

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, July 9, 2023, 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Speaker: John Zerbe

Organist: Becky Reichard

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Tyler & Morgan McConnell



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn **To God Be the Glory** 449

Prayer of Confession: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to the paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

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Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Readings

Romans 7:15-25a (NRSV)

"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For

I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Psalm 145:8-14 (NRSV) "The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down."

***Isaiah 43:1-7 (NLT) see insert**

*Hymn **Great is Thy Faithfulness** 40

Sermon “UFC - Ultimate Fear Championship” Speaker: John Zerbe

*Prayer of Dedication for the Offertory

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Hymn **The Lily of the Valley** Welsh hymnal, 113

*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:	\$58,850.03
Rec’d 7/2/23:	\$1,305.00	Rec’d to Date:	\$66,712.60

Sunday: 07-09-2023
 9:30 AM Worship with guest speaker John Zerbe
(nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: 07-11-2023
 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study at Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria

Thursday: 07-13-2023
 Noon Van Wert County prayer meeting is at the Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert. All are invited to pray with the other county churches.

Sunday: 07-16-2023
 9:30 AM Worship *(nursery with Michael & Lindsay Breese)*
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

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 July is canned fruit.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th, and Wednesday, July 26th, from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Please bring your kids and consider volunteering.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

10 th Tuzz Hobbs	10 th Mark Zielke	12 th Kristen Price
13 th Cory McCollow	15 th Barb Good	16 th Ron Owens
18 th Marjorie Eutsler	22 nd Dave Reese	24 th Evan Pugh

Upcoming Anniversaries

15 th Tuzz & Liz Hobbs	15 th Peter & Morgan McCollow
19 th Corey & Sylvia McCollow	24 th Bill & Ruth Evans



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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)
Diana Glass (cancer)
Jane Harter
Jerry Holscher
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Paul & Doris Price
Ann Rees
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Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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O Israel, the one who formed you says,
Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you go through deep waters,

I will be with you.

When you go through rivers of difficulty,
you will not drown.

When you walk through the fire of oppression,
you will not be burned up;

the flames will not consume you.

For I am the Lord, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom;

I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

Others were given in exchange for you.

I traded their lives for yours
because you are precious to me.

You are honored, and I love you.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

I will gather you and your children from east and west.

I will say to the north and south,

‘Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel
from the distant corners of the earth.

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for I have made them for my glory.

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