

SOUNDS OF SALEM

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Saint David's Day

Saint David's Day is celebrated on March 1st, the date of Saint David's death in 589 AD. The feast has been regularly celebrated since David was canonized as a saint in the 12th century by Pope Callistus II.

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi



Traditional festivities include wearing daffodils and leeks, recognized symbols of Wales and Saint David respectively. There may be eating traditional Welsh food including cawl and Welsh rarebit. Women may wear traditional Welsh dress. An increasing number of cities put on parades throughout the day.

Saint David was born in south west Wales into an aristocratic family. He was reportedly a descendant of the royal house and founded a Celtic monastic community at Glyn Rhosyn or the Vale of Roses at the spot where St David's Cathedral stands today.



David did the hard work of evangelism of bringing Christ to the pagan tribes at the time. He was well respected as an evangelist simply preaching Christ crucified as Paul did to the Romans.

David's fame as a teacher and his asceticism spread among Celtic Christians, and he helped found about 12 monasteries.

His foundation at Glyn Rhosyn became an important Christian shrine, and the most important center in Wales.

His final words to the community of monks was: "**Brothers be ye constant. The yoke which with single mind ye have taken, bear ye to the end; and whatsoever ye have seen with me and heard, keep and fulfil.**"



For centuries, 1 March has been a national festival. Saint David was recognized as a national patron saint in the 12th century at a peak time of Welsh resistance to the Normans.

Saint David's Day is also celebrated in expatriate Welsh communities outside the UK such as yearly at Salem Church in Venedocia.

Mission of Acts

Jesus' ministry was not a mission of words, it was a mission of acts. All four of the gospels could rightly be renamed a five part "Book of Acts" (we could have volumes 1-4 plus volume 5 for the "Acts of the Apostles").

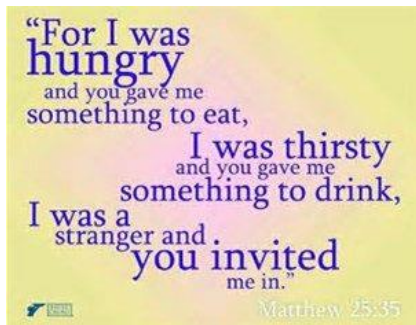
Jesus walked among the people, walked in the same dusty roads and along the same smelly fishing lines, as

the people he spoke to and offered a new vision of faith and fulfillment.



With Jesus' appearance, the fulfillment of God's righteousness on earth became a possibility for the first time. It was Isaiah's words that Jesus incarnated to their fullest extent. He offered healing and wholeness, forgiveness and fulfillment, divine love and compassion, to every person he encountered.

That is how the "kingdom of God" became both "now" and "not yet," both present, yet still in the future, for all who follow him on "The Way."



Remember, this is how the earliest Christians were known, not as "Christians," but as "Followers of the Way." In other words, people who walked the paths of justice and mercy and peace.

Here is an ancient Jewish story that depicts what God wants of us:

I went up to Heaven in a dream and stood at the Gates of Paradise to observe the procedure of the Heavenly Tribunal.

A learned Rabbi approached and wished to enter. "Day and night," he said, "I studied the Holy Torah."

"Wait," said the Angel. "We will investigate whether your study was for its own sake or whether it was a matter of profession or for the sake of honors."

A Zaddik next approached. "I fasted much," he said, "I underwent many ablutions; I studied the Zohar."

"Wait," said the Angel, "until we have completed our investigation to learn whether your motives were pure."

Then a tavern-keeper drew near. "I kept an open door and fed without charge every poor man who came into my inn," he said.

The Heavenly Portals were opened to him. No investigation was required.

Adapted from:
Nikos - "It's Not Too Late to Eliminate Poverty"
Life in Community Posted on February 8, 2017 by Isabella Dougan

Pastor's Thoughts

As I was preparing for the Lent season, it dawned on me about changes in our lives from before we were "born again" and how different we are becoming.

