



**Sunday:** 08-19-18  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with ?)  
10:45 AM Session

**Wednesday:** 08-26-18  
6:30 PM Worship (nursery with ?)

**Sunday:** 09-2-18  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with ?)

**Announcements:**

Upcoming event is the **Gymanfa Ganu** on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mark your calendars! A light meal is served at 5 pm; music begins at 7 pm.

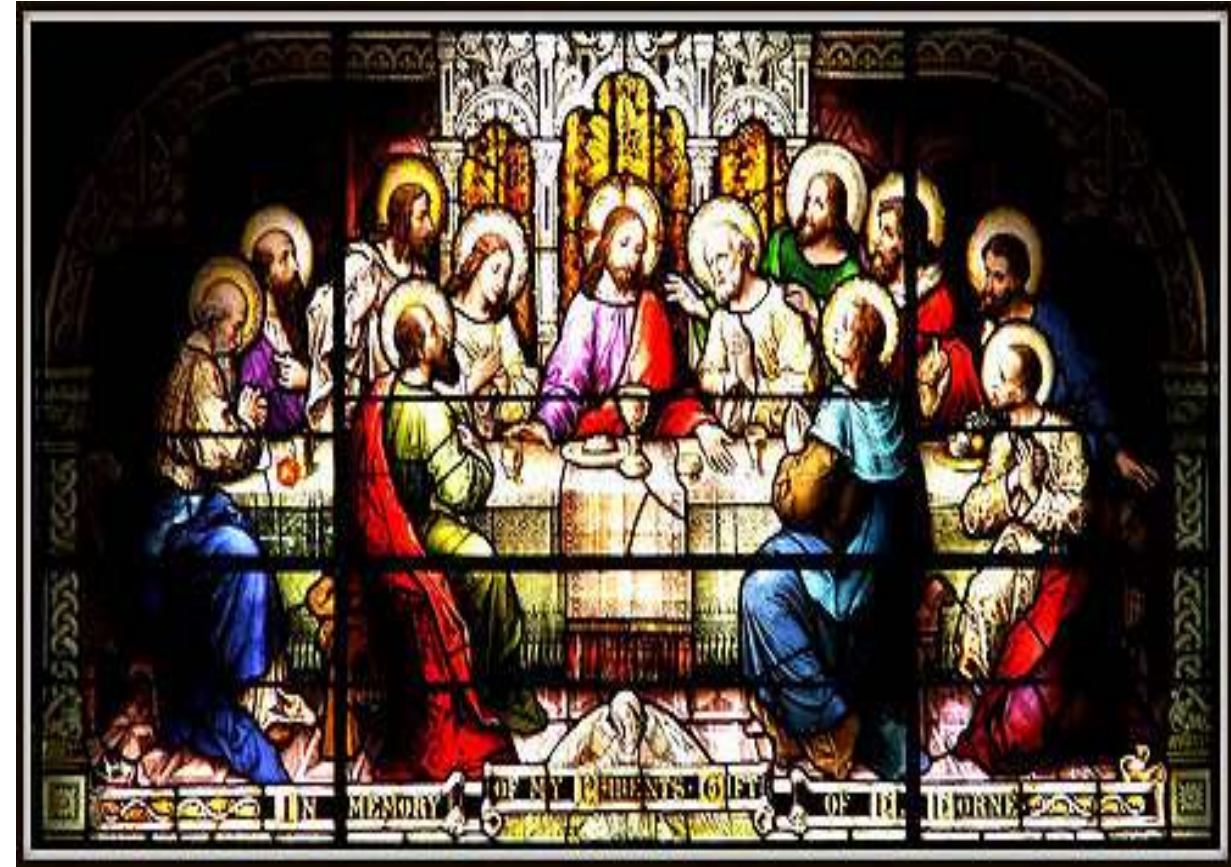
September 9, 7 PM **Countywide Prayer Meeting** at Salem with reception following.

September 19, **Drive Your Tractor to Church, Blessings of the Tractors** with potluck meal following.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the September newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

**Upcoming Anniversaries**



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Peggy Burnett  
Mark Davis  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
David Hugh Evans  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Brenda Foust (serious stomach problems)  
Jim Francis  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Bill Harmon (cancer)  
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)  
Bob Hundley (cancer)  
Lori Hunter (amputation)  
Tim Hurbert (cancer in lungs & pancreas-friend of Barb Good)  
Jan Jones (health Issues)  
Paula Jones (healing from fall)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)  
Barbara Lewis (heart attack, friends of Evelyn Martz)  
Iris Linton (newborn hospitalized with blocked bowel)  
Linda Lissey (cancer)  
Jim Lloyd (healing from leg surgery)  
Mary Ellen Lloyd  
Bob Louth  
Becky Martz (health problems)  
Sarah Miller (health issues)  
Marian Morris  
Kim Owens  
Dorothea Plikerd  
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)  
Brent Price (recovering from heart attack)  
Joyce Profit  
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)  
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)  
Bobbie Spyres  
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)  
Noah Wyatt (Shoulder surgery)

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Rev. Thomas Emery  
“Obey God for Our Own Good” 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Salem Presbyterian Church  
August 19, 2018

Nathan confronted David’s sin by the telling a story that David could relate. It was a simple story, as far as it goes, of two men one rich and one poor, and their flocks. The rich man had many flocks and herds, but the poor man had but one ewe. The little ewe had grown up with his children, eating at his table, as the family pet. Hungry guests come to see the rich man and, though he had large number of sheep to choose from, he instead goes and takes the poor man’s pet lamb. Upon hearing this, King David, the son of a shepherd, and once a shepherd boy himself—thought even now to be God’s shepherd for the people—rages against this rich man and declares with the full weight of the throne: “*This man deserves death for what he’s done!*” At which Nathan says to him: “*You are the man.*”

#### TEACHING POINTS

FIRST POINT – Power often has contempt for truth, because truth is the great challenge to power.

SECOND POINT – Celebration and confession can only honestly happen in “Christian community.”

THIRD POINT – God gives second chances. When we are made whole with God, we meet life with a clean heart and right spirit knowing that we handle any obstacles in life with our loving God.

#### THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

*Then Nathan said to David, “You are that man” (2 Samuel 12:7a NLT)!*

#### ACTION POINT

We live in a culture of self-protection, which is the opposite of confession. Psalms 51 and 32 are indications of how well David learned the lessons about the horrific nature of sin, responsibility, and the need for and the possibility of repentance and forgiveness. Wholeness is found in letting go of falsehoods to be made whole again. It allows us to reconcile and to atone, that we become “at one” again, with ourselves, with God, and with our neighbor. For David, the consequences would come as they must with death of the baby, family intrigue, murders, a palace coup d’eta by his son, and setting a poor model for the future generations. But he would meet them with a clean heart, with a new and loyal spirit for God, knowing the God who had brought him this far would continue to be there with him through it all. And thank God, the same is true for us.