Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, July 4, 2021, 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: Connie O'Neill

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rex & Lisa Lloyd

Prelude

Lighting the Candles Welcome & Prayer

<u>Pledge of Allegiances to the Christian and American Flags</u>

*<u>Hymn</u>: My Country, 'Tis of Thee 529

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 48 507

Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, we hear You calling. You have shown us hope and You offer us courage. We come to You as people who long to walk Your pathways of grace and love. But many times, God, we get discouraged by our living. We are afraid of the difficult experiences; we despair at challenges that are given to us. The roads we walk, find us weary sometimes, and we let hopelessness get the best of us. Care for us on our journey, God. Help us to know that Your love is always there, sustaining us, and surrounding us with care. Take our road-weary lives and transform us to be Your new people, shining in the darkness. We ask these things in Jesus' Name. (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

<u>Prayer Response</u>	The Lord's Prayer	
Scripture Readings	*2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Mark 6:1-13	276 915
	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	1057

Time for Children

Hymn: God of Our Fathers 532

Sermon: "Where God Will Rein" 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 Prayer of Dedication

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

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*<u>Hymn</u>: Cwm Rhondda Welsh Hymnal, 40

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,108.38 Needed to Date: \$54,817.92 Rec'd 06-27-21: \$1,607.50 Rec'd to Date: \$66,413.56 Sunday: <u>07-04-21</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)

Sunday: <u>07-11-21</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)

5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Sunday: <u>07-18-21</u>

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)

10:45 PM Session Meeting

Summer Announcements:

The congregation is invited to celebrate **Dominic Adkins** upcoming graduation. The graduation celebration will be held **Sunday**, **July 4th**, **from 3-9 PM** at his home at 15584 Ohio City-Venedocia Road.

First United Methodist Church is hosting through July the **on-going Van Wert County-Wide Prayer Meeting**. The next meeting is at **noon**, **Thursday**, **July 8th** at 113 West Central Ave., Van Wert, Ohio.

Celebrating Marjorie Eutsler's 90th birthday on July 18 from 1 to 4 pm at the Lincolnview Community Building. Please join us for appetizers, cake, and ice cream (no gifts please). If you would like to mail a card, her address is: 15044 Main St, Venedocia, OH 45894

Vacation Bible School is July 27-28th, 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

Marian Morris new address is Homestead at Towne Center, 240 Towne Center Blvd., Rm #210, Van Wert, OH 45891

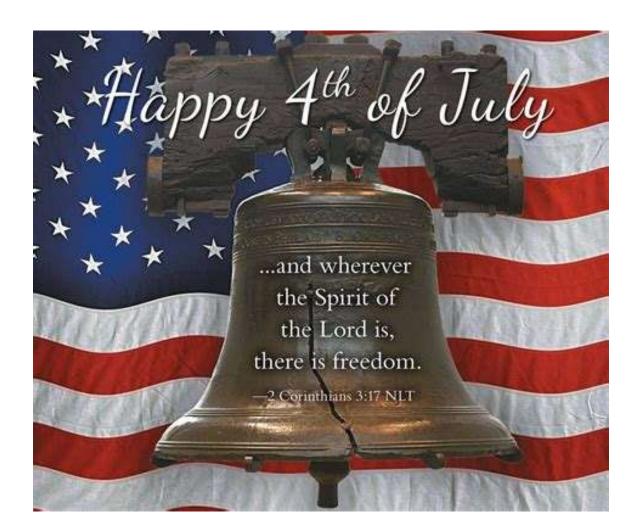
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the July newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

6th Charles Boroff 10th Tuzz Hobbs 10th Mark Zielke 12th Kristen Dunlap 13th Corey McCollow 15th Barb Good

Upcoming Anniversaries

4th Toby & Elizabeth Adkins 15th Tuzz & Liz Hobbs 15th Peter & Morgan McCollow



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Kathy Comer

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TEACHING POINTS

FIRST - What the people of ancient Israel missed is that while God was in the midst of the city, God called them to trust not a place but a presence.

SECOND - When God calls us to be shepherds to the world, God calls us to care for people so that they "shall not want" by knowing Christ.

THIRD - Though God's Kingdom has not fully come yet, the way we live as Kingdom people today is by inviting God to live within us.

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