



January 24, 2016

**Financial Updates:**

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$4,134.00
Rec'd 01-17-16:	\$1,618.09	Rec'd to Date:	\$3,673.83

**Announcements:**

**The Congregational Meeting** will be held directly after the service.

**The Music Committee** will meet today at 2:00 pm. Anyone with music requests for the up-coming year please contact a member of the committee.

All **Youth Group** members should make sure to attend the meeting at 12:30 pm today to plan the potato supper and to pray, bowl, and have pizza.

The Youth Group invites you to attend the **Potato Supper** this coming Wednesday, January 27 at 6:00 pm with a **Prayer Service** to follow at 7:00 pm.

Please consider signing up to give the **church flowers** on the 2016 sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

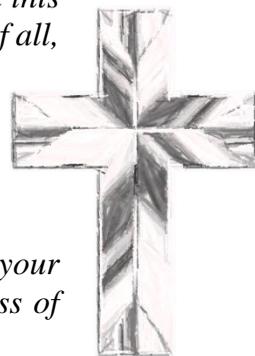
Please send in any information for the February Sounds of Salem **Newsletter** by Wednesday, January 27.

**Church Family:**

*We are so very grateful to our church family for all your support through prayers and actions in the recent death of our loved one, Larry. At a time like this you realize how important it is to have family and friends, and most of all, the Lord, to lean on and help you cope with grief.*

*A special thanks to Reverend Emery for the beautiful memorial service. Also, we would like to thank all who brought food for the lovely meal. And to those who set up, served, and cleaned up. We so much appreciate all you did!*

*Thanks again for your prayers and concerns and we ask for your continued support as we work our way through the grieving process of losing our loved one.*



*May God bless you,  
The Larry Profit Family*



**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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Venedocia, Ohio

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### **Prayer Concerns:**

Norma Adams (diabetic issues)  
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
Hope Eutsler (leukemia)  
Eric Fancher (chemotherapy – son of Rev. Jon & Mary Fancher)  
Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)  
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)  
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)  
Betty Lloyd (broken hip)  
Evelyn Pugh  
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)  
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)  
John Stutz  
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren Summersett)  
Kevin Thatcher (ALS)  
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)  
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)  
Bill (Nancy) Evans (surgery, water on brain)  
Doris Price (recovering from operation)

### **Serving our Country:**

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

### **Birthdays This Week:**

31	Carrie Jones	1	John Lloyd
1	Ashley McClure	3	Jeannine Leckrone
4	Andrew Emery	4	Colt Thompson
4	Jerry Foust	5	Ruth Morris

*If you have a prayer request, please write it down and leave it in the offering plate or send an email to [secretary@saalemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc) so that we can have a contact person to follow up and to insert the prayer request with the correct spelling and details. Thank you!*

**Rev. Thomas Emery**  
***“Set the Captives Free” Luke 4:14-30***  
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This election year, the country is clamoring daily about values. We teach others our values, talk about our values, vote for candidates that have our values, and hopefully, we live out our values. Values are the grit that sustains us throughout life. They are our guiding principles that we use as lenses to make our decisions. Our attitudes and beliefs make up our values about what is good and right, and what is desired and meaningful for us. People with poor and unclear values live poor lives. The problem is that none of us thinks that Jesus is talking about us as poor; we think He is talking about someone else out there somewhere.

### **TEACHING POINTS**

POINT ONE – ***We are poor. Jesus was talking about each of us.***

POINT TWO – ***We are not as free as we think, and we are blind to it.***

POINT THREE – ***We are oppressed.***

### **THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

*“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favor has come.” Luke 4:18-19 NLT*

### **ACTION POINT**

So, I invite you during Lent to use these forty days to examine your core values by prayer and introspection. It is our convictions that guide our lives. We need to meditate on them and to lift them up in the broad daylight in honesty. You then need to examine them in the presence of Jesus. What would it take for you to pursue a life that is pleasing to God? I urge you to be refreshed by being honest with God about how you have lived your life and the new direction you can take for this new year.

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