

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh



Prelude
Lighting the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 19 488

*Hymn: Aberystwyth *Welsh Hymnal*, 17

Prayer of Confession: Wisdom cries in the streets, but we do not listen or understand. The words of Your law are spoken, but we rarely pay heed or obey. You call us to declare who Jesus is, but we can't seem to get the right words out. We want so much to be a people who are faithful to Your Word and led by Your guidance, but we are so easily distracted by the sounds of too many voices. Forgive us when we do not hear Your wisdom in all the ways You speak to us. Forgive us when we do not even try to truly understand what it means to be Your disciples. Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life, that we may truly live. We ask these things in Jesus' Name. 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

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Special Music Sheila Collins & David Van Tilburg

Scripture Readings	*Proverbs 1:20-33	573
	Mark 8:27-38	919
	James 3:1-12	1101

Time for Children

*Hymn: God Will Take Care of You 297

Sermon "Seeking Wisdom" 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: Be Thou My Vision 334

*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: \$69,372.00
Rec'd 09-09-18:	\$1,625.09	Rec'd to Date: \$64,285.25

Sunday: 09-16-18
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)
Blessing of the Tractors
11:00 AM Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday: 09-19-18
7:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting

Sunday: 09-23-18
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
12:00 PM Session Meeting

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** will resume October 2, at 7 PM. We will be going through the book of Matthew. All are welcome.

The **Session Meeting** will be held at noon on Sunday, the 23rd.

The **Senior Luncheon** begins again on Wednesday, September 26th.

The family of **David Hugh Evans** wants to extend a thank you to friends and well wishers at the funeral and a thank you to those who helped with the funeral and the meal afterward.

Thanks to all those who volunteered their time to usher at the Van Wert County Fair Grandstand events. Our total hours rendered our congregations \$600.00. We hope this may be another opportunity at next year's fair.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

18th-Jayne Morris

18th-Morgan Pugh

20th-Megan Jones



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Doris Evans (cancer)
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)
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