

# Salem Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, June 18th, 2023, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Thomas Emery Pianist: Cindy Bowsher

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Tuzz & Liz Hobbs



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 86:1-10,16-17 532

\*Hymn: Huddersfield *Welsh hymnal, 19*

Prayer of Confession: **Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things, other activities, other relationships, and other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our money, and our attention away from You. Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray, when we serve and worship other gods. Help us to turn away from our distractions and sin. Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem, to take up our cross and follow You. We pray in Jesus' Name. 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**

Scripture Readings Genesis 21:8-21 16  
Romans 5:1-8 1027  
\*Matthew 10:24-39 886

Father's Day Recognition and the Time for Children

\*Hymn: To God be the Glory 449

Sermon: "Confess Christ Before Others" 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: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty 13

\*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:	\$52,311.14
Rec'd 06-11-23:	\$2,400.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$57,070.00

**Sunday:** 06-18-2023  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)  
Father's Day Recognition

**Tuesday:** 06-20-2023  
7:00 AM Men's Bible Study at Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria

**Thursday:** 06-22-2023  
Noon Van Wert County prayer meeting is at the Liberty Baptist Church 501 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Van Wert. All are invited to pray with other county churches.

**Sunday:** 06-25-2023  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)

**Announcements:**

Thank you for all who volunteered, helped, and patronized with the Ice Cream Social.

Come attend the **Spencerville Parade** this Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM for the Salem float staging and 4:30 PM for the parade start.

There is a **graduation party for Keaton Adkins** on June 24 from 3 to 7 PM. The Salem church is invited, and it is at his home: 15584 Ohio City-Venedocia Road, Venedocia. Call 419.236.5367 to RSVP.

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 June is hamburger helper boxed meals.

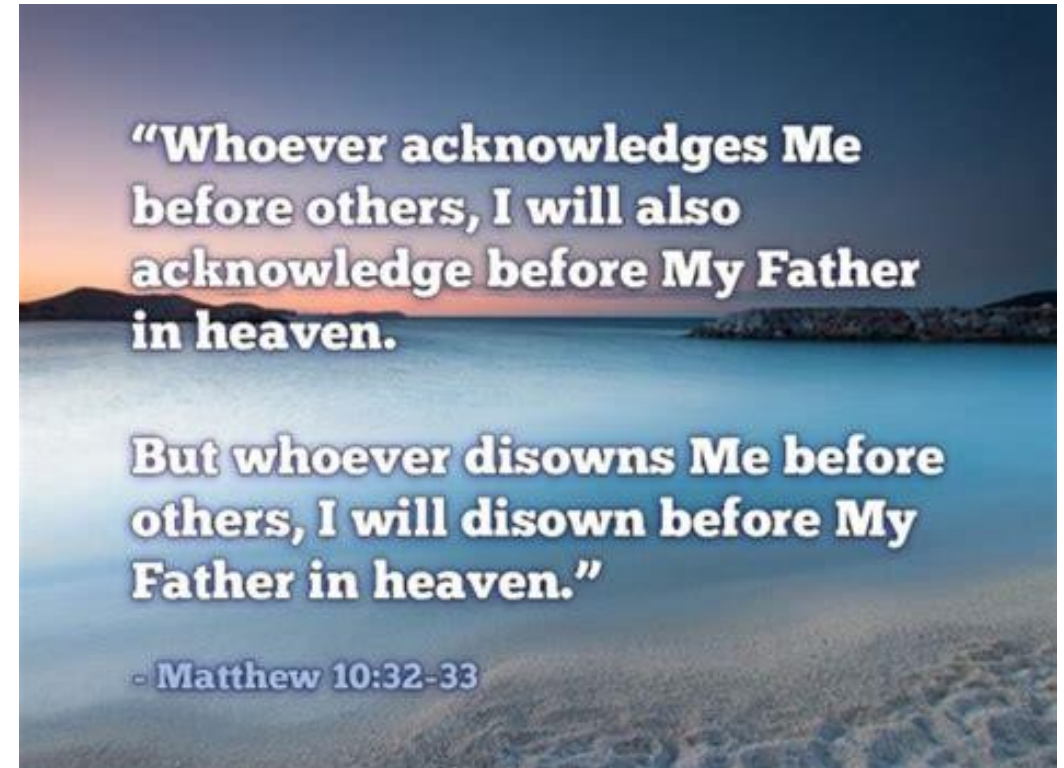
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the next **Newsletter**. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

18 <sup>th</sup> Charlie Good	22 <sup>nd</sup> Ann Rees	25 <sup>th</sup> Tamara Mullenhour
29 <sup>th</sup> Tom Evans	30 Shania Lloyd	

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

22 <sup>nd</sup> Todd & Jayne Morris	24 <sup>th</sup> Owen & Karen Pugh	25 <sup>th</sup> Rex & Lisa Lloyd
28 <sup>th</sup> Larry & Sandra Caffro		



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Cindy (Davis) Barnes (liver transplant)  
Edie Basham (back surgery)  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)  
Dave Burnett (heart issues)  
Lynn Collins (cancer)  
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)  
    LaDonna's stepdaughter  
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid healing)  
Dave Espinoza (lung transplant)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair (cancer)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Greg Glander  
Diana Glass (cancer)  
Jane Harter  
Jerry Holscher  
Pat Hunt (breast cancer)  
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)  
Kason Perez  
Monica Placke  
Paul & Doris Price  
Ann Rees  
Evelyn Schwartz  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
Tori Wells (serious spine injury)  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

**Serving Our Country**

Gyer Blackmore (U.S. Army)  
Dillon Ellerbrock (U.S. Marine Corps)  
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In our passage, Jesus instructs his disciples. The Book of Matthew ties their assignments to Jesus's mission by emphasizing their joint activities, such as preaching, healing, raising the dead, cleansing lepers, and casting out demons. Further, Jesus gives the comparison of Israel to sheep needing a shepherd. Jesus's disciples are called to be trustworthy shepherds of God's people in contrast to Israel's current religious and political leadership. The choice of twelve followers is representative of Israel's twelve tribes and signals that Jesus is redefining Israel around Himself and the coming of God's Kingdom. In the commissioning and empowering of the Twelve, Jesus grants them the authority to heal and cast out demons. He limits their mission only to the people of Israel. The message they are to preach, is virtually identical to the one Jesus and John had been preaching to the Jewish crowds that the Kingdom of God is coming soon.

#### TEACHING POINTS

***Point One – Everyone in the world has a hole in their soul.***

***Point Two – We must realize how sinful we are to recognize our need for God's forgiving love.***

***Point Three – We are in this together.***

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

<sup>32</sup> *“Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup>But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven (Matthew 10:32-33 NLT).*

#### ACTION POINT

Christ is not asking most of us to make that drastic a change in our lifestyle, but He is asking us to be in mission. There is no other path to real happiness than to be in mission in our family, in our community, and in our world. We are the people of God, and we are bringing God's light to the world. Christ sent out those early disciples to redeem the world with this instruction: "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me, receives Him who sent Me . . ." Have you received Christ? Accepting Christ is more than a conversion of the emotions. It is a transformation of everything we are and hope to be, by obeying the commands of Christ. And, most of all, this is the path to true happiness in this world and the world to come. Why not seek Christ today?

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