Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, July 28, 2024, 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist Becky Reichard

"Flowers given to the glory of God from Mark & Missy Zielke

Prelude

Lighting the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 14 485

*<u>Hymn</u>: Take Time to Be Holy 376

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power—serving his own interests in such a selfish way. Jesus used his power—serving, healing and nurturing others. Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus. David demonstrated how things can get out of control when God's rules are not followed, while Jesus demonstrates how God's power can bring peace even into the stormiest situations. Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us. We pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Let us witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and say. We ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen

(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).

Assurance of Pardon

Response Glory Be to the Father Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings	*2 Samuel 11:1-15	281
	John 6:1-21	971
	Ephesians 3:14-21	1065

Time for Children

<u>Hymn</u>: Holy, Holy, Holy 70

Sermon "God Knows Everything" Rev. Thomas Emery

*Apostle's Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

* <u>Response</u>	Praise God	Inside Front Cover

* <u>Hymn</u>: How Great Thou Art! 37

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,298.10 Needed to Date: \$66,644.93 Rec'd 2024-07-21: \$2,646.00 Rec'd to Date: \$69,373.25

^{*}Taking the Light into the World

Sunday: <u>2024-07-28</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards)

Tuesday: <u>2024-07-30</u>

7:30 AM The Men's Bible Study meets at the Orchard Tree

Restaurant

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

Wednesday <u>2024-07-31</u>

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Thursday: <u>2024-08-01</u>

Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at the

Pentecostal Way Church.

Sunday: 2024-08-04

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)

Announcements:

The **Vacation Bible School** is set for July 30 and 31 from 9 to 11:30 AM; all are welcome!

Salem is collecting Offerings from the Heart of the Salvation Army. There is a monthly need, and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month, we collect different food. The food for July is canned fruit and August is Mac & Cheese.

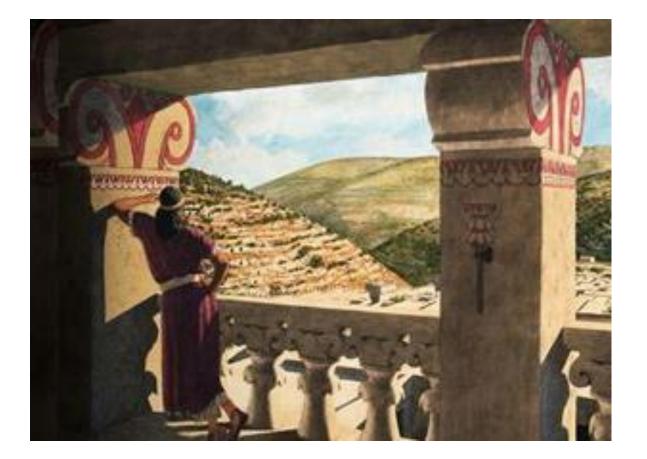
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the August newsletter.

Upcoming Birthdays

29th Heather McClure 29th Doug Strickler 31st Kristyn Jones 31st Zach Wise Aug 4 Phil Eutsler 4th Don Owens

Upcoming Anniversaries

31st Jason & Danielle Lloyd Aug 10th Tyler & Morgan McConnell



David overlooking Bathsheba

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