

Sunday: 08-26-18
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)

Sunday: 09-02-18
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)
Peace Offering
4 to 6 PM Light meal served prior to Gymanfa Ganu
7:00 PM Gymanfa Ganu

Sunday: 09-09-18
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)
Peace Offering
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting
7:00 PM Countywide Prayer Meeting

Announcements:

Upcoming event is the **Gymanfa Ganu** on Sunday, September 2nd. 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 16, **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.

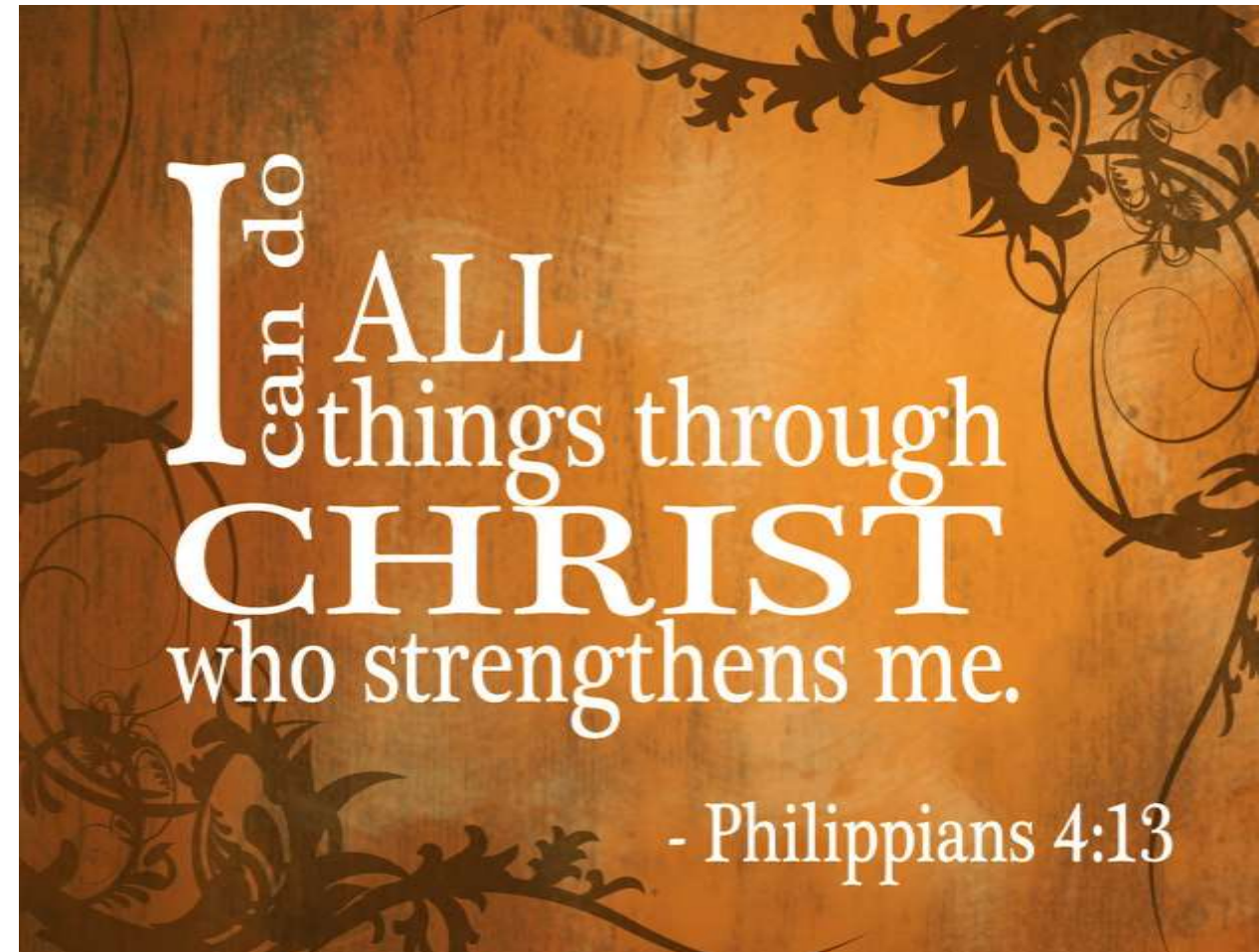
Upcoming Birthdays

27th-Barb Owens
Sept 1st-Elizabeth Adkins
3rd-Pete McCollow
4th-Katie McClure

30th-Kelly Lloyd
1st-Kim Ebel
4th-Claudia LeValley

Upcoming Anniversaries

27th-Tom & Carol Emery



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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)
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Mary Ellen Lloyd
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THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

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