

Sunday: **05-07-2023 5th Sunday of Easter**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)
Jr. Choir Recognition
Graduate Recognition

Tuesday: **05-09-2023**
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 **05-11-2023**
Noon Van Wert County prayer meeting at Salem – all invited to pray with county churches

Sunday: **05-14-2023 6th Sunday of Easter**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)
Mother's Day recognition
Baptism of Michael Garza
Trustee's Meeting
5:00 PM

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 May is cereal.

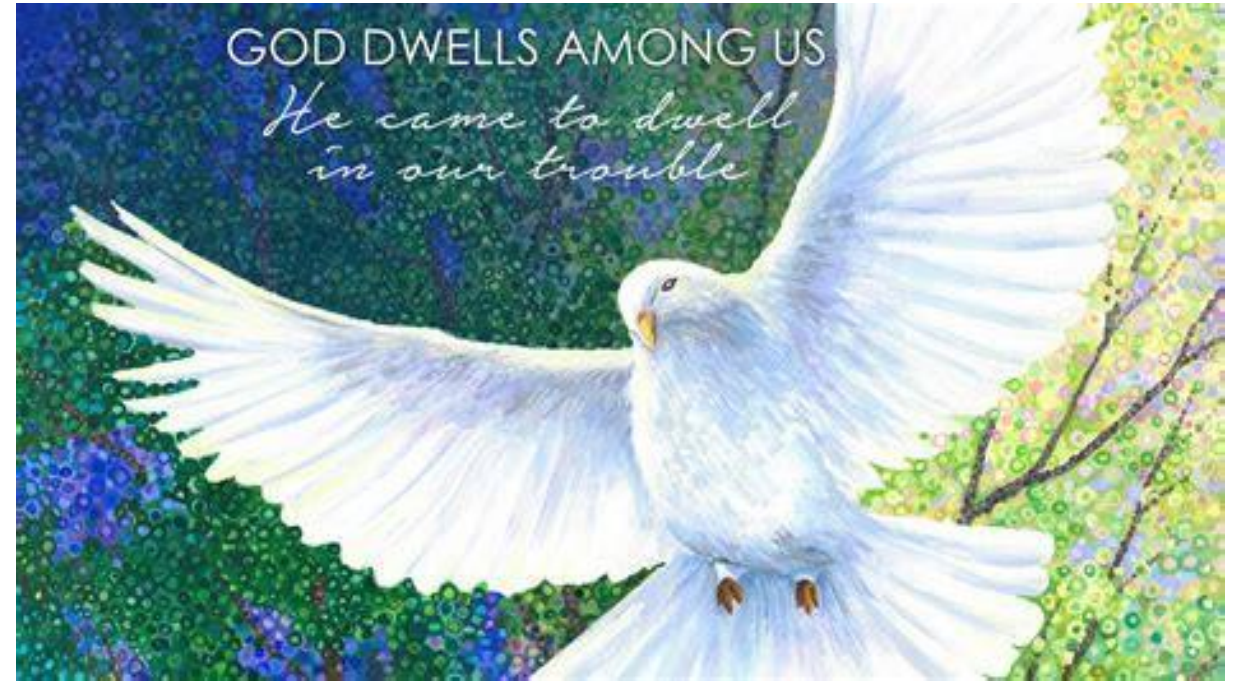
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the next newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

7 th Josh Lloyd	8 th Bob Pugh	10 th Rex Lloyd
12 th Sandy Clayborn	15 th Dane Ebel	16 th Chance Mosier
17 th Mary Jane Haines	17 th Delayna Profit	17 th Stacia Profit

Upcoming Anniversaries

15 th Steve & Lindsay Richards	19 th Bart & Rosemary Strick
20 th Mark & Melissa Zielke	



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