



**Sunday:** 2023- 09-24  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Kevin & Kristen Price*)  
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

**Tuesday:** 2023- 09-26  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Thursday** 2023- 09-28  
 12:00 PM **Van Wert County prayer meeting** is at the Church on the Horizon in Van Wert.

**Sunday:** 2023-10-01  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)

**Announcements:**

Last week's Drive Your Tractor to Church/Blessing of the Harvest was a success. Thank you, to those who drove tractors whether big or small. Also, thank you, to those who brought dishes of food to share and helped in many ways.

The **Senior Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, September 27, at noon.

The **Legacy Grandparenting Summit – 2023** is at the Trinity Friends Church, October 19-20. Please register as soon as possible as there are exceptional national speakers: [LegacyCoalition.com/summit](http://LegacyCoalition.com/summit)

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. The food for September is canned fruit and the October items are shampoo and conditioner.

The **Shoebbox Project** - For the last 30 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts, and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. Collection day is Sunday, **November 12**.

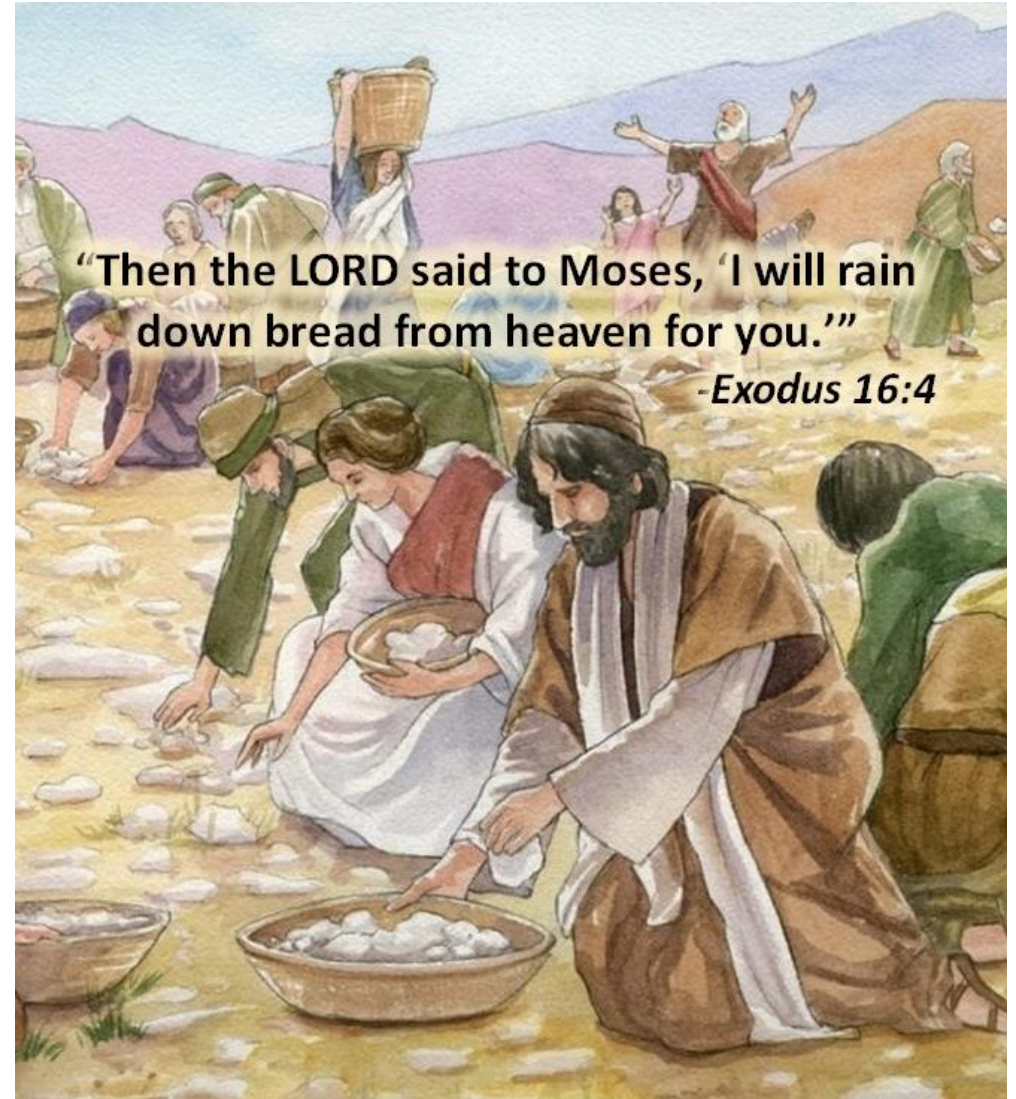
We are updating the Prayer List. Please inform Liz of any changes, as we need your input.

**Upcoming Birthdays:**

25 <sup>th</sup> Josh Hobbs	28 <sup>th</sup> Keaton Adkins	29 <sup>th</sup> Nancy Swygart
30 <sup>th</sup> Jeff Coil	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> Avery Zielke	1 <sup>st</sup> Dan Lloyd

**Upcoming Anniversaries:**

28<sup>th</sup> Eric & Jen Pugh



**“Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘I will rain down bread from heaven for you.’”**  
**-Exodus 16:4**

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Josh Archinal (car accident-critical condition)  
Cindy (Davis) Barnes (liver transplant)  
Edie Basham (back surgery)  
Scott Basham (Bypass 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  
Ellen Friesner  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
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 (Zeb)  
Monica Placke  
Paul & Doris Price  
Ann Rees (ICU brain swelling) & Dave Rees  
Evelyn Schwartz  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
Doug Smith  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

**Serving Our Country:**

Gyer Blackmore (U.S. Army)  
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Rev. Thomas Emery  
**“God Provides All Things” Exodus 16:1-36**  
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### TEACHING POINTS

***First. God is our daily provider.***

***Second. We confuse wants with need and greed takes over.***

***Third. We cannot live by bread alone.***

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

*<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the Israelites' complaints. Now tell them, 'In the evening you will have meat to eat, and in the morning you will have all the bread you want. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God'" (Exodus 16:11-12 NLT).*

### ACTION POINT

Our Creator God provides for our life. He may save us with quail or manna. But these are still minor gifts. The greatest gift is God himself. The One who chooses not to abandon us but to accompany us all the days of our lives. He has come to teach us to pray to the One who alone is the source and giver of "our daily bread." He has come to offer us forgiveness and life, and God speaks through His Word and gifts and says, "take and eat, this is my body given for you for the forgiveness of sin." Yes, God provides. He presents us with signs along the way until we are finally with Him Who is the Way - the Way through all the entanglements of this world's wilderness. He is the Way. He is the Provider. Why not follow Him?

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