

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 28th, 2023, Day of Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Dave VanTilburg

The flowers are given in loving memory to all who served
From the family of Lee Lare



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles.

*Welcome and the Pledge Allegiance to the American and Christian Flags.
I pledge allegiance to the cross of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, eternal with mercy and grace for all. We pledge in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Memorial Day Meaning and the Price Paid for Our Freedom & Prayer.

*Hymn: My Country, 'Tis of Thee 529

Call to Worship Psalm 104:24-34 544

Prayer of Confession: Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are. **We are often unresponsive for we are afraid.** When Your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what You might call us to do. **When Your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak Your Word.** When the wind of Your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. **When the fire of Your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring.** Forgive us. **In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).*

Assurance of Pardon
Response Glory Be to the Father Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church
Prayers of the People
Prayer Response The Lord's Prayer

Special Music Battle Hymn of the Republic Dave Van Tilburg

Carillon Dedication Discussion and Prayer
Carillon Performance Dave Van Tilburg

Scripture Readings	Numbers 11:24-30	129
	John 20:19-23	989
	*Acts 2:1-21	992

Pentecost Sermon: "Tongues of Fire" 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
*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers 183
*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:	\$2,179.63	Needed to Date:	\$45,772.25
Rec'd 05-21-23:	\$1,410.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$52,259.00

Sunday:
 9:30 AM
 10:30 AM

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

Tuesday:
 7:30 AM
 7:00 PM

05-30-2023
 Men's Bible Study is at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria
 Women's Bible Study is downstairs at Salem Church

Thursday
 Noon

06-01-2023
 Van Wert County prayer meeting at (location to be announced) – all invited to pray with county churches.

Sunday:
 9:30 AM

06-04-2023 Trinity Sunday
 Worship (*nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*)

Announcements:

After church today there will be a **Carillon Dedication Reception**.

On **Memorial Day**, Monday May 29, there will be Memorial ceremonies at 10:30 AM in Horeb Cemetery and 11 AM in Memorial Park.

On June 4th will be **Baptisms** and **Communion**.

The **Ice Cream Social** will take place on Friday, June 16, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. Please sign up for volunteer positions and for food donations.

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@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

29th Wrigsby Breese	31 st Vincent Richards	June 2 Barb Owens
4 th Chad Pugh	6 th Cassy YeboahManety	7 th Breck & Brezlynn Morris

Upcoming Anniversaries

2 nd Ron & Barb Owens	14 th Jeff & Kim Coil	17 th Bill & Elgarda McGee
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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – God created the church at Pentecost.

Point Two – Its objective is to tell the world about the love of God found in Jesus Christ.

Point Three – Pentecost created a new community unseen before.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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After receiving the Spirit, Peter addressed his speech to the crowd, which he knows includes many who called for Jesus' crucifixion. He spoke not words of revenge or anger or bitterness, and he proclaims to them that God still holds out to them the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit -- *"to you and to your children and to all that are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."* Many were convicted and wanted to know what they could do. *"Repent,"* Peter replies, *"turn your lives around."*

We also have heard the good news of the Resurrection. We have been baptized into the life of Christ and the love of God. And now we seek to live -- to think, speak, act, hope -- as people whose faith is a dynamic power in our lives. That faith is not an accomplishment or a guarantee that our troubles are over. Our faith characterizes us as people, a work in progress, who are constantly being forgiven, healed, challenged, and called to serve. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us daily in our walk with God.

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Lynn Collins (cancer)
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
 LaDonna's stepdaughter
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Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Greg Glander
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)
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Kason Perez
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Evelyn Schwartz
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