Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, Sept 20th, 2020, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Connie O'Neill

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Marylin Foust

Prelude Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	544
* <u>Hymn</u> :	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	354

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: It seems we cannot decide, O God. We say we will live to serve others but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take Him to work, school, home. We believe that the Gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it - not us). Forgive us. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the Kingdom of God to everyone we meet. We pray in the Name of the Christ who died so that we might fully live. Amen. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).

Assurance of Pardon

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Prayer Response	The Lord's Prayer		Needed V
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Scripture Readings	s *Exodus 16:2-15	62	
	Matthew 20:1-16	897	
	Philippians 1:21-30	1069	
Time for Children			
* <u>Hymn</u> :	Have Thine Own Way, Lord!	388	
Sermon:	"God Provides All Things" 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 re * <u>Response</u>	eceive our tithes and offerings Praise God	Inside Front Cover
*Prayer of Dedication		
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*Taking the Light into th *Charge and Benedict *Congregational Resp	tion	Inside Back Cover
*Those who are able a	re invited to stand.	****

Needed Weekly:	\$1,988.78	Needed to Date:	\$73,584.80
Rec'd 09-13-20:	\$1,726.28	Rec'd to Date:	\$75,906.80

Sund	ay:
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9:30 AM

<u>09-20-20</u>

Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans) Blessing of the Harvest immediately after the service

Tuesday: 7:00 PM 09-22-20 Women's Bible Study

Sunday:

9:30 AM 10:45 AM

<u>9-27-20</u>

Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh) Session Meeting

Announcements:

We ask that you wear a mask until you are seated with a six-foot separation and every other row social distancing. You may remove the mask to sing when in your seating. Our offering plates are at the back doors. Please help yourself there to a facemask or sanitizer. Feel free to use the pew Bibles and hymnals; after the service, leave them open on the pews to be sanitized in the open air over four days.

The **Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday** and the **Blessing of the Harvest** is today after the service. Because of the Coronavirus, there will be no meal this year. We will re-sing verse one of "For the Fruit of All Creation" as we gather on the front porch steps.

The **Worldwide Communion** is October 1st; the special offering will be taken for a local charity.

Next Saturday is **Marian Morris'** birthday. It would mean a lot to her if you send a card to her at: Hearth and Home, 1118 Westwood Dr., Van Wert, Ohio, 45891.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

20th-Megan Jones 26th-Cindy Davis 23rd-April Ellerbrock 26th-Marian Morris 25th-Darlene Jones 27th-Lisa Lloyd

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Upcoming Anniversaries 28th-Eric & Jen Pugh

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TEACHING POINTS

First. God is our daily provider.

Second. We confuse wants with need and greed takes over.

Third. We cannot live by bread alone.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

Our Creator God provides for our life. He may save us with quail or manna. But these are still minor gifts. The greatest gift is God himself. The One who chooses not to abandon us but to accompany us all the days of our lives. He has come to teach us to pray to the One who alone is the source and giver of "our daily bread." He has come to offer us forgiveness and life, and God speaks through His Word and gifts and says, "take and eat, this is my body given for you for the forgiveness of sin." Yes, God provides. He presents us with signs along the way until we are finally with Him who is the Way - the Way through all the entanglements of this world's wilderness. He is the Way. He is the Provider. Why not follow Him?

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