

Sunday: **05-21-2023 7th Sunday of Easter**
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)
 10:45AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: **05-23-2023**
 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 **05-25-2023**
 Noon Van Wert County prayer meeting at Salem – all invited to pray with county churches.

Sunday: **05-28-2023 Day of Pentecost**
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards*)
 10:30 AM Carillon Dedication reception – all invited.

Announcements:

The **Senior Luncheon** will be held this Wednesday, May 24, at noon.

Next Sunday after church, will be a **Carillon Dedication Reception**. Memorial Day, Monday May 29, will be ceremonies at 10:30 AM in Horeb Cemetery and 11 AM in Memorial Park.

The **Ice Cream Social** will take place on Friday, June 16, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.

Salem is 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, June is hamburger helper boxed meals.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

22 nd Dawson Kimmet	23 rd Carolyn Girod	25 th Taylor Hoehn
29 th Wrigsby Breese	31 st Vincent Richards	



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Edie Basham (back surgery)
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Lynn Collins (cancer)
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – God gives us the power to proclaim Christ.

Point Two – Jesus told us how to go.

Point Three – Jesus tells us where to go.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

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