

Sunday: 10-02-2022 Worldwide Communion
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)
Peacemaking Offering

Tuesday: 10-04-2022
7:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria.
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 10-06-2022
Noon **Van Wert County Prayer Meeting.**

Sunday: 10-09-2022
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Don't forget the **Prayer Sheet** is on the back table which will be read during our prayer time.

The **Election Day Dinner** is **cancelled this year** to focus more on the Ice Cream Socials and for Advent. The Budget and Nominations are to be done by October 23rd.

The **Shoebbox Project** - For the last 29 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Collection day is Sunday, **November 7**.

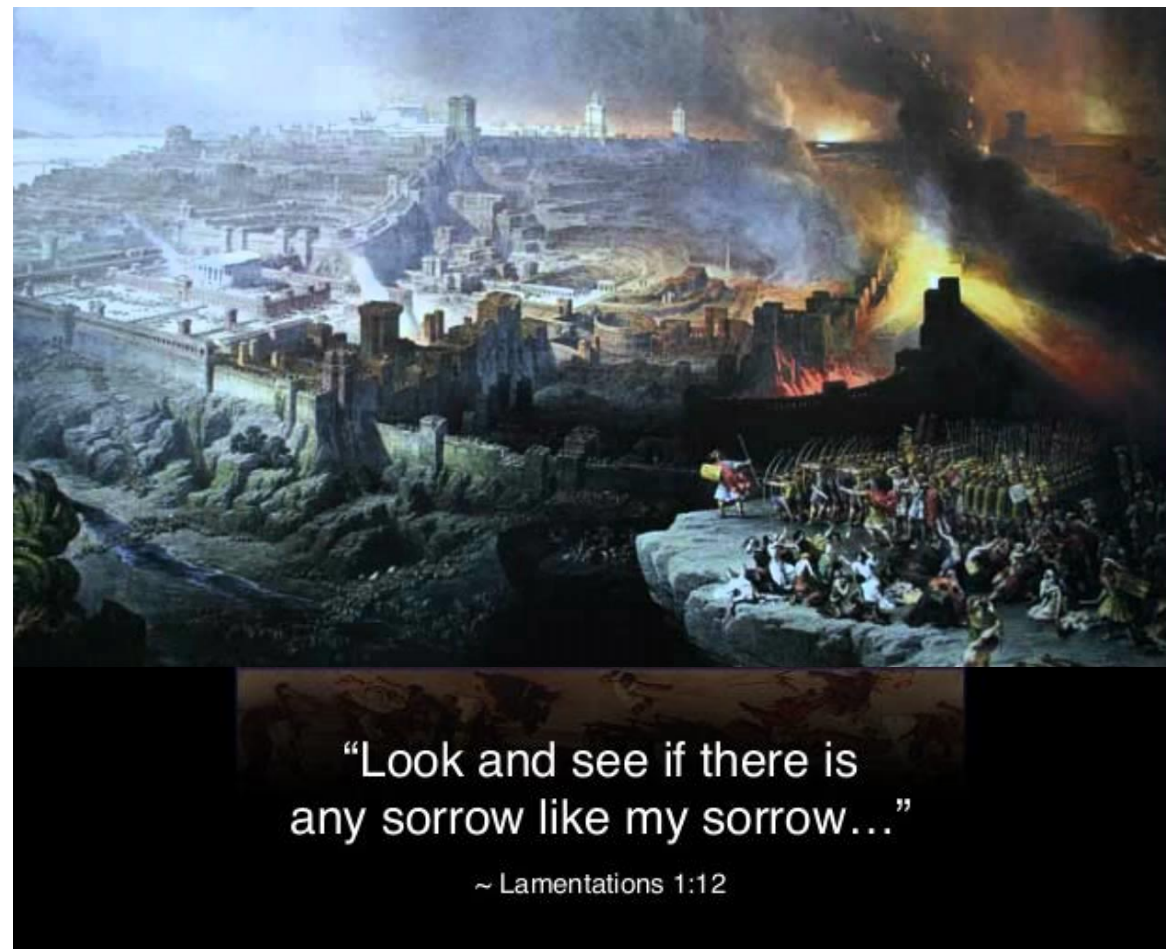
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the November newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

2 nd Kory Mullenhour	8 th Bob McCollow	13 th David Breese
13 th Carter Dunlap	13 th Kayla Owens/Mumford	14 th Jason Kimmet

Upcoming Anniversaries

2 nd Kevin & Heather Matthews	7 th Jason & Sarah Kimmet
21 st Bob & Kathy McCollow	30 th Keivn & Kristen Price



“Look and see if there is
any sorrow like my sorrow...”

~ Lamentations 1:12

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October 2, 2022

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Edie Basham (back surgery)
Marion's daughter
Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Jeff Coil (open heart surgery)
Kathy Comer
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
LaDonna's stepdaughter
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
Deb Fair (cancer)
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Jane Harter
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Ann King (cancer)
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TEACHING POINTS

Hebrew Language Acrostic

POINT ONE – *A is for Feeling Abandonment.*

POINT TWO – *B is for Feeling Brokenness.*

POINT THREE – *C is for Crying.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

She defiled herself with immorality and gave no thought to her future. Now she lies in the gutter with no one to lift her out. “LORD, see my misery,” she cries. “The enemy has triumphed” (Lamentations 1:9 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Jerusalem feels that she has no one to whom she can turn. Her illicit lovers have rejected her. Her false God-denying priests are dead. Her enemies laugh at her. She is alone in her grief and disappointment. When catastrophe strikes, one of a few responses is possible. One can allow the grief to overpower us, and we fall under the weight of it. Or one can turn to God, believing in God’s love despite the facts before us. Why not choose to believe in the Covenant God? Why not also reach out and help others telling them about our faithful and merciful God?

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