

SOUNDS OF SALEM

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

*But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.
Psalm 86:15 (NLT)*

There is a story of a young student who came to his Rabbi and asked,

"Rabbi, how can we tell exactly when night has ended, and the day has begun? Is it when it is so light that we can no longer distinguish a star in the morning sky?"

--- "No, my son, this is not how we tell," answered the rabbi. ---- "How then can we tell?" asked the student.

The rabbi said, *"We know that night has ended, and the day has begun when we look into the face of the stranger next to us and recognize that stranger as our brother or sister."*

Until that moment, we have spent our lives in the darkness, but at that moment, we have awakened into the light of day."

One of the hardest lessons we learn is that the Gospel is about loving people—all people—everywhere---no matter what they have done or who they are---everyone!

God's love is universal. When we reach out to others, we are doing God's work. God's love is available to all of us. God offers us the opportunity to become part of His family by following Christ. If God's love is universal, again, it also means that it is available to you and me, whoever we may be, whatever our background, and regardless of what we may have done.

Why not pause at this moment of reading and ask God to send His love into your hearts through the offer of Jesus Christ dying on the cross for the wrongs you have done? A new enlightened day is beginning. God offers you a new start and a life filled with love! May we boldly share our faith with those whom God puts in our pathways of life!

Pastor Tom Emery

They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love



We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love
Yeah

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love
Yeah

Yes, they will

Oh-oh, yes they will
They've got to know

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord (Yes, they will know)
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord (They've got to know)
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord (They've got to know)
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

Oh yeah
 They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

[YouTube Link](#) Michael W. Smith lyrics as in "The Jesus Revolution" movie.

Van Wert County Fair Christian Artists at the Gospel Tent

Sunday, September 1st – Consumed by Fire
 Monday, September 2nd – Trinity, Stebe & Lisa Adams, Jim Fader

Partnering with our community is what makes the mission of the Van Wert County Agricultural Society succeed. Our goal is to see involvement from our local churches grow by supporting the Gospel Tent in prayer, finances, promotion, and attendance. An individual would pay more than the price of a Fair Season Pass to see any of our headliners at another venue, but through your giving, we can provide FREE Christian entertainment to everyone at the fair.

If you want to sponsor/donate to the Christian Music planned for the 2024 Van Wert County Fair, please contact Kim Mason at 419-513-0323 or the Fair Office at 419-238-9270. Please make checks payable to the Van Wert County Agricultural Society and mark in the memo line for Gospel Music Entertainment, per Salem Church.

2024 Gymanfa Ganu



The 107th
GYMANFA GANU
Welsh Festival of Song

Sunday, September 1st, 2024
 Light Supper - 4:30 to 6:00 PM
 Gymanfa Ganu- 7:00 PM

Truman Littler - Director
Soloist - Elyse Hartman, Soprano
Special Music - "4Praising"
Connie O'Neill - Organist
Joyce Morris - Pianist

SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 15240 MAIN STREET
 VENEDOCIA, OH 45894

The annual Gymanfa Ganu will be held on September 1st. Our director this year is Truman Littler. Truman Littler, originally from Oil City, Pennsylvania, is now in



his third year as Choir Director at Elida Middle School where he teaches over 190 students in grades 6-8. In addition to teaching, he coaches Track & Field and serves on the Building Leadership Team and PBIS committees. He

holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Youngstown State University and is currently pursuing a Master of Music Education degree at Ohio University.

Previously, he held the position of Assistant Conductor with the Stambaugh Chorus of Youngstown, including a notable performance at Carnegie Hall. He is a member of the Lima Symphony Chorus, Trinity Chancel Choir, and Lima Beane Chorus. His professional affiliations include the Ohio Music Education Association, American Choral Directors Association, and Ohio Association of Track & Cross-Country Coaches.

Organ: Connie O'Neill will be on the organ.
Piano: Joyce Morris will play the piano.

4Praising:

Cathy Woodward, Soprano
 Deb Imbrock, Alto
 Kevin Reeks, Tenor
 Truman Littler, Bass

Alleluia performed by Randall Thompson

Soloist: Elyse Hartman, Soprano

The Lord's Prayer, arranged by Albert H. Malotte

*The picture above is Truman Littler, Director for the Gymanfa.

