

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 27, 2024, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Dave VanTilburg
Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark & Missy Zielke

Prelude & Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 146 570

*Hymn: O Worship the King 1

Prayer of Confession: How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely? **We have not heard the cries of those in need; we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve You by serving others.** We have often thought only of our wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. **Help us understand the commandments to love You with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind.** Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. **Bring us back to your loving light. We ask these things in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 Dave VanTilburg

Scripture Readings * Ruth 1:1-18 238
Mark 12:28-34 924
Hebrews 9:11-14 1094

Time for Children

*Hymn: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty 13

Sermon "God Takes Care of Us" 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: How Great Thou Art! 37

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

**Those who can are invited to stand.*



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,298.10	Needed to Date:	\$96,520.24
Rec'd 2024-10-20:	\$2,222.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$96,358.69

Sunday: **2024-10-27**
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)
 10:45 AM Sunday School class
 Budget & Nomination information is due today

Tuesday: **2024-10-29**
 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: **2024-10-31**
 Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at Living Truth Church at 1180 S Washington St., Van Wert.

Sunday: **2024-11-03 All Saints Day Celebrated**
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Denise Pugh, Kelly L, Liz H)

Announcements: Salem is collecting Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army. Each month, we collect different items. The November item is gravy packets (they have 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.

The **Shoebox Project** - For the last 30 years, shoeboxes have been collected, filled with gifts, and delivered to children in need around the world. Please plan to fill a shoebox and give hope and joy to a precious child. There are pamphlets and shoeboxes in the prayer room. Collection day is Sunday, **November 10**.

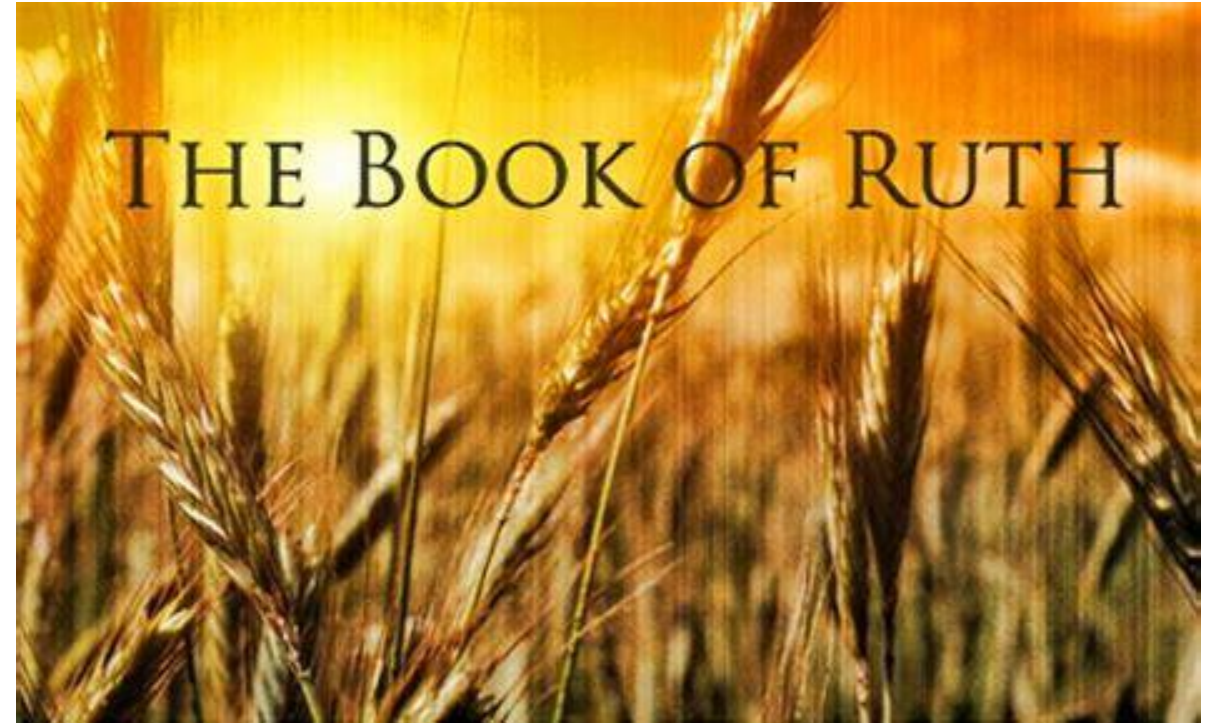
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc and pastortomemery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

28th Keaton Adkins	29th Nancy Swygart	30th Jeff Coil
Nov 1 Avery Zielke	1st Dan Lloyd	

Upcoming Anniversaries

30th Kevin & Kristen Price



Ruth 1:1-18

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POINT TWO – God takes care of His people.

POINT THREE – If there is a problem, we can solve it together! If there is a burden, we can lift it together with God’s help!

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ACTION POINT

Ruth recognized the God of Elimelech's family as the God of her life. She had learned of the God who had seen the distress of the Israelites in Egypt and come to their aid. She now worshiped the same God who would not allow Cain to evade responsibility by asking, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Of course, he was! So, this faith in the Hebrew God led to her insistence on staying with Naomi. Are there responsibilities you should shoulder that you are trying to avoid, perhaps following the bad example of the unspecified crowd? Are you living out the duties you undertook when you chose to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? The Book of Ruth calls you to pause and to consider your commitments to God and others.

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