Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, May 16, 2021, 7th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Joyce Morris
The flowers are given to the glory of God by Marylin Foust

Prelude Lighting the Candles Welcome & Prayer

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 1 479

*<u>Hymn</u>: Wonderful Words of Life 234

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Too often, Lord God, we are hesitant in our proclamation of the Gospel, and we seek safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith. Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism. Too often, Lord God, we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources, relying on our perceived skills and modest insights. Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith, and open wide our hearts and minds to the presence of our Risen Jesus Christ. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. 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

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Scripture Readings	John 17:6-19	985
	*Acts 1:12-26	991
	1 John 5:9-13	1112

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God 18

Sermon: "How to Make Godly Decisions" 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

*<u>Hymn:</u> Diadem Welsh Hymnal, 13

*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.

<u>Financial Update of Minimum Budget Needs</u>:

Needed Weekly: \$2,108.38 Needed to Date: \$40,059.25 Rec'd 2021-05-09: \$2,132.00 Rec'd to Date: \$50,996.94 Sunday: <u>05-16-21</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkin)

Pentecost Offering [Channel 44:1]

10:45 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: <u>05-18-21</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study at Pamela Beamer's house, address is

650 Golden Oaks Dr, #27 in Van Wert

Sunday: <u>05-23-21</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell)

Communion

Tuesday: <u>05-25-21</u>

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: <u>05-30-21</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)

Veterans' recognition in church service

Monday: <u>05-31-21</u>

11:00 AM Memorial Service in Memorial Park

Announcements:

This week the **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm.

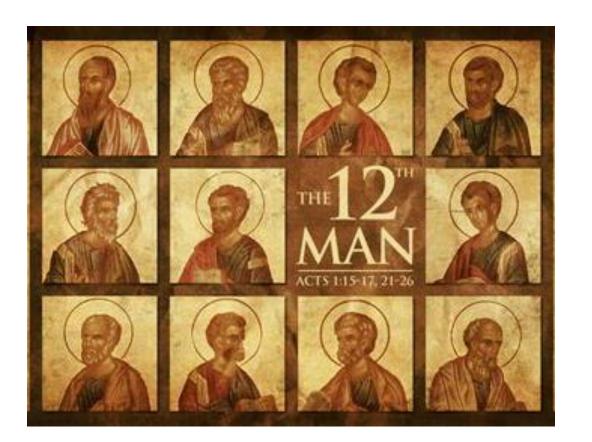
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the June newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

16th Chance Mosier17th Mary Jane Haines17th Delayna Profit17th Stacia Profit18th Ione Owens19th Holden Price22nd Dawson Kimmet23rd Carolyn Girod25th Taylor Hoehn

<u>Upcoming Anniversaries</u>

19th Bart & Rosemary Strick 20th Mark & Missy Zielke



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Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)

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Dale Kiesza (leg operation)

Ann King (cancer)

Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)

LuAnn (family issues)

John & Mary Ellen Lloyd

Donald Martin

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