

Salem Presbyterian Church
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 24, 2025

Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn Groeswen Welsh hymnal, 42

Call to Worship Psalm 71:1-6 521

Prayer of Confession: God of great expectations, You know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We examine the expectation and believe we lack the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task. We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that You expect so much from us. Help us to understand that the service opportunities that You offer to us also come with Your abiding presence, love, and support. It is Your love that makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. Let our work be part of the fulfillment of the mandate of Jesus Christ. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen. (Please take a moment of silent 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

Scripture Readings *Jeremiah 1:4-10 685
Luke 13:10-17 950
Hebrews 12:18-29 1098

Time for Children

*Hymn Llef Welsh hymnal, 56

Sermon "Your Calling" 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.

*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering
*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*Hymn Deemster Welsh hymnal, 29

*Taking the Light into the World
*Charge and Benediction
*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover
*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Financial Update:

Table with 4 columns: Category, Amount, Category, Amount. Rows: Needed Weekly: \$2,345.90, Needed to Date: \$77,414.58; Rec'd 08-17-2025: \$1,188.00, Rec'd to Date: \$77,324.36

Sunday: 08-24-2025 11th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery
(Nursery with Liz Hobbs & Kim Coil)

Tuesday: 08-25-2025
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets in the Global Methodist Church at
Crawford and Walnut Streets.

Thursday: 08-27-2025
Noon The Van Wert County Prayer meeting is at the Church on the
Horizon, 551 Center Street

Sunday: 08-31-2025 11th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship (Nursery with Michael & Lindsay Breese)
6:30 PM Gymanfa Ganu

Announcements:

Please join us for our annual **Gymanfa Ganu** on August 31 at 6:30 pm. Please note the Gymanfa Ganu will start 30 minutes earlier than normal. There will not be a meal served prior to the Gymanfa. We hope to see you there!

Salem gives **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the food we collect for August is Mac & Cheese and September is canned vegetables.

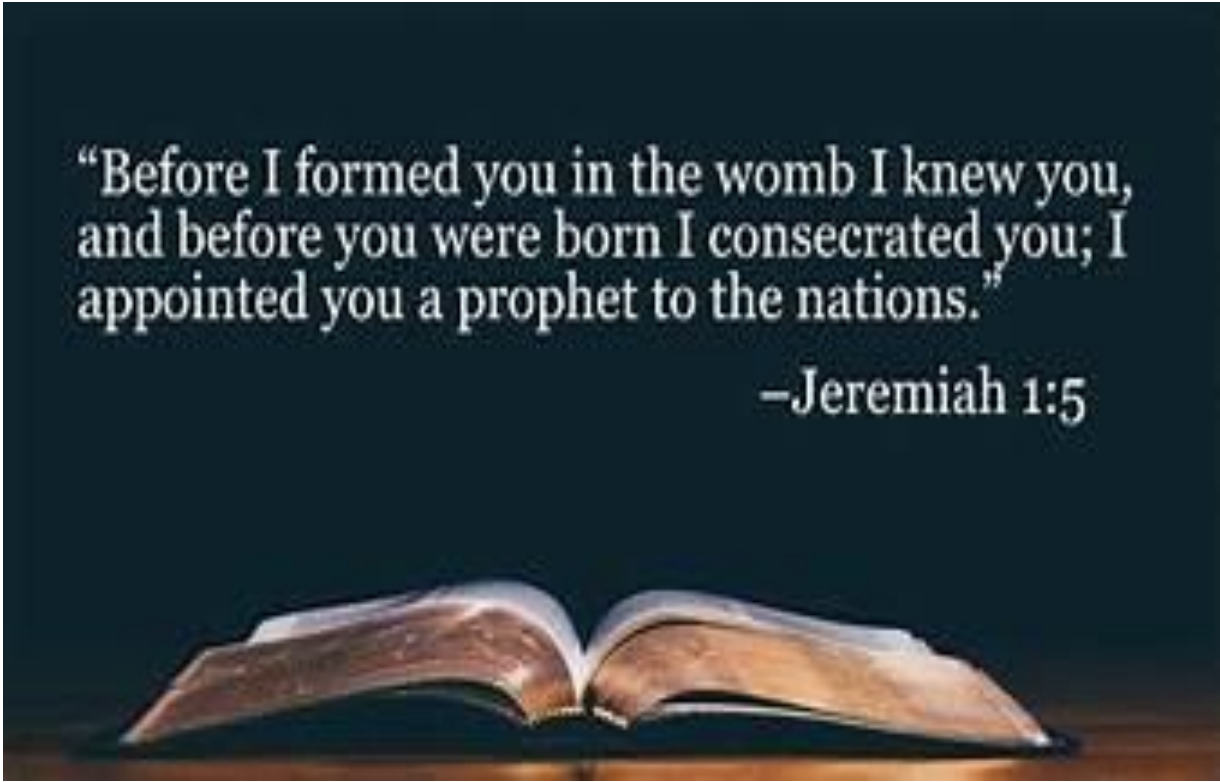
Please take photos and contribute updates, recipes, and ideas for the next **Salem newsletter**, **"Sounds of Salem."** Submit them to PastorTomEmery@live.com

Upcoming Birthdays

27 th Barb Owens	30 th Kelly Lloyd	Sep 1 st Elizabeth Adkins
1 st Katie Young	1 st Kim Ebel	3 rd Pete McCollow

Upcoming Anniversaries

27th Tom & Carol Emery



Jeremiah 1:4-10

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Shana Fryer
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Charlie Good (prostate cancer)
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Elizabeth Holscher
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David Morris (Zeb)
Steve Muhlenkamp (cancer) Jen Pugh’s stepdad
Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)
Bianca Richards (leukemia)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *God gives each of us a call. What is your calling?*

POINT TWO – *God knows fully each person He calls. Don’t hesitate to take up your call.*

POINT THREE – *If God has summoned you, He will use you. He would have already given you what you need to fulfill your call.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born, I set you apart [called you] and appointed you as my prophet to the nations” Jeremiah 1:5 NLT).

ACTION POINT

God, in every era, has called out men and women to be His faithful servants and to join that great company that seeks to follow Him. Just as Jeremiah saw the obstacles, he also saw that the solution to those difficulties was in God. Today, many obstacles come in the way of our ministries, but with God’s help, we can overcome them. May God prayerfully grant to us today and always, a clear vision of our call and the strength to fulfill the ministry assigned to us. We can depend on God’s power to make the outcome successful and to bring glory to God.

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