Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 4, 2024, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Rev. Thomas Emery

Pianist: Lexi Greer

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Tyler & Morgan McConnell

Prelude Lighting the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 51:1-12 509

*Hymn: In the Garden 264

Prayer of Confession:

Compassionate One: like David, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds that do not please You. We do not see the gift of Your presence. We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others that we have no time to look in the mirror and see our secret faces. Forgive us, O' Steadfast Love. Grace us with Your mercy, so we might be made whole. Touch our inner being and heal us, so we might know joy and gladness. Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one, with each other, and with your Son, our Lord and Savior. 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

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings *2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a 281

John 6:24-35 972

Ephesians 4:1-16 1066

Time for Children

VBS Presentation

<u>Hymn</u>: Be Thou My Vision 334

Sermon "You Are The Man" 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.

Offertory prayer

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*<u>Hymn</u>: To God Be the Glory 449

*Taking the Light into the World

*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: \$68,943.03 Rec'd 2024-07-28: \$2,474.25 Rec'd to Date: \$71,847.50 Sunday: <u>2024-08-04</u>

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

Tuesday: <u>2024-08-06</u>

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

Restaurant

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

Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at the

Methodist Church, on 113 W. Central Avenue.

Sunday: <u>2024-08-11</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jason & Danielle Lloyd)

5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The **Vacation Bible School** presentation is set for today's service.

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 August is Mac & Cheese.

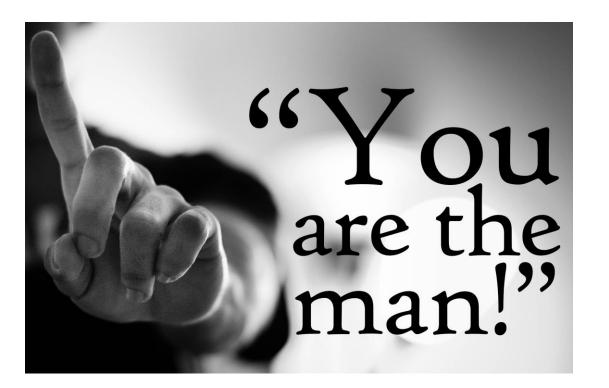
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the next newsletter.

Upcoming Birthdays

4th Don Owens4th Phil Eutsler6th Brooke Coil9th Denise Pugh10th Lindsay Richards11th David Hobbs19th Melida Richards20th Austin Kimmet22 Jan Jones

Upcoming Anniversaries

10th Tyler & Morgan McConnell 12th David & Carla Breese 17th Kory & Tamara Mullenhour 27th Tom & Carol Emery



2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

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Chris Bolton

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TEACHING POINTS

FIRST POINT – Power often has contempt for truth because truth is a great challenge to power.

SECOND POINT – Celebrations of acceptance and confession can only honestly happen in the "Christian community."

THIRD POINT – God gives second chances. When we are made whole with God, we meet life with a clean heart and right spirit, knowing that we can handle any obstacles in life with our loving God.

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