

SOUNDS OF SALEM

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. ² I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High (Psalm 9:1-2 NLT).

Over Labor Day weekend, Salem Church held its 105th Gymanfa Ganu. Unfortunately, the last two years had to be cancelled for Covid safety reasons. The Gymanfa songfest celebrates the glory and the love of God for His children and His church. The yearly gathering is unique for the Welsh culture. The Welsh are known for their devoted worship of God.

The great Evangelist, G. Campbell Morgan, at the start of the 1900s was stunned by the energy of the Welsh Revival that broke out in Wales.

He said that "When these Welshmen sing, they sing the words like men who believe them. They abandon themselves to their singing."

For the average Christian, Morgan described, "We sing as though we thought it would not be respectable to be heard by the man next to us."

Morgan went on to say, "No choir, did I say? It was all choir! And Hymns!

I stood and listened in wonder and amazement as that congregation on that night sang hymn after hymn, long hymns, sung through sometimes without hymnbooks."

Salem Church celebrated its 105th Gymanfa amidst the Ohio soybean fields beginning to turn heavenly golden colors.

Like what Isaiah 6:3 said that the mighty seraphim were calling out in song to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with His glory!" Salem also lifts the holiness and the glory of God as witness to our loving God. May God be in your life also glorified this side of heaven!

Pastor Tom Emery



Sanctus

Round the Lord in glory seated,
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled His temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternative hymn:
"Lord, Thy glory fills the heaven,
Earth is with Thy fullness stored;
Unto Thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, holy Lord!"

Heaven is with Thy glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angel cry,
"Holy, holy, holy." Singing,
"Lord of Hosts, Thou Lord most High.
"Lord, Thy glory fills the heaven,
Earth is with Thy fullness stored;
Unto Thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, holy Lord!"

With His seraph-train before Him,
With His holy Church below,
Thus unite we to adore Him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow –
"Lord, Thy glory fills the heaven,
Earth is with Thy fullness stored;
Unto Thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, holy Lord!"

J. Richards (Isalaw), (1843-1901), [hymn link](#).

Underscoring the Place of Prayer

In 1990, this thing called the Internet evolved into what we now call the World Wide Web. Desktop computers

began to multiply in homes and businesses, creating a need for those computers to communicate with one another. A device called a modem was attached to a computer and to the telephone line. The modem basically allowed one computer to call another computer just as one telephone could call another.

Here's what you younger readers will have a hard time believing: Getting onto the Internet was a multistep process that took some time. Clicking a button on your computer screen told the modem to place a call to your Internet service provider's computer using a sequence of touch-tones, followed by a bewildering series of sounds that can only be described as screeches and squawks lasting up to 10 seconds. If the connection was made, all the weird noises ceased, and you were "online". If you were connected to the most popular Internet access platform at that time, you would be greeted by the iconic saying, "You've got mail!" Instead of having physical mail delivered once a day to your home's mailbox, you might get electronic mail (email) many times a day. Amazing! (It was amazing back then – trust me.)

Here's the reason I'm explaining this: In the early days of the Internet, there was no such thing as "always on" access. Internet access was called "dial-up" - one computer dialing and calling another. Before technology advanced, accessing the Internet for information, shopping, exchanging email, and other services required a decision and a multistep process. Today, young people and young adults have never known anything except having immediate access to websites, email, texts, videos, and all the rest. And once the digital age migrated to smartphones – also "always on" – even the physical need for a desktop computer was eliminated. Today, the world is literally at our fingertips – 24/7 from anywhere in the world.

Prayer: Always On I've drawn the contrast between "dial-up" and "always on" Internet access to provide a backdrop for discussing prayer. I want to suggest that we need to think of prayer, and our access to the very throne room of God, in terms of always on. This is nothing new; God has not suddenly become more available to us in the digital age. But the digital age gives us a new paradigm for thinking about how God is available to us via prayer.

With a device that fits into a pocket or purse, we have instant access to news, shopping, sports, weather, texts, emails – everything! – without being near a

desktop or laptop computer. Wherever we are, whatever we need to do, we have always on access to the wonders of the digital age. The Internet never sleeps; it is always on.

Guess Who else never slumbers nor sleeps? "Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep"

(Psalm 121:4). If we turned to God in prayer as often as readily as we turn to the Internet for information or services, we would truly fulfill Paul's admonition to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:15).

What did Paul mean by "pray without ceasing"? He certainly did not mean that we should pray, silently or out loud, all day long without stopping. Rather, he meant that we ought to maintain an attitude and practice of prayer that is as normal as breathing – an exercise of communication with God on which our spiritual life depends.

