Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, July 1, 2018, 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude Lighting the Candles Welcome & Prayer

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>		
* <u>Hymn</u> :	My Country, Tis of Thee	529
Call to Worship	Psalm 130	562

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Out of the depths of despair, we cry to You, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in Your steadfast love. We ask these things in Jesus' Name. (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>e Church</u>		
Prayer Response	The Lord's Prayer		
Scripture Readings	*2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Mark 5:21-43 2 Corinthians 8:7-15	272 915 1055	

Time for Children

<u>Hymn</u> :	God of Our Fathers	532
Sermon:	"How the mIghty Have Fallen"	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

 * Hymn:
 Deemster
 Welsh Hymnal, 29

 * Taking the Light into the World

 * Charge and Benediction
 * Congregational Response
 Three Fold Amen

 * Those who are able are invited to stand.
 Inside Back Cover

 * Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$1,927.00	Needed to Date:	\$48,175.00
Rec'd 06-24-18:	\$1,013.30	Rec'd to Date:	\$47,173.30

Sunday:

9:30 AM

5:00 PM

07-01-18 Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)

Sunday: 9:30 AM <u>07-08-18</u> Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke) Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The **Salem Camp Clay** youth swim event is July 26 all day. Let Pastor Tom or Liz know how many passes you will need.

Let's give **Brent Price a birthday card shower**. His birthday is on July 26th and his address is PO Box 645 Venedocia, OH 45894.

The upcoming **Vacation Bible School** event is now on Tuesday, July 31 and Wednesday the 1st 9:30-11:30 AM.

The next **Communion** is August 5th.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

1st-Gloria Leiter 2nd-Lynette Lloyd 6th-Herman Wienken 1st-Owen Pugh 6th-Charles Boroff

Upcoming Anniversaries

1st-Jack & Gwenda Blackmore

4th-Toby & Elizabeth Adkins



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TEACHING POINTS

FIRST - *Rebellion against the Lord will culminate in humiliating defeat, but the death of the Lord's fallen servants is to be grieved, not celebrated.*

SECOND - David's eulogy is full of grace, because he is filled with the grace of God.

THIRD - David's mourning of his fallen tormentor was also a way of taking responsibility for his own life.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

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