

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 12, 2021, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh
 Flowers are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Foust
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Prelude
 Lighting the Candles
 Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 19 488

 *Hymn: Aberystwyth *Welsh Hymnal, 17*

Prayer of Confession: Wisdom cries in the streets, but we do not listen or understand. **The words of Your law are spoken, but we rarely pay heed or obey.** You call us to declare who Jesus is, but we can't seem to get the right words out. **We want so much to be a people who are faithful to Your Word and led by Your guidance, but we are so easily distracted by the sounds of too many voices.** Forgive us when we do not hear Your wisdom in all the ways You speak to us. **Forgive us when we do not even try to truly understand what it means to be Your disciples.** Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life, that we may truly live. **We ask these things in Jesus' Name. 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 **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings *Proverbs 1:20-33 573
 Mark 8:27-38 919
 James 3:1-12 1101

Time for Children

*Hymn: God Will Take Care of You 297

Sermon "Seek the Wisdom of God" 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
 *Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: Be Thou My Vision 334

*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.*

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Financial Update:
 Needed Weekly: \$2,108.38 Needed to Date: \$75,901.74
 Rec'd 09-05-21: \$1,262.00 Rec'd to Date: \$88,267.06

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

Tuesday: 09-14-21
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 09-16-21
Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting

Sunday: 09-19-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)
Guest speaker

Announcements:

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 26** with a potluck lunch. The sign-up sheet is on the back table. The date has changed

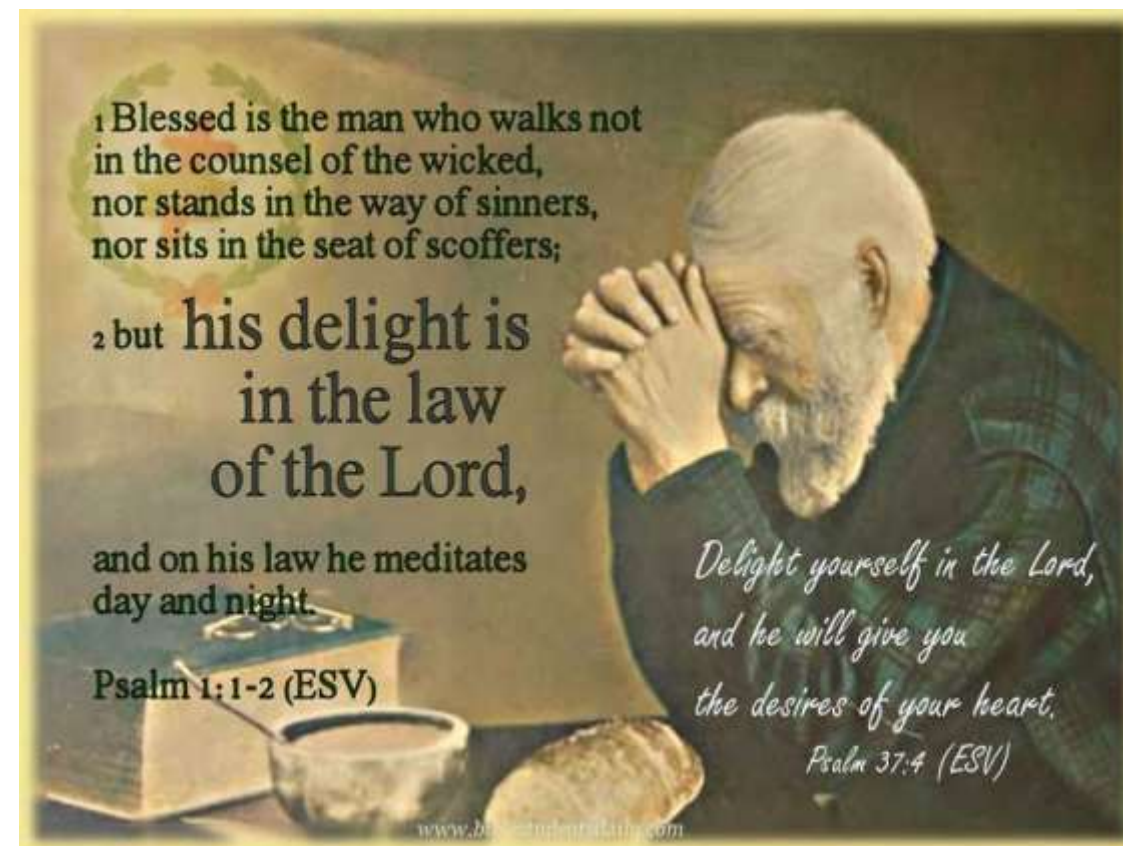
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc

Upcoming Birthdays

12 th Jackson Dunlap	18 th Jane Morris	18 th Morgan McConnell
18 th Tyler McConnell	19 th Gianna Richards	20 th Megan Jones
23 rd April Ellerbrock	26 th Cindy Barnes	26 th Marian Morris

Upcoming Anniversaries

15 th Bob & Denise Pugh	28 th Eric & Jen Pugh
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Matt Blackmore
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Kathy Comer
Marjorie Eutsler
Deb Fair (cancer)
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Pastor Tom Emery
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)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – Get real in life.

POINT TWO – Strive to be godly in life.

POINT THREE – Seek the Kingdom of God on all six cylinders.

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ACTION POINT

Proverbs is right that saving a good name is a central thing to life. It is essential in business, it is crucial to society, it is necessary at home, and in a family. When we lose our reputation, we have lost our trustworthiness. Sometimes it cannot be replaced. Having a good name is not just having a good name. It is a matter of the inner matching the outer — and it is also a matter of the discipline of grooming and training our internal life to be good. Very few of us take the time to prepare. We go with the tide instead of the inner work of making our inner thoughts the same as our presentation of ourselves to others. God wants us to stop being “whitewashed tombs (nice on the outside but rotting inside).” Why not seek Wisdom and be who God wants you to be?

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