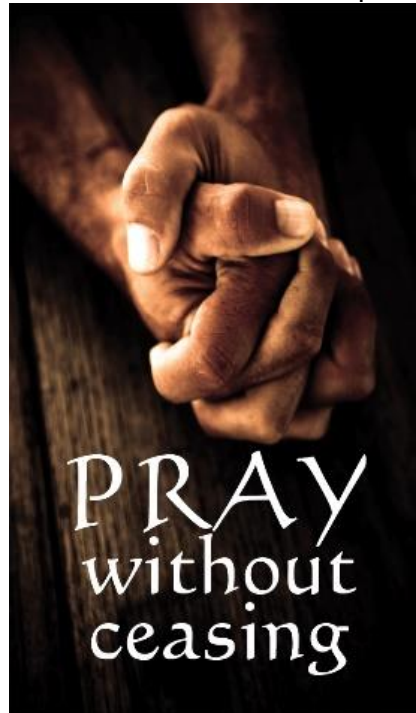
Sure, we pray before meals, we join in prayers at church on Sunday or at a Bible study, and we might

breathe a prayer of thanks for the day when our head hits the pillow at night. But surely that is not the kind of prayer life Paul had in mind. Even though Paul knew nothing of our modern idea of always on, I believe he would agree with that way of describing the Christian's prayer life. There is never a time when we aren't ready, willing and desiring to pray.

Paul expanded that idea in Ephesians 6:18, "Praying always with *all* prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with *all* perseverance and supplication for *all* the saints." Notice the repetition of "all" in this verse. *All* occasions, *all* kinds of prayers, at *all* times, for *all* the Lord's people. Get the idea? That sounds like another way to say "pray without ceasing"! What does such a prayer life look like? Prayer becomes central, continuous and comprehensive. Prayer, like God, should be always on.

Prayer is Always Central – continuous, back and forth between us and God that never ceases. We might think of prayer as the central dynamic that enlivens and deepens our relationship with God.

Prayer is Always Continuous – If the only times we pray are at set times of the day, we are missing part of the dynamic of praying without ceasing. Prayers can



be silent and flow all day long. God is always listening, always ready to welcome His children into His presence.

Prayer is Always Comprehensive – We should pray in the same way we communicate with a spouse or close friend – about everything. No subject is off-limits when it comes to prayer.

We know that God is *always on* when it comes to His availability. He is available to talk at any time. The question is, Are we? Take your prayer life to a new level: central, continuous and comprehensive.

Adapted from: Rising to the Occasion - Underscoring the Place of Prayer. Turning Points Devotional by Dr. David Jeremiah.

Defense of the Faith Series

“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth. . .” (Acts 17:26a).

Does God approve of racial bigotry and inter-racial marriage? To answer this question, we must look at the concept of race. The Bible teaches that we are all descended from the man, Adam. Scripture also states, we are all of one blood; Scripture never even uses the idea of race.

The descendants of Ham, who were cursed, were the Canaanites. Yet when Rahab, a Canaanite, came to faith in the true God, she not only was welcomed to marry a believer, but God included her in the line leading to Christ.

The idea of different races, as distinct from different religions, was not much of an issue until 1859 when Charles Darwin published his famous book, *On the Origin of Species*. Darwin was a product of Victorian times and extremely racist in his views, always referring to colored peoples as “savages.” Among the book’s purported scientific claims for evolution was the claim that there are different races because some groups are more evolved than others. As this idea became accepted both in and out of the Church, racism became institutionalized.

Today, we know that typically the genetic differences between you and anyone else is only 0.2 percent. Scientifically, there is only one human race, as Scripture clearly teaches. The Church can only combat racism by proclaiming the truth that all people on earth are one flesh, descended from one, real Adam, whose blood we all share. It can also, proclaim the Gospel that all believers are spiritual descendants of the Second

Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who has redeemed us and made us new creatures.

Prayer: Help me, Father, love all people as Your Son did when He died for them. Amen.

Adapted from: The Origin of Racism, by Paul A. Bartz. © 2022 Creation Moments.

The Lighted Cross

The large lighted Cross across from the Landeck Church, was a gift resulting from the collaboration of the "Venedocia Lions" in the Landeck parish and those in the Salem Presbyterian Church. The chalice-shaped cement patio, installed by Dave and Rocky Klaus, as well as the two memorial benches (honoring Klaus), as well as the two memorial benches (honoring Irene and Irma Schwinnen and the deceased members of the Kroeger Family) are now in place. Landscaping will follow. One of the Venedocia Lions has requested that soil from both Landeck and Venedocia, symbolizing our mutual friendship, will be mixed on this site.

This heartfelt gesture gives added meaning to this peaceful place for prayer, rest and enjoying nature. This Landeck project has been possible through the contributions of the "time, talent and treasure" of very generous benefactors-- from within and beyond the Landeck parish completely funded by interested donors. Sister Immacolata said, “How blessed we are to have such wonderful, caring friends!”

Now, the same parties are offering Salem a similar lighted cross. The Salem Session has already approved the offer, and we are waiting on the Trustees to approve the location, design, donated furnishings, and the other details.