Church Financial Update

Prayerfully consider donating to Salem Church. Offerings should be mailed to the church at:

Salem United Presbyterian Church
 PO Box 678
 Venedocia, Ohio 45894

Needed to Date \$78,135.43
 Received to Date \$79,266.75

Salem Church Honors Its Grandparents

Grandparents Day occurs on the first Sunday after Labor Day every year. This year, it is **Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024**.

You might want to get them a special card or a gift. For many grandparents, the gift of time is most precious. Whether you celebrate with a dinner, a present, or a simple phone call--- read on to learn more about the holiday of Grandparents Day.



President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation creating a National Grandparents Day in 1978. According to Donna Butts, the Executive Director of Generations United, an organization that focuses on intergenerational strategies, Grandparents Day is not technically a federal holiday. However, it is a great excuse to honor and show some love for the older generations in our families.

Since they often "spoil" their grandchildren affectionately, consider this an opportunity to show them how much they mean to you.

Whether you call them Grampy or Lolo, Abuela or Meemaw, grandparents occupy extraordinary places in our lives and hearts.

So, it's only fitting that we have a special day to celebrate them. Grandparents Day happens every September, and it's a great excuse to show the grandparents in your life (whether biological or honorary grandparents) some love.

Struggling to find the perfect grandma nickname for the remarkable woman in your life? Here are some names for Grandma to consider:

Grandma Gran Grandmom Grammy Granny Queenie Nana Nonna Meemaw Nanny Lola Mimi Babushka GiGi Lolly Mémé Tootsie Moo Moo Mamie Grams Nani Nonni Missy

Are you trying to think of the perfect grandpa nickname for the remarkable man in your life? Here are some names for Grandpa to consider:

Grandpa Grampy Grandpappy Grandfather Gramps Granddaddy Bop Pappy Abuelo Ace Poppy Abba Baba Boomer Deda Lolo Opi Peppy Bubba Nonno Baboo Big Pa Geepa

Adapted from: Aug. 3, 2022, TODAY by Kait Hanson

A Grandparent's Day Poem

A grandparent is the grandest mom or dad,
Not just because of all the kids they've had;
They've seen and done and known so many things
We honor them like preachers, priests, and kings.

They tell us of a way of life that's past.
When the world wasn't moving quite so fast.
When the family sat together every day,
To eat, to laugh, to sing, to talk, to pray.

The road we walk now they have seen before,
The tears we shed, they shed a whole lot more.
They understand our feelings, joy, or pain.
They know the path; they've walked the dusty lane.

What can we do to honor these dear Grands?
We have no gift to place in weathered hands,
To adequately show how much we care.
Or prove to them how great the love we share.

Yet there is something awesome we can do
To show beyond a doubt our love is true.
If what they've taught is seen in how we live,
This is the best gift we could ever give.

Happy Grandparents Day!

- Unknown Author

***Gray hair is a crown of glory;
it is gained by living a godly life
(Proverbs 16:21 NLT).***

Photos of Salem Grandparents and Children



William Harold McCollow, "Willie,"
August 22, 2024, 6lbs-3oz.
Parents: Pete and Morgan McCollow.
Grandparents: Bob and Kathy McCollow. He was welcomed home by big sister Audrey and big brother Owen.



Pastor Tom and Carol Emery



Dave and Ann Rees



Maryln Foust



Dave and Carla Breese



Tuzz and Liz Hobbs



Rex and Lisa Lloyd



John C. and Anne Morris



Tim Price, Paul and Doris Price



Todd and Jayne Morris



Bob and Denise Pugh



Jeff and Kim Coil



Jeff and Kelly Lloyd

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Remember our elderly members, soldiers, and college students with cards and visits.

"Young at Heart"

Paul & Doris Price

18890 Bebb St
Venedocia, OH 45894

Marilyn Stockton

Lochhaven, Apt 220
1640 Allentown Rd
Lima, OH 45805

Marjorie Eutsler

Room 302
Homestead at Town Ctr
240 Towne Center Blvd
Van Wert, OH 45891

Ellen Freisner

Delphos Van Crest
1425 E. 5th St
Delphos, OH 45833

Ann Rees

Hearth & Home
1118 Westwood Dr
Van Wert, Oh 45891

Away at College

Landon Price. Ohio University,
77 Mill St, 101, Athens, Ohio 45701

Isaiah Pugh (at University of Toledo)
2632 Greenway Street
Toledo, OH 43607

We have no Condolences to list this month.

