



**Sunday:** 2023-10-29  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Michael & Lindsay Breese*)

**Tuesday:** 2023-10-31  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Thursday:** 2023-11-02  
 Noon Van Wert County prayer meeting is at the Pentecostal Way Church on 1213 Leeson Street.

**Sunday:** 2023-11-05  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)  
 All Saints Day  
 10:45 AM Joint Session Trustee Meeting

**Announcements:**

The next **Senior Luncheon** will be held on December 6, at noon. All are welcome.

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 November item is gravy packets.

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. There are pamphlets and shoeboxes in the prayer room. Collection day is Sunday, **November 12**.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

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	5 <sup>th</sup> Carla Breese	5 <sup>th</sup> Missy Zielke

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

30<sup>th</sup> Kevin & Kristen Price



Deuteronomy 34:1-12 - Moses viewing the Promised Land.

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**Prayer Concerns:**

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Cindy (Davis) Barnes (liver transplant)  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)  
Dave Burnett (heart issues)  
Lynn Collins (cancer)  
Pastor Tom Emery (long Covid healing)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Ellen Friesner  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Diana Glass (cancer)  
Jane Harter  
Jerry Holscher  
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Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
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David Morris (Zeb)  
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Ann Rees (in Van Wert Vancrest)  
Kristy Ringwald (adenoid cystic carcinoma)  
Evelyn Schwartz  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
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### TEACHING POINTS

*First, often, the plans for our journeys that we set out to make in life are interrupted as God calls and inspires us at just the right time, a time we can advance God's mission.*

*Second, an unfinished journey can be a devastating experience or an instance of faith.*

*Third, it is God's story, not ours, that needs to be continued and eventually completed.*

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

*<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have now allowed you to see it with your own eyes, but you will not enter the land" (Deuteronomy 34:4 NLT).*

### ACTION POINT

All our unattained goals do not matter in cosmic terms. But God does come beside us, picking up the pieces of our broken dreams, and He tenderly whispers to us, "*Oh, but it does matter eternally.*" It is because our unfinished stories are part of His unfinished story. We are all part of God's plan to have His people gathered. We each do our part to the glory of God. We need to remember that we serve God, and that God oversees our lives and their outcomes. Not this world, but in heaven do our lives find completion.

Likewise, in life and death, Moses was a servant of God. Moses's issue was not to live or to die, but in all things to belong to God. All who trust and believe in God also belong to God. We recognize that life is His treasured gift and comes to us by His grace. We are the Lord's whether we live or whether we die. These words can heal and comfort us in times when we desperately need healing and comfort. For us, we do not know what the future holds, but we know the One who holds the future. We live our lives trusting God for all our tomorrows.

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