



**Sunday:** 2024-08-11  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jason & Danielle Lloyd*)

**Tuesday:** 2024-08-13  
 7:30 AM The Men's Bible Study meets at the Orchard Tree Restaurant

**Thursday:** 2024-08-15  
 Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at the Methodist Church, on 113 W. Central Avenue.

**Sunday:** 2024-08-18  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*)

**Announcements:**

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.

Please join us for our annual Gymanfa Ganu on September 1. A light supper will be served from 4-6pm with our annual Welsh Hymn Festival to follow at 7:00pm.

**Upcoming Birthdays**

11 David Hobbs	19 Melia Richards
20 Austin Kimmet	22 Jan Jones

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

12 David & Carla Breese	17 Kory & Tamara Mullenhour
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**1 Kings 8 (1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43**

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Cindy (Davis) Barnes (liver transplant)  
Chris Bolton  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)  
Dave Burnett (heart issues)  
Tim (Alfie) Burnett (recovering from a car accident)  
Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)  
Kim Coil (foot surgery)  
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Millie Fletcher  
Ellen Friesner  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Jane Harter  
Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher  
MaKenna Kimmet (broken legs)  
Jim Lloyd (in St. Rita's Hospital for heart & foot issues)  
David Morris (Zeb)  
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Patti Poling (pancreatic cancer)  
Paul & Doris Price  
Denise Pugh (in St. Mary's Hospital for a broken leg and other injuries)  
Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)  
Evelyn Schwartz  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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### TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – Many times, we have made the Almighty God a mere human god, but He is alive on His terms.

POINT TWO – There are times when we can encounter the holiness of God.

POINT THREE—It is comforting to us to know that God wants to communicate with us and that there is a place we can go to feel God's presence.

### THIS WEEK'S KEY PASSAGE

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### ACTION POINT

To speak of the mystery of God is to say that God is apart from human reality. God is something entirely other than we are. Now, to acknowledge God's mysteriousness is not to say that we cannot know anything about God. We can know whatever God has chosen to reveal to us about himself — through the Bible, through Jesus Christ, and even through personal spiritual experiences. We can't know anything about God without God's help. Okay, let's say that we accept mystery as a primary part of how we see God. What does that matter? Well, for one thing, it means that we don't have God all figured out. If we did, what would we have? Why not love and obey God, and enter into the mystery of a deep relationship with God on His terms?

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