## Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, April 29, 2018, 5th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Rex & Lisa Lloyd

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Prelude

Lighting the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 22:25-31 491

\*<u>Hymn</u>: It is Well with My Soul 256

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at Your power and glory. We are eager to worship You and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear You calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget Your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of Your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim Your justice throughout the world. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. 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 LaDonna Allenbaugh

 Scripture Readings
 John 15:1-8
 983

 \*Acts 8:26-21
 1000

 1 John 4:7-21
 1112

Time for Children

<u>Hymn</u>: Trust and Obey 261

Sermon: "Follow the Spirit" 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

\*<u>Hymn:</u> Deemster Welsh Hymnal, 29

\*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: \$1,927.00 Needed to Date: \$30,832.00 Rec'd 04-22-18: \$2,514.00 Rec'd to Date: \$28,153.65

Sunday: <u>04-29-18</u>

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

10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: <u>05-01-18</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

7:00 PM Teens for Christ

Sunday: <u>05-06-18</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)

10:45 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

## **Announcements:**

The **Teens for Christ** of youth from area churches meets on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Spencerville Nazarene Church. If you need a ride, call Pastor Tom to carpool.

This week the **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm, no 10 am meeting.

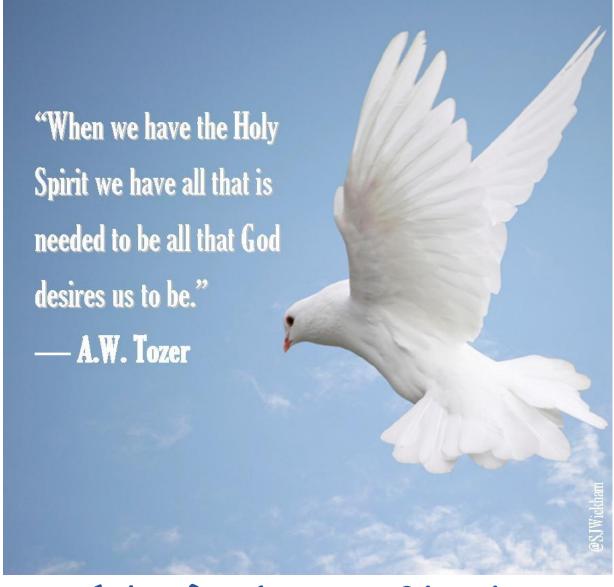
The National Day of Prayer is on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon. Prayers will be given at the Van Wert Courthouse.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the May newsletter. Submit them to <a href="mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc">secretary@salemchurch.cc</a>.

## **Upcoming Birthdays**

29<sup>th</sup>-Jenny Pugh 30<sup>th</sup>-Bob Bolton 30<sup>th</sup>-Ruth Evans May 2<sup>nd</sup>-Audrey Hobbs 3<sup>rd</sup>-Kim Coil 3<sup>rd</sup>-Deb Fair

3<sup>rd</sup>-Eric Pugh 4<sup>th</sup>-Rod Eutsler 4<sup>th</sup>-Heather Matthews



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Mark Davis

Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)

Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)

David Hugh Evans (Pneumonia and Septic infection)

Doris Evans (cancer)

Jim Francis

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Mike Hammons (recovering from a stroke)

Bill Harmon (cancer)

Larry Howell

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Tim Hurbert (cancer in lungs & pancreas-friend of Barb Good)

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Paula Jones (healing from fall)

Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)

Carol Lee

Bob Louth

Becky Martz (health problems)

Marian Morris

Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)

Kim Owens

Dorothea Plikerd

Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)

Brent Price (recovering from heart surgery)

Joyce Profit

Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)

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Bobbie Spyres

Suzie Thompson

Natalie Wilkins (92 years old and failing in health)

Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)

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#### TEACHING POINTS

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Second. The Holy spirit will communicate God's truth through you.

Third. The Holy Spirit enables you to make a life-changing commitment to God.

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