



**Sunday:** 12-2-18  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)  
10:45 AM Christmas Joy Offering  
7:00 PM Advent breakfast  
Van Wert County Advent Service

**Tuesday:** 12-4-18  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday** 12-5-18  
Noon Senior Luncheon

**Sunday:** 12-9-18  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh*)  
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School  
4:30 PM Trustee Meeting  
5:30 PM Caroling  
7:00 PM Manse Party

**Announcements:**

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, December 4, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

The **Van Wert County Advent Service** is tonight at Trinity Friends Church at 7:00 PM.

The **Salem Youth Christmas Program** is on December 16.

If you would like to donate \$5 to **decorate the church with poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd

Our church is collecting **packets of gravy** for the Salvation Army Christmas baskets. Our goal is 400 to 500 packages.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

5th-Dave Owens                      8th-Paige McClure                      9th-Jason Lloyd

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

16th-Kent & Heather McClure



*Salem Presbyterian Church*

Venedocia, Ohio | December 2, 2018

P.O. Box 678, Venedocia, OH 45894 | 419-667-4142  
[www.SalemChurch.cc](http://www.SalemChurch.cc) | [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc)

**Prayer Concerns:**

Kylee Ball (surgery)  
Peggy Burnett  
Jim Davis (cancer)  
Mark Davis  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)  
Judy Foust  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Bill Harmon (cancer)  
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)  
Bob Hundley (cancer)  
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, friend of Evelyn Martz)  
Linda Lissey (cancer)  
Larry Lloyd  
Bob Louth  
Becky Martz (health problems)  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Sarah Miller (health issues)  
Gwen Montez (Vertebrae & internal surgery)  
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)  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)  
Shelly (vertigo)  
Bobbie Spyres  
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)  
Noah Wyatt (brain surgery)

**Serving our Country:**

Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)  
Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)  
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

**Prayer Concerns:**

Kylee Ball (surgery)  
Peggy Burnett  
Jim Davis (cancer)  
Mark Davis  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)  
Judy Foust  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Bill Harmon (cancer)  
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)  
Bob Hundley (cancer)  
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, friend of Evelyn Martz)  
Linda Lissey (cancer)  
Larry Lloyd  
Bob Louth  
Becky Martz (health problems)  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Sarah Miller (health issues)  
Gwen Montez (Vertebrae & internal surgery)  
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)  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)  
Shelly (vertigo)  
Bobbie Spyres  
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)  
Noah Wyatt (brain surgery)

**Serving our Country:**

Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)  
Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)  
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

Rev. Thomas Emery  
“The Coming Gift from God” Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Salem Presbyterian Church  
December 2, 2018

Through Jeremiah, God speaks a prophetic word of promise and hope to the people of Judah as well as to us. Jeremiah has already announced a new covenant to be written on our hearts instead of on stone tablets. The people of Judah have lost almost everything — families separated, land plundered, homes taken, livelihood destroyed, temple plundered, and king gone. They are suffering under an oppressive system of exile in a foreign country. Then, like the first hints of a dawn, Jeremiah's words warm the hearts of his listeners and give them vivid hope that they will return home. King David's lineage is to be restored and the land repaired. Jeremiah promises that those days are surely coming.

### TEACHING POINTS

*POINT ONE* - **God always fulfills His promises.**

*POINT TWO* – **God prophesied the coming of the Messiah.**

*POINT THREE* – **We need to spread the excitement.**

### THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

*“In those days and at that time I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line. He will do what is just and right throughout the land” (Jeremiah 33:15 NLT).*

### ACTION POINT

The Israelites are the family tree of Jesus. This "family tree" that God planted and raised was chopped back to a stump. But repeatedly, like a new branch from the stump, God restored it to life. This is our story, too, of how we are at times our own worst enemies. It is the story of how God chooses to bring life once again even to those who take too much pleasure in chopping life down. This Advent season, as we prepare for the birth of a Savior, we await the event Jeremiah and the people of Judah awaited with hope. We also prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's "Second Advent." The season of Advent is not just to prepare us for Christmas. It is to prepare us for a more than abundant eternity.

Rev. Thomas Emery  
“The Coming Gift from God” Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Salem Presbyterian Church  
December 2, 2018

Through Jeremiah, God speaks a prophetic word of promise and hope to the people of Judah as well as to us. Jeremiah has already announced a new covenant to be written on our hearts instead of on stone tablets. The people of Judah have lost almost everything — families separated, land plundered, homes taken, livelihood destroyed, temple plundered, and king gone. They are suffering under an oppressive system of exile in a foreign country. Then, like the first hints of a dawn, Jeremiah's words warm the hearts of his listeners and give them vivid hope that they will return home. King David's lineage is to be restored and the land repaired. Jeremiah promises that those days are surely coming.

### TEACHING POINTS

*POINT ONE* - **God always fulfills His promises.**

*POINT TWO* – **God prophesied the coming of the Messiah.**

*POINT THREE* – **We need to spread the excitement.**

### THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE

*“In those days and at that time I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line. He will do what is just and right throughout the land” (Jeremiah 33:15 NLT).*

### ACTION POINT

The Israelites are the family tree of Jesus. This "family tree" that God planted and raised was chopped back to a stump. But repeatedly, like a new branch from the stump, God restored it to life. This is our story, too, of how we are at times our own worst enemies. It is the story of how God chooses to bring life once again even to those who take too much pleasure in chopping life down. This Advent season, as we prepare for the birth of a Savior, we await the event Jeremiah and the people of Judah awaited with hope. We also prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's "Second Advent." The season of Advent is not just to prepare us for Christmas. It is to prepare us for a more than abundant eternity.