

Salem Presbyterian Church

18^h Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Becky Reichard

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Foust



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn Be Thou My Vision 334

Call to Worship Psalm 66:1-12 517

Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we confess that we have hidden our light and failed to share the love of Christ. **We have walked away from the people Jesus came to serve, from the cities and towns where He carried out His ministry.** We have chosen instead to make our home in the isolated places where Jesus retreated for prayer. **And even there, our prayers have been mostly for ourselves.** We have deemed our church an escape from Van Wert County, rather than a sanctuary for it. **We have deemed ourselves Your chosen people but forsaken the ministry of reconciliation.** In Your infinite mercy, forgive us our sins and set us on the path of true righteousness, **that we may find the joy of our salvation as we seek the welfare of the world around us, especially Van Wert County. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Please take a moment of silent confession).*

Assurance of Pardon

Response I Love You Lord 2X See Insert

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings *Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 717
Luke 17:11-19 955
2 Timothy 2:8-15 1084

Baptism of Charlotte McConnell

Time for Children

*Hymn Take Time to Be Holy 376

Sermon **"To Build a Community of Godliness"** 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 Cwm Rhondda *Welsh Hymnal, 40*

*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:	\$85,071.04
Rec'd 10-02-2022:	\$2,453.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$88,402.90

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

Tuesday: 10-11-2022
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria.
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 10-13-2022
Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting.

Sunday: 10-16-2022
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)
10:45AM Session 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**.

Harry Tolhurst will be our guest pastor on October 30th.

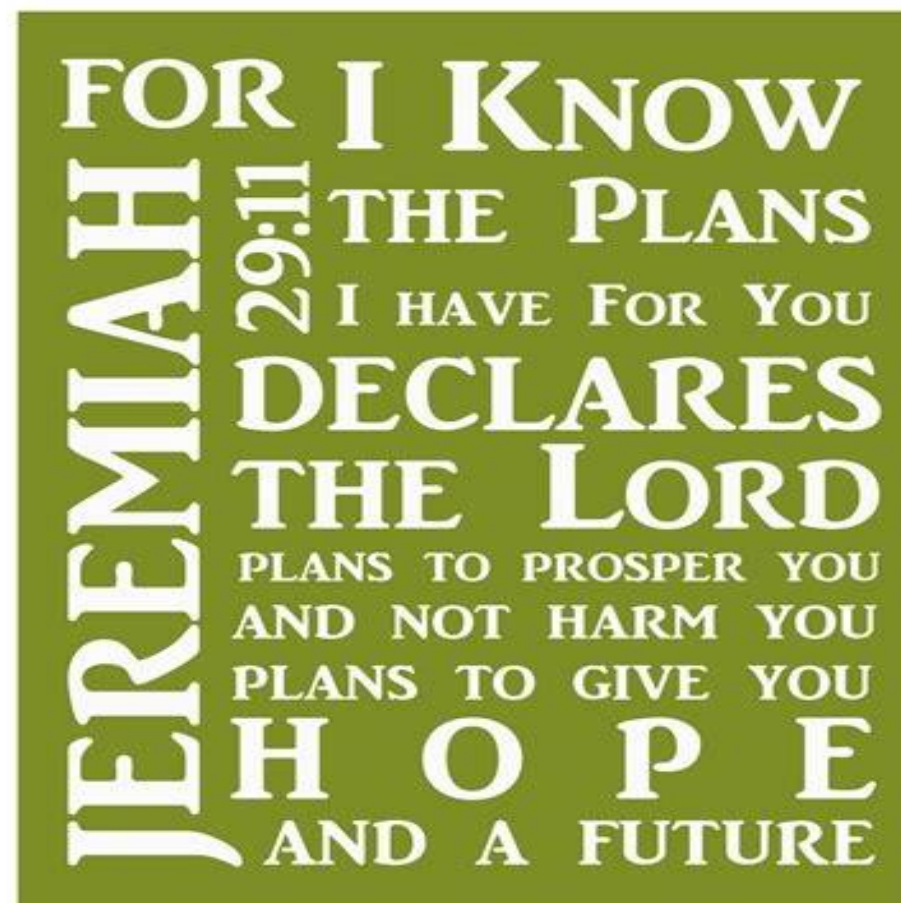
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the November newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

13 th David Breese	13 th Carter Dunlap	13 th Kayla Owens/Mumford
14 th Jason Kimmet	22 nd Ashley Finn	23 Remi Finn

Upcoming Anniversaries

21 st Bob & Kathy McCollow	30 th Kevin & Kristen Price
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Kathy Comer
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
 LaDonna's stepdaughter
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TEACHING POINTS

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POINT TWO – *If you trust Him, God has a plan for your life that is better than what you can imagine.*

POINT THREE – *Basically, our deepest desire is God-filled serenity.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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ACTION POINT

Like the exiles who first received Jeremiah's letter, we are understandably looking for a Word of peace. God's message to us is the same one that the refugees received: Get to work. Reach out actively and in love to others. Love both those who are easy to like because they are like us and those who are unfamiliar, uncomfortable, and unsettling to us. It is this kind of walk with God that we will find the peace that is promised. The peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. It is always there, in the unfamiliar, the uncomfortable and the unsettling, that we will find Christ and what we really want out of life.

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