

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

Tuesday: 2023-10-03
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 2023-10-05
12:00 PM Van Wert County prayer meeting is at the Apostolic Church
on 1017 S. Shannon Street.

Sunday: 2023-10-08
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Today is **Worldwide Communion**, and a special offering will be taken for a local charity.

The Nominating Committee is meeting at 6:30 PM, October 4th in the church kitchen.

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.

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 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**.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

2nd Kory Mullenhour	8th Bob McColow	13th David Breese
13th Carter Dunlap	13th Cayla Owens/Mumford	14th Jason Kimmet

Upcoming Anniversaries

2 nd Kevin & Heather Matthews	7 th Jason & Sarah Kimmet
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Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)
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Lynn Collins (cancer)
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
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Pastor Tom Emery (long Covid healing)
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TEACHING POINTS

First. The Ten Commandments will make us holy as God is holy.

Second. We can have a perfect society if everyone practiced the Ten Commandments, but unfortunately no one can perfectly obey them.

Third. Jesus instilled grace into the Commandments and showed us how they point us to God’s mercy.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

The first four of the Ten Commandments address the relationship of humans to God, and the last six compactly articulate the absolute justice and goodness needed in all human interactions. Unfortunately, the values of modern society have reversed and inverted the commands. Coveting is our priority, and we expect sexual freedom, ignore extended family, and view God as irrelevant.

When asked which commandment was the most significant, Jesus affirmed two fundamental principles that characterized the Law and the Prophets. He said, “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,*” and “*Love your neighbor as yourself*” (Mark 12:28–34; Matt. 22:34–40; Luke 10:25–27). Jesus didn’t set aside the Commandments, but He showed us what makes them work. With this awareness, why not strive to live as God has instructed us in His wisdom?

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