Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, May 17, 2015 7th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Adkins Children

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 1 479

*Hymn Just As I Am 249

Prayer of Confession: Father, Your Son asked that His Church be one, as You and He are one. But Christians have not been united as He prayed. We have isolated ourselves from each other and have failed to listen to each other. We have misunderstood and ridiculed and even gone so far as to attack each other. In doing so, we have offended against You, against all our brothers and sisters in the Church, and against all who have not believed in You because of our scandalous disunity. Forgive us, Father, and make us fully one. Blot out our sins, renew our minds, rekindle our hearts, and guide us by Your Holy Spirit into the oneness that is Your Will! In the Name of Jesus, the Christ, the Love of God, we pray. Amen. (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

Graduate Recognition

Special Music LaDonna Allenbaugh

Scripture Reading	John 17:6-19	985
	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	991

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **Dear Lord and Father of Mankind** 358

Sermon "The Prayer of Jesus" 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.

Offertory *Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings*

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn It Is Well With My Soul 256

Inside Back Cover

The flowers are given by Jerry & Marylin Foust in honor of all the mothers at Salem Church for Mother's Day.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$39,273.00
Rec'd 05-10-15:	\$1,775.05	Rec'd to Date:	\$35,245.16

^{*}Taking the Light into the World

^{*}Charge and Benediction

^{*}Congregational Response Three Fold Amen

^{*}Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today: <u>05-17-15</u> Graduation Sunday

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)

10:45 AM Sunday School 4:00 PM Session Meeting

Sunday: <u>05-24-15</u> Memorial Sunday

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)

10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

Congrats to Jonathan and Tammy (Lloyd) Wells – a baby boy, **Jonathan Jaxson**, born Thursday, May 7 (7 lbs. 12 oz., 18 ½ inches long). Rex & Lisa Lloyd are the proud grandparents and John C. & Anne Morris the proud great-grandparents!

The **Women's Association** will meet this Thursday, May 21 at 9:00 am.

Memorial Day Services will be held on Monday, May 25. The Horeb Cemetery Service will be held at 10:30 am and the Venedocia Cemetery Service at 11:00 am.

The last **Senior Luncheon** until September, will be on Wednesday, May 27.

You are invited to the **Graduation Party for Andrew Emery** on Sunday, May 31, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at Salem Church.

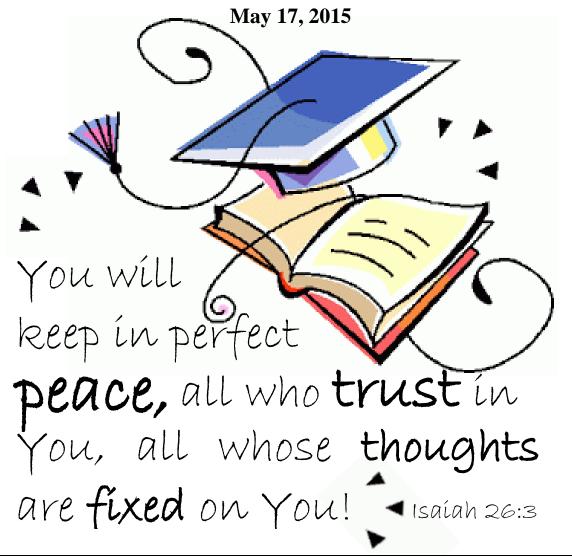
Do you have information, stories, thank you notes, or photos to be included in June's **newsletter**? Please send to the church office by May 28!

Birthdays:

5/17	Mary Jane Haines	5/19	Holden Price
5/17	Delayna Profit	5/22	Dawson Kimmet
5/17	Stacia Profit	5/23	Carolyn Girod
5/18	Ione Owens		

Anniversaries:

5/19 Bart & Rosemary Strict5/20 Mark & Melissa Zielke



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.

Salem Presbyterian Church Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

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)

Judy Foust (knee surgery)

Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)

Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)

Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)

Betty Lloyd

James Marshall (mysterious ailment)

Tina Mayes

Tim Morris (liver transplant)

Jean Owens (hip)

Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)

Aaron Ries (age 15, received a heart transplant – son of Bruce Ries)

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)

Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)

Haydn Williams (esophagus cancer treatment)

Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)

Will Morrison (U.S. Army Reserves) deployed to Iraq

Rev. Thomas Emery "The Prayer of Jesus" John 17:6-19 Salem Presbyterian Church May 17, 2015

In today's gospel passage, we hear Jesus, as a high priest, praying for His earthly ministry. He prays that the work He has done, the efforts He has made explaining the Kingdom of God, and the witness He has shown, will not come to an end. He prays that the work will continue in those whom his Father has given to Him to serve. They will shortly be without the physical Christ. Soon, Jesus will show His ultimate care and concern for the whole of humanity as He willingly takes upon Himself the sins of the entire world.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: This world is not our home.

Teaching Point Two: *The Father will guard us in this environment that is unfriendly to Christ-followers.*

Teaching Point Three: *The Father will provide us guidance.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world." John 17:14 NLT

ACTION POINT

Just prior to His betrayal and arrest, Jesus is overheard in the Gospel of John praying to His Father. This high priestly prayer is an exceedingly close and personal moment between Jesus and the Father. By worldly contrast, it is common to have people indicate that they don't know how to talk to God. Perhaps, you may be among those who are uncertain. Being invited by John to eavesdrop on Jesus praying to God, can be very helpful to us. At the outset, one is struck by the ease with which Jesus speaks to the Father. It is a pure outpouring of His heart wanting to do the Father's will. That is the prayer that God wants from you. Perhaps now, pour out your own heart to God. You are as close to God as you want to be.