

Sunday: 2023-12-03
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)

Tuesday: 2023-12-05
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday: 2023-12-06
 Noon Senior Luncheon

Thursday: 2023-12-07
 Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Meeting will be at the Living Truth Ministries at 1180 South Washington, Van Wert, Ohio.

Sunday: 2023-12-10
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)
 5:00 PM Trustee meeting

Announcements:

Today is the **first Sunday of Advent**. The Advent Breakfast will begin right after the morning service around 10:45 AM. Hope to see everyone there!

If you would like to **donate \$5 to decorate the church with poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd today.

The Women's Bible Study is on Tuesdays at 7 PM during December.

The next **Senior Luncheon** will be held on December 6, at noon, at the Lions Club. All are welcome. Come check it out!

On December 10th, the **Christmas Caroling will take place at 5:30 PM [meet at the church parking lot], and the manse party at 7 PM**. The **Christmas Program** will be held on December 17 during the morning service.

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 December item is toilet paper.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **December Newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

8th Paige Thatcher 9th Jason Lloyd 13th Marilyn Stockton

Upcoming Anniversaries

16th Kent & Heather McClure 28th Doug & Marilyn Strickler



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Sara Beeks (heart)
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Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)
Dave Burnett (heart issues)
Kim Coil (foot surgery)
Lynn Collins (cancer)
Pastor Tom Emery (long Covid healing)
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TEACHING POINTS

***First.** O Come Emmanuel, we need You.*

***Second.** O Come Emmanuel and stay with us.*

***Third.** O Come Emmanuel and have Thine Own Way.*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay; you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand (Isaiah 64:8 NLT).

ACTION POINT

You see, the best thing that you and I can do today is to pray: “*Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way. Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Your will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.*” The God about whom Isaiah wrote so long ago and whom we meet in Jesus Christ is none other than the master architect of human life. God's touch can change us when we are out of tune with lives that are battered and scarred by years of sinful living. As we continue to celebrate this wondrous Christmas season, let this be a time when we draw close to God and discover again the steadfast love of God. He is the God who suffers with us, and the God who redeems us with amazing grace and mercy.

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