Serving our Country

Cory McCollow

(U.S. Coast Guard)
7225 Altura Place
Oakland, CA 94605

Dillon Ellerbrock

(Marines)
Grandson of Gloria Leiter

Lloyd (Butch) Eutsler

(National Guard)
14975 Van Wert-Mercer
Co. Line Road
Venedocia, OH 45894

Madison Pugh-USCGA

64 Main St
Floor 3
Stonington, CT 06378

Corbin Evans (Marines)

Grandson of Bill & Ruth
Evans

Birthdays

1 Elizabeth Adkins	1 Kim Ebel
3 Pete McCollow	4 Claudia LeValley
4 Katie McClure	11 Landon Price
12 Jackson Dunlap	16 Terri Lloyd
15 Evanna Yeboah-Manley	18 Jayne Morris
18 Morgan McConnell	18 Tyler McConnell
19 Gianna Richards	20 Megan Jones
23 April Ellerbrock	25 Darlene Jones
26 Cindy Barnes	27 Brian Ellerbrock
27 Lisa Lloyd	29 Stephanie Beck
29 Steve Richards	30 Jack Blackmore

Anniversaries

8 Doris & Paul Price
11 Jeremy & Samantha Morris
15 Bob & Denise Pugh
28 Eric & Jen Pugh

Prayer Concerns

Chris Bolton (broken ankle)
Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Dave Burnett (heart)
Tom Burnett (tractor accident)
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid recovery)
Marjorie Eutsler
Millie Fletcher
Ellen Friesner
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Jane Harter

Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher
Jim Lloyd (leg & foot & heart issues)
David Morris (Zeb)
Tim Morris (broken ribs after a fall)
Patti Poling (pancreatic cancer)
Paul & Doris Price
Denise Pugh (broken leg & other injuries)
Ann Rees (at Hearth & Home)
Bill Rowlett (Leg amputation)
Evelyn Schwartz
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

September 2024

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 AM Worship 4:30-6:00 Light Supper 7:00 PM Gymanfa Ganu	2	3 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Orchard Tree Restaurant in VW.	4	5 Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Mtg. at Liberty Baptist Ch., 501 E 3 rd St.	6	7
8 9:30 AM Worship with guest Speaker Glenn Hux 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting	9	10 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Orchard Tree Restaurant in VW. 7:00 pm Women's Bible study	11	12 Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Mtg. at Liberty Baptist Ch., 501 E 3 rd St.	13	14
15 9:30 AM Worship Gideon Offering Drive your Tractor to Church Potluck lunch to follow the blessing of the tractors	16	17 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Orchard Tree Restaurant in VW. 7:00 pm Women's Bible study	18	19 Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Mtg. at Liberty Baptist Ch., 501 E 3 rd St.	20	21
22 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Session Meeting	23	24 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Orchard Tree Restaurant in VW. 7:00 pm Women's Bible study	25	26 Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Mtg. at Liberty Baptist Ch., 501 E 3 rd St.	27	28
29 9:30 AM Worship	30					

Week of	Nursery	Flowers	Organist
Sept 1	Nursery is not staffed	Mark & Missy Zielke	Connie O'Neil
Sept 8	Jeremy & Samantha Morris	Mark & Missy Zielke	
Sept 15	Liz Hobbs & Kim Coil	Marylin Foust	Becky Reichard
Sept 22	Todd & Jayne Morris	Marylin Foust	Dave VanTilburg
Sept 29	Michael & Lindsay Breese	Marylin Foust	
		Greeter:	Rex Lloyd

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Local Salem pond duckling family

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Pastor's Email: PastorTomEmery@live.com

**Sept 2024
REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY
YEAR B**

15th Sunday after Pentecost – Sep 1

S. of Sol. 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23

16th Sunday after Pentecost – Sep 8

Prov. 22:1-2,8-9,22-23 Psalm 125
James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37

17th Sunday after Pentecost – Sep 15

Prov. 1:20-33 Psalm 19
James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

18th Sunday after Pentecost – Sep 22

Prov. 31:10-31 Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3,7-8a Mark 9:30-37

19th Sunday after Pentecost – Sep 29

Esth. 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22 Psalm 124
James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
