Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, Sept 17th, 2017, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

The flowers are in memory of Vernon & Leota Hobbs Gwenda Blackmore

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u> Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21

*<u>Hymn</u>: For the Fruit of All Creation See Insert

Prayer of Confession: Lord, Your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives; Your forgiveness is boundless in mercy, even when we fail to live in Christlike ways. Even so, we are quick to carry a grudge— quick to find fault, quick to assign blame, and quick to harden our hearts toward others. Set us apart, loving God, to extend and model the grace You have shown us, by offering grace to others. We pray in the Name of the Christ who died so that we might fully live. Amen. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).

Assurance of Pardon

Response Glory Be to the Father Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Special Music Jan Jones

 Scripture Readings
 *Exodus 14:5-31
 59

 Matthew 18:21-35
 896

 Romans 14:1-12
 1034

Time for Children

60

*Hymn: Immortal, Invisible 34

Sermon: "When in a Difficult Place" 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 our tithes and offerings

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: Sanctus Welsh hymnal, 30

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

<u>Financial Update</u>:

Needed Weekly: \$1,934.00 Needed to Date: \$71,558.00 Rec'd 09-10-17: \$1,308.64 Rec'd to Date: \$75,002.12

Sunday: 09-17-17

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)

10:35 AM Blessing of the Tractors

11:00 AM Potluck lunch- all are welcome

Sunday: <u>09-24-17</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)

Special Offering Salvation Army-hurricane

10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

Adult Sunday school will take place in the Prayer Room next week after the service.

Drive Your Tractor to Church is today; there will be an informal meal served following the worship service. All are welcome to attend the meal.

Next Sunday we will have a special offering for the hurricane victims.

Kim Owen has been diagnosed with cancer (daughter-in-law to Dave and Jean Owens). If you would like to send a card, her mailing address is 13373 Jonestown Road, Van Wert, OH 45891

Marion Morris is turning 90 on September 26th. Please help her celebrate by sending a birthday card to her at Hearth & Home, 1118 Westwood Drive, Van Wert, OH 45891.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

18th-Jayne Morris 18th-Morgan Pugh 20th-Megan Jones 23rd-April Ellerbrock

Upcoming Anniversaries

28th-Eric & Jen Pugh



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Violet Ashton

Matt Blackmore (recovering from a stroke)

Leona Browning

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Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)

Doris Evans (cancer)

Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)

Larry Howell (Rockford Rehab))

Linda Howell

Jeremy Hughes (recovering from MRSA)

Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)

Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)

Betty Lloyd

Elizabeth Markus (depression & salvation)

Janet Mohr

Marian Morris

Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)

Kim Owens

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Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)

Lewis Price (bladder cancer, stones, Paul Price's brother)

Joyce Profit (cataract surgery)

Bob Pugh (arm healing)

Randy Richards (Lutheran hospital-mowing accident)

Laura Saylor (Viral Meningitis, wife of Pastor Mike Saylor)

George Siler (physical therapy)

Bill Stewart (brother of Kim Coil)

Keith Stoller (surgical complications)

Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren S.)

Warren Summersett (cancer)

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TEACHING POINTS

First. There are poor reactions.

Let's give up and go back! Let's hide from our problems! Let's create a pity party! Let's blame someone!

Second, let's realize that God has a future for His people.

Third, let's fully trust in God!

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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