



**Sunday:** 2025-04-20 **Easter Sunday**  
 8:00 AM Easter Sunrise Breakfast  
 9:00 AM Flowering of the Cross  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeremy & Samantha Morris*)  
 11:00 AM Newcomers Class

**Tuesday:** 2025-04-22  
 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:** 2025-04-24  
 Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at the Ohio City United Methodist Church.

**Sunday:** 2025-04-27 **2nd Sunday of Easter**  
 9:30 AM Worship with guest Pastor Harry Tolhurst  
 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
 (*nursery with Liz Hobbs & Kim Coil*)

**Announcements:**

Salem gives **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the food we are collecting for April is ravioli.

The **Senior Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, April 23, at noon. All are welcome!

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **May Newsletter**. Submit them to: [PastorTomEmery@live.com](mailto:PastorTomEmery@live.com).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

20 <sup>th</sup> Kevin Matthews	22 <sup>nd</sup> Elgarda McGee	23 <sup>rd</sup> Grant Zielke
25 <sup>th</sup> Julia Morris/Moliter	26 <sup>th</sup> Gwenda Blackmore	29 <sup>th</sup> Jenny Pugh



**Financial Update:**

Needed Weekly:	\$2,345.90	Needed to Date:	\$35,188.45
Rec'd 2025-04-13:	\$2,224.50	Rec'd to Date:	\$40,663.68




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**Prayer Concerns:**

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Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Dave Burnett (heart issues)  
Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)  
Kim Coil (foot surgery)  
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
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Cecil Foust (heart surgery)  
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Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
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Sheryl Hefner (cancer)  
Carla Hillabrand (medical issues) sister to Nancy Breese  
Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher  
Jim Lloyd (at Van Wert Manor for heart & foot issues)  
Mary Lou Morgan (Eleanor Morgan's daughter)  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Steve Muhlenkamp (cancer) Jen Pugh's stepdad  
Bev Place (cancer)  
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**TEACHING POINTS**

**First.** *Only God could redeem the mess God's people had made of their world and its effects on their present and future.*

**Second.** *Christ’s sacrificial death was the payment to redeem the earth.*

**Third.** *In this life, you have a decision to make.*

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE**

*“Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore (Isaiah 65:17 NLT).*

**ACTION POINT**

Believers will see the fulfillment of God’s original vision of creation, of a perfect life with God. Joy will replace grief (v. 19), long life will replace earthly death (v. 20), and fulfillment in work will replace frustration (vv. 21–23). All our sins, all our despair, all the scars of the oppressions of the past are gone. They belong to the former things that will no longer be remembered. When you get free of your old anxieties, your wounds, and your self-seeking selfishness, it is like a fresh start, a new world, with Jesus as your Lord. Are you hurting, anxious, or paralyzed by your past, by a destructive lifestyle, or by what society says you are? Why not seek a cleansed new relationship with God through the actions of Christ’s payment for your sins? With Christ in your life, you can begin anew!

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