



**Sunday:** 9:30 AM  
09-05-21  
Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)  
Honoring Gymanfa Ganu at the morning service  
and rededicating our organ's 50 year anniversary

**Thursday:** Noon  
09-09-21  
Van Wert County Prayer Meeting

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM  
10:45 AM  
5:00 PM  
09-12-21  
Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)  
Session Meeting  
Trustee Meeting

**Announcements:**

The **2021 Gymanfa Ganu** is cancelled. There is a special service today to honor our Gymanfa Ganu tradition and rededicating our organ's 50 year anniversary.

**Pentecostal Way Church** is hosting this month's **Van Wert County-Wide Prayer Meeting** at **noon each Thursday** at 1213 Leeson Avenue, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

The **Women's Bible Study** will resume on September 14 at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

The **2021 Drive Your Tractor to Church / Blessing of the Harvest** is on **September 19** with a potluck lunch. The sign-up sheet is on the back table.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

11 <sup>th</sup> Landon Price	12 <sup>th</sup> Jackson Dunlap	18 <sup>th</sup> Jane Morris
18 <sup>th</sup> Morgan McConnell	18 <sup>th</sup> Tyler McConnell	19 <sup>th</sup> Gianna Richards

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

8 <sup>th</sup> Paul & Doris Price	11 <sup>th</sup> Doug & Jan Jones
15 <sup>th</sup> Bob & Denise Pugh	28 <sup>th</sup> Eric & Jen Pugh



# Salem Presbyterian Church

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Rick Army  
Kaitie Adams (recovering from surgery)  
Matt Blackmore  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair (cancer)  
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Brett Hammons  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Jerry Holscher  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Ann King (cancer)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Byron Mohr  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Marian Morris  
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)  
Steve Peters (surgery & recovery)  
Paul & Doris Price  
Greg Richards  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Reddington Rothgeb (leukemia)  
Shalia Schomaeker  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
Stacy Smith (Covid)  
Betty Tennant  
Harold & Rosa Wollenhaupt  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

**Serving Our Country**

Gyer Blackmore (U.S. Army)  
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### TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE - God was never interested only in the Jewish people.

POINT TWO - Who are my brothers and sisters?

POINT THREE – God’s love is available to all of us.

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And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone (*Mark 7:30 NLT*).

### ACTION POINT

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