We used only to love people who loved us, and we used to respond to rude things done to us by giving back a hurt for a hurt. But now, we are growing in our faith and responding like Jesus would. Scriptures make it clear that we need to love our enemy as much as ourselves. We need to pray for them and to bless them. This doesn't immediately change our emotions or feelings; those come later. It doesn't mean that we should be a doormat under the worse of situations. Healthy boundaries and speaking the truth in love are important. But, we should be looking for ways to bring a blessing to those who hurt us.

Jesus went to the cross in the worst of betrayals by those He sought to reconcile with God.

Even on the cross, Christ sought to intervene for those crucifying Him, "Father, they know not what they are doing..."

John 15:14 tells us, "You are my friend if you do what I command you." This Lent season, why not ask God to give you the strength to forgive others to become friends of God by following His commands.



Lenten Service February 26th



Visiting Pastor Justin Fuhrmann



For Cooks Only...

Correction from last issue. Lisa Lloyd's Rice-n-Broccoli Casserole is not baked in a 3350 degree kiln. An oven set at 350 degrees will suffice. And please don't add the salt and baking soda at the end of the recipe.

Welsh Cakes

by the Richard's family

3 cups Flour
1 cup Sugar
1/2 teaspoon Salt
3 teaspoons Baking Powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup Currents
3 Eggs
1/4 cup Milk

Mix and roll on a floured board to 1/8" thick. Cut with cookie cutter. Bake on a 325 degree dry griddle.

Salt Ceramics

by Carol Emery

1 cup table salt
1/2 cup corn starch
3/4 cup cold water

Mix together in a double boiler. Heat about 3 min. stirring constantly. When consistency is like bread dough, dump onto wax paper to cool. Now sculpt!

Lenten Service Schedule:

Sunday, February 26th - Salem Presbyterian Church - Justin Fuhrmann
Sunday, March 5th - Trinity United Methodist Church - Darryl Potts
Sunday, March 12th - Monticello United Brethren in Christ Church Dan Murphy
Sunday, March 19th - Kossuth Zion United Methodist Church - Charles Johnson
Sunday, March 26th - Agape Fellowship Church - David Howell
Sunday April 2nd - Spencerville Friends Church - Tom Emery
Sunday, April 9th - Spencerville Nazarene Church - Jim Fletcher
Friday, April 14th - First Baptist Church - Andrew Atkins

One-Dish-Meal

by Maxine Morgan

1 pound Hamburger
1 small Onion, chopped
1 cup chopped Celery
1 cup chopped Carrots
1 pint canned green or waxed beans
1 cup chopped potatoes
Brown the hamburger and onions, add chopped vegetables, mix; salt to taste.
Add 1 cup Water and cook 45 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add water if necessary but all water should be cooked away before serving.

Please mail or email your favorite recipes!

Mark your calendars for the **2017 Gymanfa Ganu** to be held Sunday September 3, 2017. The director this year will be D. Ben Williams, a resident of Louisville KY with ties to our community as he is the nephew of Tom Dustman a past Gymanfa director. Mr. Williams is a graduate of Wittenberg University with a Bachelor of Music Education and is teaching at Louisville Central High School. He currently directing several choirs and he is a freelance performer.



V-FIT

Classes Offered At Salem Presbyterian Church

Join us every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
– 7:30 p.m. for V-FIT at Salem Presbyterian Church.

V-FIT is an inspired exercise class where we dance and workout to upbeat music. The workout will last about 45 minutes. A \$1.00 donation per class is appreciated.

Where: Salem Presbyterian Church located at 15240 Main Street, Venedocia, OH 45894

Starting: Thursday, February 9th from 6:30 p.m – 7:30 p.m.

Your Presence would mean a great deal. Hope to see you!

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Remember our elderly members, soldiers, and college students with cards and visits.

