

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00 Needed to Date: \$26,871.00
Rec'd 03-29-15: \$2,126.72 Rec'd to Date: \$23,612.01

Easter Sunday: 04-05-15

7:00 AM Sunrise Service
8:00 AM Easter Breakfast
9:30 AM Easter Service (*nursery available, but not staffed*)

Sunday: 04-12-15

9:30 AM Worship Service (*nursery: David & Carla Breese*)
6:30 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The church is now accepting donations, towards an already initiated fund, for air conditioning in time for our 100th Gymanfa Ganu this year. If you would like to contribute, please designate your gift to the **Air Conditioning Fund**.

Next Sunday, April 12, is Pastor's day off. We will welcome guest speaker, Glenn Hux, to worship with us.

There will be no children's Sunday School next Sunday, April 12.



Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015
Salem Presbyterian Church
Venedocia, Ohio

Rev. Thomas Emery
“The Empty Tomb” John 20:1-9
Salem Presbyterian Church
Easter, April 5, 2015

Prayer Concerns:

Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit’s niece)
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)
Hope Eutsler (leukemia in remission)
Ralph Eversole (several conditions)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)
Betty Lloyd
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Tim Morris (liver transplant)
Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)
Aaron Reis (in need of heart transplant – son of Bruce Reis)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
Taylar Stephens & Family
Tom Theobald (cancer in remission)
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)
Steve West (Jeff & Marcia Pollock’s son-in-law)

Serving our Country:

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

Birthdays:

4/6 Carol Emery
4/8 Andy Breese
4/12 MaKenna Kimmet

Easter begins with the mighty work of God raising His Son from the grave at a moment and in a manner that no human eye observed. Easter begins, not with the satisfying of our curiosity as to how a dead body could begin to stir and move and stand up and push the rock away and walk out into Joseph's garden. Easter begins with the mystery and the grandeur of that deed by which the Father glorifies his Son by declaring Him victor over death and all that brought Him to the Cross and grave. Easter has to do with God's will to present His risen Son as the answer to our sin and our death-prone ways as people who live in a fallen world. Easter begins with God's action and grace through his Son - for the forgiveness of our sin.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point 1: ***The grave could not hold Jesus.***

Teaching Point 2: ***There are credible witnesses to the resurrection.***

Teaching Point 3: ***The resurrection changed lives.***

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me” (John 20:29 NLT).

ACTION POINT

God is ever trying to give us hints of eternity, sending us so many faithful men and women whose lives are hid with Christ in God. He is trying in every way He can to show us where Easter begins, where it leads, and finally what its ultimate goal is. And, particularly, He sends us his Son who gives us the forgiveness of sin, makes us in right standing with the Father, and shows us God’s love. Christ is now seated at the right hand of God in glory, and yet is also present with us now in the Gospel which we proclaim in Word and Sacrament. Let us be bold about our faith in view of God’s great love for us!