

Sunday: 2025-01-26 3rd Sunday After Epiphany
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
Congregational Meeting following the service

Tuesday: 2025-01-28
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: 2025-01-30
Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at the Promise Church at 1017 S Shannon Street.

Sunday: 2025-02-02 4th Sunday After Epiphany
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)
Souper Bowl of Caring (bring a canned good)

Announcements:

There is a **Sunday School sign-up sheet** at the back of the church. We are asking people to sign up for a month to help with lessons during the church service time.

Salem is collecting **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the February collection is canned meat.

The **2025 Flower chart** is in the vestibule. Please sign up.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **February Newsletter**. Submit them to: PastorTomEmery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

30 th John Smith	31 st Carrie Jones	Feb 1 st Ashley McClure
2 nd Lindsay Breese	2 nd Jerry Holscher	3 rd Elizabeth Holscher



Luke 4:14-21

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Venedocia, Ohio | January 26, 2025

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Dave Burnett (heart issues)
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Kim Coil (foot surgery)
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – We are poor. Jesus was talking about each of us.

POINT TWO – We are not as free as we think and are blind to it.

POINT THREE – We are oppressed. We do not see our self-imposed prison bars.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

*“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.”
Luke 4:18-19 NLT*

ACTION POINT

So, I invite you to use the following days to examine your core values by prayer and introspection. It is our convictions that guide our lives. We need to meditate on them and to lift them up in the broad daylight in honesty. You then need to examine them in the presence of Jesus. What would it take for you to pursue a life that is pleasing to God? I urge you to be refreshed by being honest with God about how you have lived your life and the new direction you can take for this new year.

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