

Sunday: 02-04-2024
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Kevin & Kristen Price*)
 Souper Bowl offering of canned goods

Tuesday: 02-06-2024
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the VW Hospital Cafeteria
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 02-08-2024
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at Good Shepherd
 Nazarene Church, 1145 W. Main St., in Van Wert.

Sunday: 02-11-2024
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeremy & Samantha Morris*)
 Communion
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Corbin Evans has had a serious car accident; let us keep him in our prayers. His address is 9650 Willshire-Ohio City Road, Ohio City, Ohio 45874.

Please sign up for the new **2024 Flower Calendar**. **St. David's Day** will be celebrated on March 3rd, and it is requested to wear yellow during the service.

For our offering to the Salvation Army in February, they have requested **canned meat**.

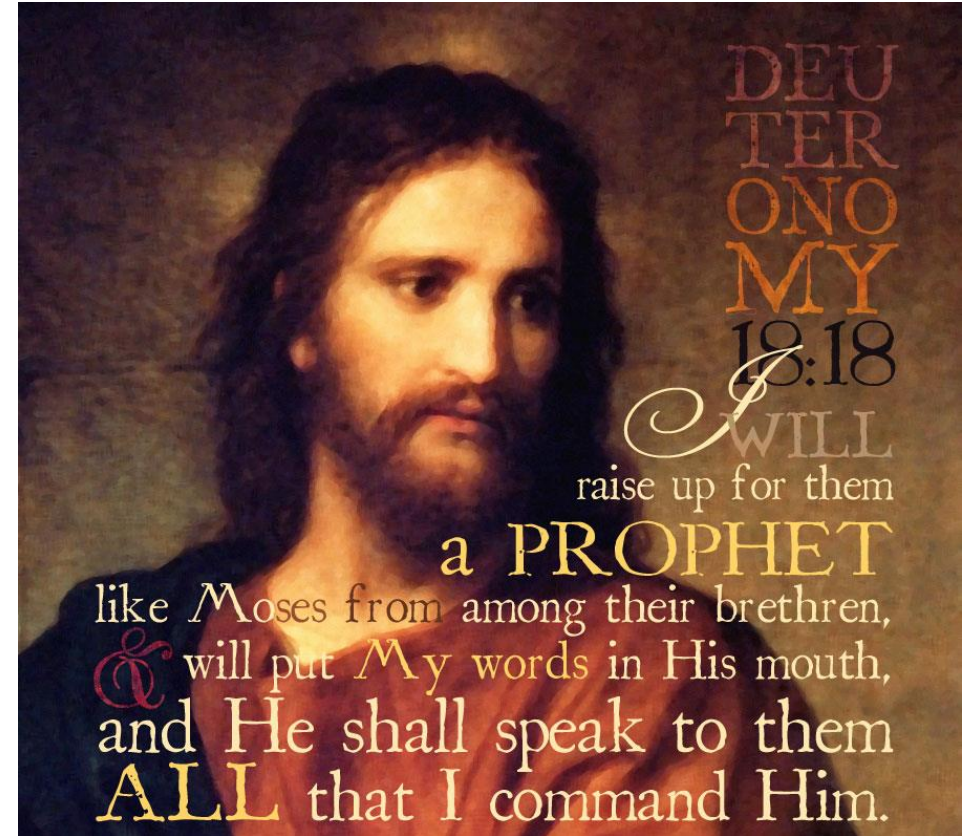
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **March newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

4 th Andrew Emery	12 th Madison Pugh	13 th Audrey McCollow
15 th Gabrielle Lloyd	16 th Jeff Lloyd	16 th Scott Lloyd

Upcoming Anniversaries

15th Brian & April Ellerbrock
 15th John C. & Anne Morris
 22nd Dave & Ann Ree



Deuteronomy 18:14-22

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Sara Beeks (heart)
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Marjorie Eutsler
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TEACHING POINTS

First. God takes the initiative to clarify who is a true prophet.

Second. God provided us with a model to compare.

Third. The message is always directly from God.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

I will raise up a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell the people everything I command him (Deuteronomy 18:18 NLT).

ACTION POINT

God’s prophecy was neither for a self-appointed egomaniac nor self-perpetuating secret-knowledge societies. False prophets are defined in two ways in this passage. First, anyone who spoke for other gods or used divination would be easily recognizable as a serious violator of speaking for God and would be severely punished. Second, there is a threat much more treacherous, the person who claimed to speak in the Name of Yahweh, but whose words were their own. The scriptures tell us that the prophets whom God would raise would be “like Moses.” Those who promoted the nation’s wickedness, who lived depraved lifestyles, or were egotistic in their ambitions, were not “like Moses.” True prophets spell out the long-range consequences of not obeying God. In our age, we are faced with the growth of prophetic cults and the adoration of people with “prophetic ministries. We should test their messages to see if there is a violation of the commands of the scriptures, and we should ask the Holy Spirit for guidance if their messages are of God.

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