

Today:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM
3:00 PM
4:00 PM

11-16-14

Worship (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins)
Sunday School
Celebrate Recovery
Session Meeting

Thursday:

10:30 AM

11-20-14

Women's Thanksgiving Luncheon – Berne, IN

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM
3:00 PM
6:30 PM

11-23-14

Worship (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)
Sunday School
Celebrate Recovery
Youth Group

Announcements:

Today's **Adult Sunday School** topic is: "What Does the Holy Spirit Do?"

Ladies, do you want to join the Women's Association at their **Thanksgiving Luncheon** in Berne, Indiana this Thursday, November 20th? Call Ann Rees 419-667-3215 to sign up.

You have **one more week** to pack a shoebox for **Operation Christmas Child!** Brochures with labels are available on the vestibule table. Bring your completed boxes to the church Sunday morning, **November 23.**

Invitation: On the first Sunday of Advent, **November 30th**, at 7:00 pm, our friends at Trinity Friends Church invite us to spend a wonderful evening at the **Annual Van Wert Community Christmas Service** (T.F.C. 605 N. Franklin St., Van Wert). This special service, honoring God's redemptive plan in sending His Son to earth, will be led by various pastors and musicians from area churches. Traditional carol singing and a love offering for local food banks will also be part of the evening's program, themed "Peace in a Peace-less World."

A big **thank you** to all who contributed in this year's food donation to The Salvation Army. We met our goal by donating over 600 cans of chicken and beef broth!

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Rooted in our heritage and called into God's future, we proclaim in new ways the unchanging Good News of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

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Prayer Concerns:

Gwenda Blackmore (foot surgery)
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Bob Drewyore (son of Bette Richards)
Ralph Du Cheney (serious medical testing – father of Stacia Profit)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)
Vernon Hobbs
Linda Howell (back and heart healing – Jeff Coil's sister)
Jesse (mother with drug addictions, needs God's strength)
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)
Amanda Lamb (granddaughter of Dave & Jean Owens)
Betty Lloyd
James Marshall (mysterious ailment and M.S.)
Sonny Martz
Joyce Profit (heart problems)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
Maxine Stewart (mother of Kim Coil)
Warren Summersett
Tom Theobald (recurrent cancer)
Rebecca Wolfe (cancer)
Tim Morris (liver transplant)
Dean Hearing
The Foust Family

Serving our Country:

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)

Birthdays This Week:

11/16 Doug Jones

Send Encouragement:

Tim Morris
10411 Hayes Avenue
Silver Springs, MD 20902

Rev. Thomas Emery

“Jesus Saves for Us to Invest” - Matthew 25:14-30

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 16, 2014

In today's passage, notice that the third servant, who took his master's money and buried it in the ground, did so because of fear. Fear is a common experience as Christians. I wonder how many of us fail to be the people God has called us to be, because we are afraid. Some of us are afraid of what other people will think of us. That often happens to us when we're young, but it doesn't stop with our teen years. As we get older, we may give a weak witness to our faith, because we don't want our friends to think we're some kind of religious addict.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point 1: *We are accountable to invest what we have to build the Kingdom of God.*

Teaching Point 2: *Jesus calls us to be risk takers.*

Teaching Point 3: *The day of accountability is coming for what God has given us to invest.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

“To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away” (Matthew 25:29 NLT).

ACTION POINT

This parable does make its point quite powerfully; it is a terrible thing to bury the gifts God has given us and not use them. There's a familiar children's song which says, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine." These short ten words have a message that is profound. The singer's light doesn't sound very big, but it is important to him, and he plans to use it. Remember! Ownership of everything is God's. Faithful management is our duty, and the time of judgment is coming!