Away at College

Evan Pugh-

Lourdes University

Andrew Emery-

University of Cincinnati
2931 Scioto St. Rm 908
Cincinnati, OH 45219

Cassy Emery- Box 564,
Cincinnati Christian University
2700 Glenway Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45204

Shut-Ins

Violet Ashton

Roselawn Manor
420 E. 4th St. - Apt. 109
Spencerville, OH 45887

Betty Lloyd

Van Wert Manor
160 Fox Road
Van Wert, OH 45891

Marian Morris

Hearth & Home
1118 Westwood Dr.
Van Wert, OH 45891

Marjorie Rhoades

Hearth & Home
1118 Westwood Dr.
Van Wert, OH 45891

Warren Summersett

Vancrest Healthcare
10357 VW-Decatur
Van Wert, OH 45891

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Phoebe Eutsler

(U.S. Army)
Mail to home
14975 Van Wert/ Mercer County Line
Van Wert, OH 45891

Nick Fuller

(Air Force)
AIC Fuller Nicholas K
PSC 3
1320 Truemper St. Unit 367514
Lackland AFB, TX 78236

Micah Linger

(U.S. Marine Corps)
LCPL Linger Micah
9th ESB 3 MLG H&S Co
Unit 38430
FPO AP 96385

Cory McCollow

(U.S. Coast Guard)
311 Oak Street #109
Oakland, CA 94607

Pete McCollow

(U.S. Marine Corps)
116 HAC Street
Jacksonville, NC 28540

Church Financial Update

Needed to Year: \$100,568.00
Needed to Date: \$17,406.00
Received to Date: \$17,417.15

Prayer Concerns

Violet Ashton
Norma Adam (diabetic issues)
Toby Adkins (back surgery - Feb 2)
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Colin Good (emphysema – son of Charlie Good)
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)
Betty Lloyd
Marian Morris (stage two cancer)
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
Joyce Profit (heart issues)
Chris Riechert
George Siler (physical therapy)
Thad Summersett (brain tumor, grandson of Warren)
Martha Walker (recovering from heart attack)
Natalie Wilkins (failing health, 90 years old)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)
Ian (brain cancer)
Daniel Cruse (lymphoma cancer)
Simon Ibell (serious birth condition)
Walter Poling (heart attack and poss kidney failure)
Kyle Mullenhour (kidney transplant Kory's brother)
Nick Roxo's Family (house fire)
Nancy Lautzenhtiser (colon cancer)

Birthdays

2 Marilyn Strickler
8 John C. Morris
11 Todd Morris
14 Larry Caffro
16 Pastor Tom Emery
20 Johnathon Morris
20 Brian Owens
22 Toby Adkins
23 Josh Hoehn
23 Joyce Profit
28 Norma Adam
28 Ron Richards



Valerie Barnhart
Special Music

John C. & Anne Morris
60th Wedding Anniversary



Heather McClure
Special Music

March 2017

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Weds Service 7:00pm	2 V-Fit Class 6:30pm	3	4
5 9:30 Worship St. David's Day Reception Service Trinity UMC 7pm	6	7	8 Confirmation Class 6:30pm	9 V-Fit Class 6:30pm	10	11
12 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School Service Monticello United Bretheren 7pm	13	14	15	16 V-Fit Class 6:30pm	17	18
19 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School Service Kossuth Zion UMC 7pm	20	21	22 Confirmation Class 6:30pm	23 V-Fit Class 6:30pm	24	25
26 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School Service Agape Fellowship 7pm	27	28	29	30 V-Fit Class 6:30pm	31	

Week of	Special Music	Nursery	Ushers
March 5	Bells/Jr. Choir	Bob & Denise Pugh	Rex Lloyd Family
March 12	St. Paul's SS Band	Jeff & Kelly Lloyd	
March 19	Gary Adams/LaDonna Mezik	Bill & Ruth Evans	
March 26	Isaiah Pugh/Spencerville Boys Group	Eric & Jenny Pugh	Greeter
			Morgan Pugh

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**March 2017
REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY - YEAR A**

March 5 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32
Rom. 5:12-19	Matt. 4:1-11

March 12 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen. 12:1-4a	Psalm 121
Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17

March 19 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex. 17:1-7	Psalm 95
Rom. 5:1-11	John 4:5-42

March 26 - 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Sam. 16:1-13	Psalm 23
Eph. 5:8-14	John 9:1-41