

Sunday: **2025-02-09 5th Sunday After Epiphany**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell*)
 Souper Bowl of Caring (food donations).
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: **2025-02-11**
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: **2025-02-13**
Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at the Trinity Friends Church at 1017 S Shannon Street.

Sunday: **2025-02-16 6th Sunday After Epiphany**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*)
 The Session meeting has been moved to Feb. 23.

Announcements:

The **St. David's Day celebration** will be held on Sunday, March 2, at 9:30 AM. We have secured a speaker (Dan Rowbotham) from Wales to join us. Dan works at Rio Grande Community College as the director of Welsh Studies. Plan to join us for Welsh hymns, bell music, and Welsh history. Lunch will be served following our morning service.

Salem is collecting **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the February collection food 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 **March Newsletter**. Submit them to: PastorTomEmery@live.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

12 th Madison Pugh	13 th Audrey McCollow	15 th Gabrielle Lloyd
16 th Jeff Lloyd	16 th Scott Lloyd	18 th Marilyn Foust

Upcoming Anniversaries

14 th Dylan & Catie Brayton	15 th John C & Anne Morris	15 th Brian & April Ellerbrock
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The Prophet Isaiah Before God's Throne

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TEACHING POINTS

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POINT TWO – We need to experience God’s amazing grace and power.

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ACTION POINT

If Isaiah is to function as a prophet, his lips need to be cleansed with a coal so that he can use them in God’s service. The action highlights that the actual cleansing originates within the person of the holy God. It becomes clear that holiness does mean judgment, and the people will be judged shortly for their wrongs. It makes us realize that people who do nothing and presume God’s forgiveness fail to experience it. Those who acknowledge the justice of God’s judgment and change their ways can escape it. When you know God in all His holiness, you will see yourself in all your sinfulness. You will not stop until you receive His forgiveness, and then you will give the rest of your life to His usefulness.

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