# Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, July 30th, 2017, 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Em	ery	Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh		
The flowers are given to the glory of God Eric & Jen Pugh				
Prelude Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer				
Call to Worship	Psalm 128	561		
* <u>Hymn</u> :	Ebenezer	Welsh hymnal, 11		

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Merciful God, the story of Jacob shows Your willingness to enter the messiness of our human struggles—into fractured relationships, family differences, and un-reconciled situations with people we care about. Yet, we confess that too often we hold on, because we do not want to loosen our grip on our possessions and our selfish desires. Often, we fear that our very lives will be dislocated by Your Kingdom values of justice, mercy and peace. Help us to wrestle with the conflicting values, desires and pressures that confront us daily, so that we can unclench our hands and open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).

## Assurance of Pardon

<u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover
Joys & Concerns of the Prayers of the People	<u>Church</u>	
Prayer Response	The Lord's Prayer	

Scripture Re	Matth	esis 29:15-30 new 13:31-33, 44-52 ans 8:26-39	25 890 1030
Time for Ch	ldren		
* <u>Hymn</u> :	Milwo	aukee	Welsh hymnal, 6
Sermon: "All Things Work Together for the Good"		Rev. Thomas Emery	

\*<u>Apostle's Creed</u>: 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 our tithes and offerings \*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover \*Prayer of Dedication Cwm Rhondda Welsh hymnal, 40 \*Hvmn: \*Taking the Light into the World \*Charge and Benediction \*Conaregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover \*Those who are able are invited to stand. Financial Update: Needed Weekly: \$1,934.00 Needed to Date: \$58,020.00 Rec'd 07-23-17: \$59,452.59 \$1,044.40 Rec'd to Date:

Sunday:

9:30 AM 10:45 AM <u>07-30-17</u> Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs) Sunday School

Tuesday: 6:30 AM 08-03-17 Youth trip to the Ark Museum

Sunday:

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## Announcements:

Adult Sunday school will take place right after the service.

A Thursday Aug 3<sup>th</sup> youth trip is set to go to the Ark replica museum in N. Kentucky. A church-wide bus Ark trip is being arranged for Saturday September 30.

Vacation Bible School is set for Monday and Tuesday, **August 7-8**, at 9:30-11:30 am. We need volunteers.

The youth street cleaning is set for Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

## Upcoming Birthdays

Jul 31<sup>st</sup>-Kristyn Jones Aug 4<sup>th</sup>- Phillip Eutsler 6<sup>th</sup>-Brooke Coil 31<sup>st</sup>-Zach Wise 4<sup>th</sup>- Don Owens

# **Upcoming Anniversaries**

12<sup>th</sup>-David & Carla Breese

"When we have the Holy Spirit we have all that is needed to be all that God desires us to be." — A.W. Tozer

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