

Sunday: 2024-10-13
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins)
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: 2024-10-15
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets at the Global Methodist Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets
 7:00 PM The Women's Bible Study meets downstairs

Thursday: 2024-10-17
 Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at Living Truth Church at 1180 S Washington St., Van Wert.

Sunday: 2024-10-20
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell)
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

Salem is collecting Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army. Each month, we collect different items. The October item is shampoo and conditioner. For Thanksgiving, we are collecting gravy packets (requested 600).

Please see the sign-up sheets at the back of the church for Election Day on 11/05/2024. We need helpers and food items.

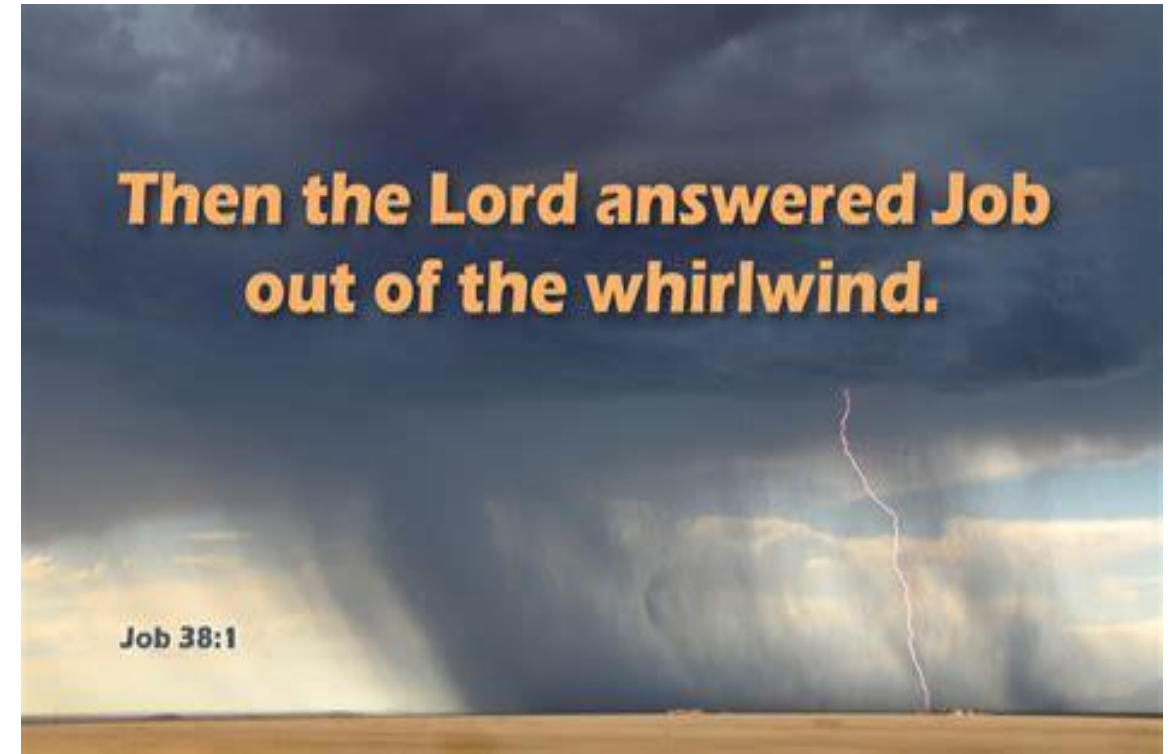
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc and pastortomemery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

13th David Breese	13th Kayla Owens/Mumford	13th Carter Dunlap
14th Jason Kimmet	22nd Ashley Finn	23rd Remi Finn

Upcoming Anniversaries

21st Bob & Kathy McCollow	30th Kevin & Kristen Price
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Jim Lloyd (at Van Wert Manor for heart & foot issues)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – Suffering leaves us stunned.

POINT TWO – Even innocence does not give humans the right to fault-find with God.

POINT THREE—With God's help, we must learn to live again, deal with memories, and continue with the story of our lives.

THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much (Job 1:1 NLT).

ACTION POINT

God clearly shows Job cannot control the world because that is only God’s entitlement. Because Job cannot do what God does, God does not have to yield to Job’s demands. Job will need to bend to God and not the other way around. We are always creatures who live within the Creator’s world, so we must humbly accept our place in God’s sovereign design for His world. When we do, we can have joy in this fallen world. Why not give praise to the good God who controls our world?

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