



**Sunday:** 09-27-20  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh)  
10:40 AM Session meeting immediately after the service

**Tuesday:** 09-29-20  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Sunday:** 10-4-20  
9:30 AM Worship and Communion (nursery with Liz Hobbs)  
10:45 AM Sunday school

**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 **Worldwide Communion** is October 4th; the special offering will be taken for a local charity.

The details of the October 4<sup>th</sup>, Gomer virtual Gymanfa are to log onto [Gomercc.org](http://Gomercc.org). On this page, click the highlighted link "YouTubechannel" where you will select the video: 2020 Gymanfa Ganu. It will be available for viewing at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

27<sup>th</sup> Lisa Lloyd      29<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Beck      30<sup>th</sup> Jack Blackmore  
Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Kory Mullenhour      8<sup>th</sup> Bob McCollow

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

28<sup>th</sup> Eric & Jen Pugh      Oct 2 Kevin & Heather Matthews



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Connie Bassett (breast cancer)  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Cathy Donnal (health issues)  
Catie Emery (nightmares)  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Jerry Holscher  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Carson Kundert  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
John Lloyd  
Donald Martin  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Marian Morris  
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)  
Ione Owens  
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Mary Rigdon  
David Ringwald (recovering from burns)  
Roselawn Manor (all residents) and all local nursing homes  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
Doug Smith (Jen Pugh's father)  
Mary Strayer (cancer)  
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### TEACHING POINTS

*First. Realize that there is one God to be accountable in your spiritual journey, not many “gods” to pay lip service.*

*Second. God is always with us, and life goes easier when we realize this.*

*Third. Our souls are thirsty for a relationship with God, and nothing satisfies us in this world like intimately knowing God.*

### THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

*“I will stand before you on the rock at Mount Sinai. Strike the rock, and water will come gushing out. Then the people will be able to drink.” So Moses struck the rock as he was told, and water gushed out as the elders looked on (Exodus 17:6 NLT).*

### ACTION POINT

For a while, it may appear that we are in control, and nothing can go wrong for us. In such experiences, we question whether we need God. But during a crisis, we ask *“If God is with us.”* We ask the question because the trials, tests, and wildernesses of life force us to deal with the awareness that we ultimately are not in charge of our lives, and we are at a loss knowing what to do. We can insist that we can handle it ourselves, and in our frustration, our confusion, and our wilderness claim, that there is no way out. Or, in faith, we can acknowledge our need, and believe there is a loving God who is able to help. *"Behold I will stand before you,"* God said to Moses. *"Water will come..."* The people were refreshed. Why not acknowledge that God is in control of all things, and submit your life and will over to God?

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