	Sunday, May 12, 2024, 7th Sunday of Easter			
Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery The flowers are		????? Organist: ????? e given to the glory of God by ??????		
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	<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 1	479	
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<u>Prayer of Contession</u>: Too often, Lord God, we are hesitant in our proclamation of the Gospel, and we seek safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith. Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism. Too often, Lord God, we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources, relying on our perceived skills and modest insights. Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith. Open wide our hearts and minds to the presence of our Risen Jesus Christ. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).

Assurance of Pardon <u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover				
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Prayers of the People						
Prayer Response	The Lord's Prayer					
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Sermon:	"Choosing a Replacement"	Rev. Thomas Emer				
* <u>Apostle's Creed</u> : 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.						
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Tuesday: 7:30 AM	<u>2024-05-14</u> Men's Bible Study at the Orchard Tree Restaurant	
7:00 PM <b>Thursday:</b> Noon	Women's Bible Study <u>2024-05-09</u> Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at First United Brethren Church.	ACIS
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On Tuesdays, the **Men's Bible Study** meets at the Orchard Tree Restaurant in Van Wert at 7:30 AM, and the **Women's Bible Study** meets at 7 PM downstairs at Salem. The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at noon at the First United Brethren Church for May.

We will soon be recognizing **Salem Graduates**; please let us know of any graduates. The **Memorial Day** observations on May 27<sup>th</sup> will be at 10:30 AM at Horeb Cemetery and at 11:00 AM at Memorial Park.

Salem is collecting offerings from the heart for the **Salvation Army.** There is a monthly need, and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month we collect different food. The food for May is cereal.

For the **June Sounds of Salem Newsletter**, please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to <u>secretary@salemchurch.cc</u>.

#### **Upcoming Birthdays**

#### **Upcoming Anniversaries**

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