

Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 1, 2024, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Connie O'Neill

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark & Missy Zielke



Prelude

*Hymn: Welsh National Anthem

Connie & Jake Wilder

Lighting the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 19 488

*Hymn: Aberystwyth Welsh Hymnal, 17

Prayer of Confession: Wisdom cries in the streets, but we do not listen or understand. **The words of Your law are spoken, but we rarely pay heed or obey.** You call us to declare who Jesus is, but we can't get the right words out. **We want so much to be a people who are faithful to Your Word and led by Your guidance, but we are so easily distracted by the sounds of too many voices.** Forgive us when we do not hear Your wisdom in all the ways You speak to us. **Forgive us when we do not truly understand what being Your disciples means.** Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life that we may truly live. **We ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our 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**

Special Music "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Jake Wilder

Scripture Readings *Proverbs 1:20-33 573
 Mark 8:27-38 919
 James 3:1-12 1101

Time for Children

*Hymn: Blodwen Welsh Hymnal, 60

Sermon "The Wisdom of God" 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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: Cwn Rhondda Welsh Hymnal, 40

*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: \$78,135.43
 Rec'd 2024-09-01: \$2,635.00 Rec'd to Date: \$79,266.75

Sunday: 9:30 AM **2024-09-01**
Worship (nursery will not be staffed)

Tuesday: 7:30 AM **2024-09-03**
The Men's Bible Study meets at the Orchard Tree Restaurant

Thursday: Noon **2024-09-05**
The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at Liberty Baptist Church at 501 East Third Street, Van Wert.

Sunday: 9:30 AM **2024-09-08**
Worship with guest speaker Glenn Hux (nursery with Jeremy & Samantha Morris)
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Please join us for our annual **Gymanfa Ganu** today. A light supper will be served from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and our annual Welsh Hymn Festival will follow at 7:00 p.m.

The **2024 Drive Your Tractor to Church / Blessing of the Harvest** is on **September 15**, and there will be a **Gideon offering** and a potluck lunch afterward.

Salem is collecting Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army. Each month, we collect different food. The September food is canned vegetables.

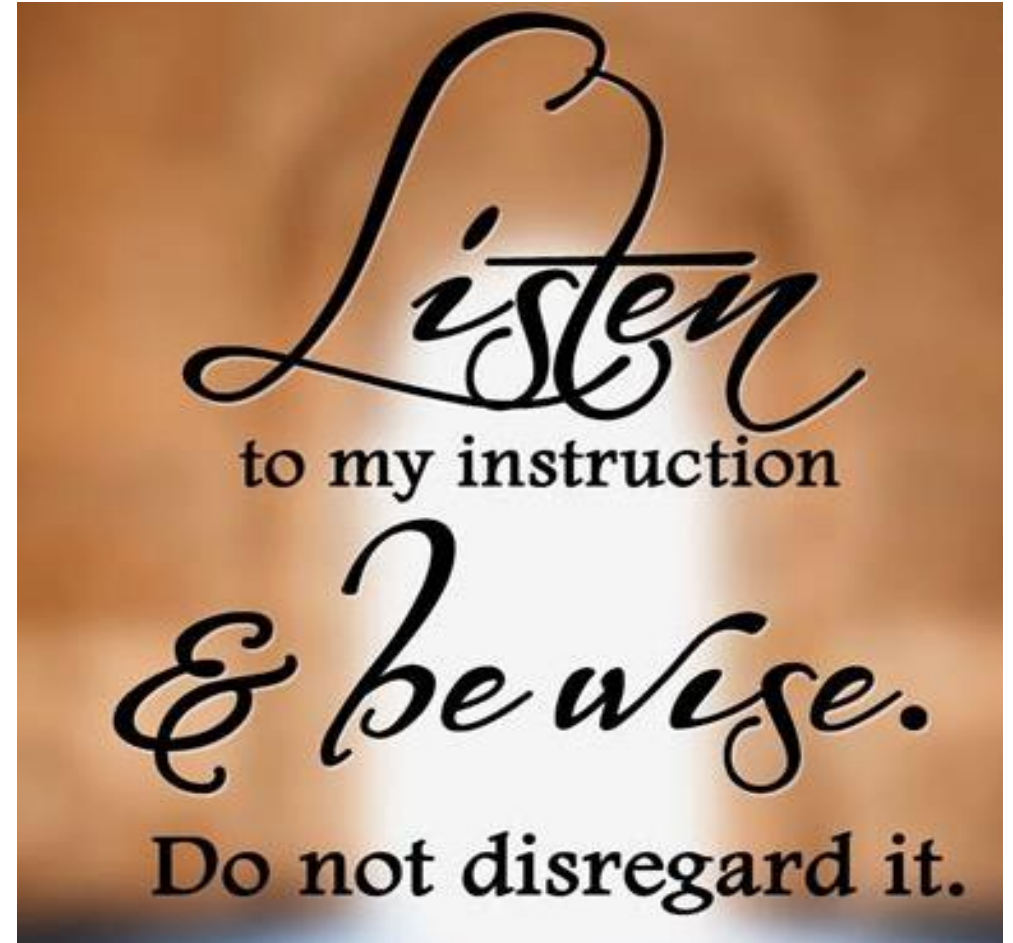
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc and pastortomemery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

1st Elizabeth Adkins	1st Kim Ebel	3rd Pete McCollow
4th Claudia LeValley	4th Katie McClure	11th Landon Price

Upcoming Anniversaries

8th Paul & Doris Price	11th Jeremy & Samantha Morris
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Proverbs

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Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Dave Burnett (heart issues)
Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – Get real in life.

POINT TWO – Strive to be godly in life.

POINT THREE – Seek the Kingdom of God on all six cylinders.

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ACTION POINT

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