Church Financial Update

Prayerfully consider making a donation to Salem Church. Offerings should be mailed to the church at:

Salem United Presbyterian Church
PO Box 678
Venedocia, Ohio 45894

Needed to Date: \$82,944.26
Received to Date: \$85,949.90

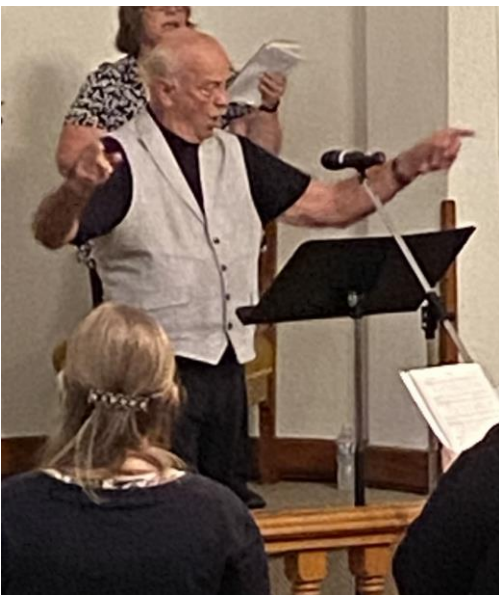
Salem Photos



2022-09-04 McKenna Kimmit performing morning service Special Music.



2022-09-04 Gamanfa singing by the musical group, Inspiritu.



2022-9-04 Opening Gymanfa with singing lead by Eric Foster



2022-09-18 Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday / Blessing of the Harvest. Twelve tractors participated.

2022-09-04 Gymanfa Ganu with Kevin Fancher conducting.



2022-09-18 Ron Richards driving his custom pickup to Salem before driving in the Delphos Canal Day Parade.



2022-09-28 Senior Luncheon theme of "Back to School."



2022-09-18 Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday / Blessing of the Harvest. Pastor Tom leading the outside Service.



2022-09-28 Senior Luncheon at the Lion's Club building after a summer off.



2022-09-20 Maumee Valley Presbytery meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Norwalk, Ohio.

NOTICE
The Election Day Supper, Tuesday, November 8th.
 Has been cancelled.



Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected more than 168 million shoeboxes packed with toys and other fun and useful items and delivered them to boys and girls in need around the world. Please consider filling a box this year. For many children it will be the only gift they ever receive, and it will mean so much to them.

Collection day at Salem is Sunday, November 7th.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Remember our elderly members, soldiers, and college students with cards and visits.

"Young at Heart"

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Pensacola, FL 32534

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Grandson of Gloria Leiter

Gyer Blackmore (Army)
Grandson of Gwenda
Blackmore

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Landon Price. Ohio State University,
160 Woodruff, Columbus, Ohio 43210

Condolences

Condolences to the families of Eileen Lucier and
Dr. Ron Bell

Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

2 Kory Mullenhour	8 Bob McCollow
13 David Breese	13 Carter Dunlap
13 Kayla Owens/Mumford	14 Jason Kimmet
22 Ashley Finn	23 Remi Finn
25 Josh Hobbs	28 Keaton Adkins
29 Nancy Swygart	30 Jeff Coil

Prayer Concerns

Edie Basham (back surgery)
Marion Morris's daughter
Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Jeff Coil (9Bypass heart surgery)
Kathy Comer
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid recovery)
Marjorie Eutsler
Deb Fair (cancer)
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye & knee issues)
Jane Harter

Jerry Holscher
Ann King (cancer)
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd
Steve Martz
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
David Morris (Zeb)
Paul & Doris Price
Evan Pugh
Ron Richards (hospice for cancer)
Evelyn Schwartz
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

October 2022

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30 AM Worship Worldwide Communion Peacemaking Offering	3	4 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study, VW Hosp. Cafeteria. 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	5	6 Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Mtg. at Salem Church	7	8
9 9:30 AM Worship. Baptism of Charlotte McConnell 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting	10	11 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study, VW Hosp. Cafeteria. 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	12	13 Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Mtg. at Salem Church	14	15
16 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 Session Meeting Nomination & budget Committees to meet	17	18 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study, VW Hosp. Cafeteria. 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	19	20 Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Mtg. at Salem Church	21	22
23 9:30 AM Worship Nominations & budgets to be completed	24	25 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study, VW Hosp. Cafeteria. 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	26 Noon-Senior Luncheon	27 Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Mtg. at Salem Church	28	29
30 9:30 AM Worship	31					

Week of	Nursery	Flowers	Organist
October 2	Bob & Denise Pugh	Marylin Foust	LaDonna Allenbaugh
October 9	Jeff & Kelly Lloyd	Marylin Foust	Becky Reichard
October 16	Bill & Ruth Evans	Marylin Foust	LaDonna Allenbaugh
October 23	Steve & Lindsay Richards	Marylin Foust	Dave VanTilburg
October 30	Dave & Carla Breese	Marylin Foust	Seth Baker
		Greeter:	Steve Richards

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October 2022 REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY YEAR B

17th Sunday after Pentecost – Oct 2

Lam. 1:1-6 & 3:29-26 Psalm 137
 2 Tim. 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

18th Sunday after Pentecost – Oct 9

Jer. 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12
 2 Tim. 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

19th Sunday after Pentecost – Oct 16

Jer. 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104
 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

20th Sunday after Pentecost – Oct 23

Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65
 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

21st Sunday after Pentecost – Oct 30

Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144
 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10