

Sunday: 2024-08-04
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)

Tuesday: 2024-08-06
 7:30 AM The Men's Bible Study meets at the Orchard Tree Restaurant

Thursday: 2024-08-08
 Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at the Methodist Church, on 113 W. Central Avenue.

Sunday: 2024-08-11
 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.

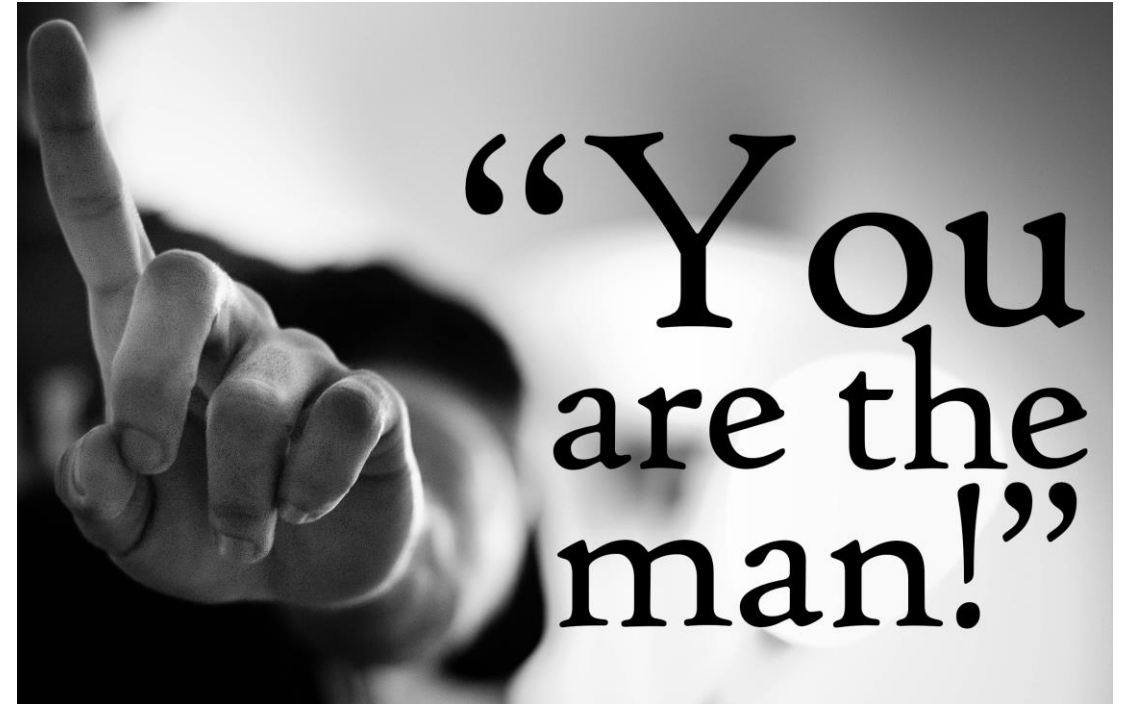
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the next newsletter.

Upcoming Birthdays

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| 4 th Don Owens | 4 th Phil Eutsler | 6 th Brooke Coil |
| 9 th Denise Pugh | 10 th Lindsay Richards | 11 th David Hobbs |
| 19 th Melida Richards | 20 th Austin Kimmet | 22 Jan Jones |

Upcoming Anniversaries

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



2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Salem Presbyterian Church

Venedocia, Ohio | August 4th, 2024

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Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)
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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.

THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

Then Nathan said to David, “You are that man” (2 Samuel 12:7a NLT)!

ACTION POINT

“Never confess” is the rule we receive from the world. We live in a culture of self-protection, which is the opposite of confession. Psalms 51 and 32 are indications of how well David learned the lessons about the horrific nature of sin, responsibility, and the need for, and the possibility of, repentance and forgiveness. Wholeness is found in letting go. It’s in the “letting go” of confession and the forgiveness we’re offered in it that we’re made whole again. It allows us to reconcile and to atone, that we become “at one” again, with ourselves, with God, and with our neighbor. For David, the consequences would come as they must, but he would meet them with a clean heart and with a new and right spirit, knowing the God who had brought him this far would continue to be there with him through it all. And thank God, the same is true for us.

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