Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, May 20, 2018, Day of Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh
The flowers are given in honor of all mothers by Marylin Foust

Prelude Lighting the Candles Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 1 479

*<u>Hymn</u>: Wonderful Words of Life 234

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Too often, Lord God, we are hesitant in our proclamation; seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith. Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism. Too often, Lord God, we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources; relying on our perceived skills and modest insights. Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith, and open wide our hearts and minds to the presence of our Risen Jesus Christ. 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	Penpark	Welsh Hymnal, 26
Scripture Readings	John 17:6-19 *Acts 1:12-26 1 John 5:9-13	985 991 1112

Time for Children

Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God 18

Sermon: "Faith Demands Decision" 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: Diadem Welsh Hymnal, 13

*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.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$1,927.00 Needed to Date: \$36,613.00 Rec'd 05-13-18: \$1,139.30 Rec'd to Date: \$34,246.25

Sunday: <u>05-20-18</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)

Communion & Pentecost Offering

10:45 AM Sunday School 1:30 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday: <u>05-22-18</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday: <u>05-23-18</u>

noon Senior Luncheon

Sunday: <u>05-27-18</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)

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Announcements:

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

This month's Session meeting is scheduled for 1:30 this afternoon.

The congregation is invited to celebrate **Madison Pugh's** upcoming graduation. The celebration will be held on Sunday, May 27, from 6-9 pm at the Venedocia Lions Club.

Please check the **Visitation/Emergency Call List** at the back of the church to verify we have the right phone number and indicate if you are able to receive text messages.

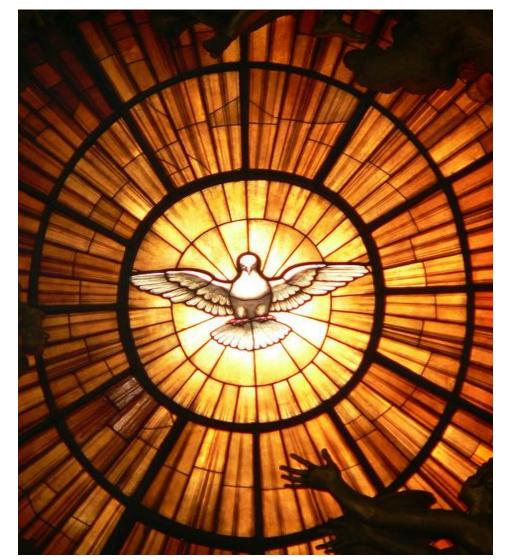
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the May newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

22nd-Dawson Kimmet 23rd-Carolyn Girod 25th-Taylor Hoehn

Upcoming Anniversaries

20th-Mark & Missy Zielke



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