually impoverished, so foolish, so stupid as to forget about the One who will not pass on us, the One who will not let us go. If you are far from God, don’t make the same mistakes as Judah, why not return to Him right now while you can!

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