



**Sunday:** **04-23-2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 9:30 AM *(nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell)*  
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

**Tuesday:** **04-25-2023**  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study is at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study is downstairs at Salem Church

**Thursday:** **04-27-2023**  
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer meeting at the Living Truth Ministries at 1180 S. Washington St., Van Wert, OH

**Sunday:** **04-30-2023 4th Sunday of Easter**  
 9:30 AM Worship *(nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)*

**Announcements:**

Salem will be **collecting offerings** from the heart to be given to the **Salvation Army**. There is a monthly need, and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month we collect different food. The food for April is ramen noodles and May is cereal.

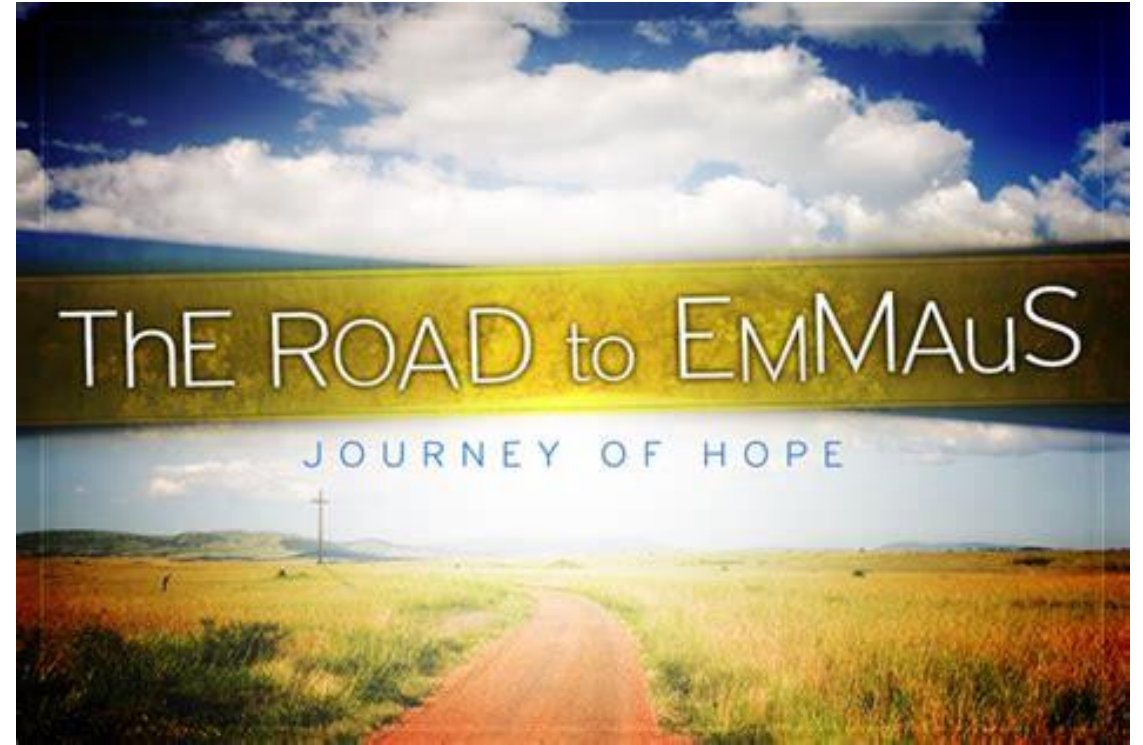
The **Senior Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, April 26, at noon.

The **Women's Bible Study** will begin watching and having discussions about the series, "The Chosen." If you would like a copy of the schedule and study questions, contact Carol Emery or Liz Hobbs.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the May newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc). The April paper copies are on the back table and the electronic copies are on the SalemChurch.cc website for the church. Send you email request to the [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc) to be put on the email delivery list.

**Upcoming Birthdays**

23 <sup>rd</sup> Grant Zielke	25 <sup>th</sup> Julia Morris/Moliter	26 <sup>th</sup> Gwenda Blackmore
29 <sup>th</sup> Jenny Pugh	30 <sup>th</sup> Ruth Evans	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Audrey Menker
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kim Coil	3 <sup>rd</sup> Deb Fair	3 <sup>rd</sup> Eric Pugh



*Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Cindy (Davis) Barnes (liver transplant)  
Edie Basham (back surgery)  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jason Boyd (limited time to live - terminal cancer)  
Dave Burnett (heart issues)  
Lynn Collins (cancer)  
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)  
    LaDonna's stepdaughter  
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid healing)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair (cancer)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Diana Glass (cancer)  
Jane Harter  
Jerry Holscher  
Mandolin Jones (cancer)  
Tony Kahle (leg amputation)  
John Lloyd  
Steve Martz  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Wayne McMichael  
David Morris (heart issues)  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Paul & Doris Price  
Jarrod Rigdon  
Evelyn Schwartz  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
Tori Wells (serious spine injury)  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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#### TEACHING POINTS

***Point One – The Resurrection Changes Everything.***

***Point Two – God is alive, and God is with us.***

***Point Three – The Resurrection Takes Hold of Us to Transform Us***

#### THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

<sup>30</sup> *As they sat down to eat, he [Jesus] took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them.* <sup>31</sup> *Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And at that moment He disappeared (Luke 24:30-31 NLT)!*

#### ACTION POINT

We are not called to acknowledge Jesus as risen and then go on living as though nothing changed. The two disciples were healed of their blinding confusion. It took the expressing of doubts, the expounding of the Word of God, the interchange of ideas, combined with the fellowship and a sense of mission, over a meal sharing bread -- to produce their healing. And so, it is with us. Now that we have heard the words of Holy Scripture and we have wrestled with them, let us stretch ourselves so that we might experience the first step of our healing with clear vision. We cannot live life as before. We know now that Jesus is risen, and we must change our lives considering the resurrection!

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