Salem Presbyterian Church 10th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 14, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Pianist: Cindy Bowsher Flowers are given to the glory of God by Gloria Leiter

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18** 529

*Hymn Welsh Hymnal, 17

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find the solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see You as our center, and to cling to the good that You create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, our betrayals and lies, and all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness that we will bear His love and truth to the world. In Jesus' Name we pray, 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

<u>Prayer Response</u> The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 5:1-7* p. 621 [c.f. Matthew 21:33-41,43 p.

899, both to be read in sermon]

Luke 12:49-56 950 **Hebrews 11:29-12:2** 1097

Time for Children

*<u>Hymn</u> **Rachie** *Welsh Hymnal,* 1

Sermon "America in the Bible" 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.

*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*<u>Hymn</u> **Sanctus** *Welsh Hymnal,* 30

*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.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,1	26.78	Needed to Date:	\$68,056.83
Rec'd 08-07-2022: \$1,1	78.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$75,980.54

Sunday: <u>08-14-2022 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost</u>

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

10:45 AM Session Meeting 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: <u>08-16-2022</u>

7:30 AM Men's Bible study in the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria

led by the Gideons.

Thursday: <u>08-18-2022</u>

Noon Van Wert County noon Prayer Meeting at the Trinity

Friends in Van Wert.

Sunday: <u>08-21-2022 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost</u>

9:30 AM Worship with Gideon speaker Ray Etzler

(nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)

Gideon Offering

Announcements:

Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at noon at the Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert for the month of August.

The 2022 Gymanfa Ganu is on Labor Day Sunday, September 4th. The meal begins at 4:30 PM and the singing begins at 7 PM.

There is a **sign-up sheet** at the back of the church to bring salads/desserts for the light supper served on September 5th for the Gymanfa Ganu.

We welcome **Ray Etzler** on 8/21/22 who will be leading worship as Pastor Tom visits his daughter Christina pursuing her Archaeology degree in Washington University in St. Louis.

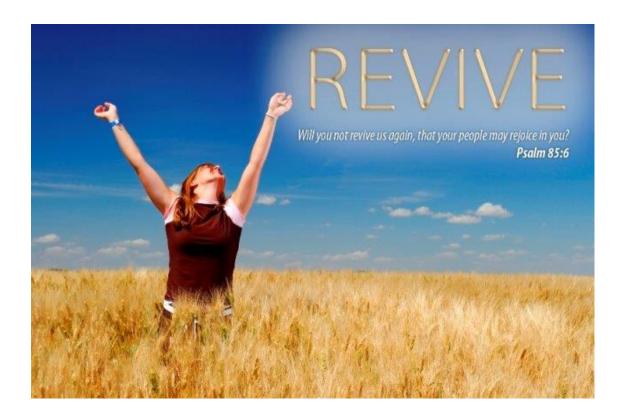
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the upcoming **September newsletter.** Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

19th Melia Richards 20th Austin Kimmet 22nd Jan Jones

Upcoming Anniversaries

17th Kory & Tamara Mullenhour 27th Tom & Carol Emery



Isaiah 5:1-7 c.f. Matthew 21:33-41,43

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Charles Boroff

Dave Burnett

Kathy Comer

Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma) LaDonna's stepdaughter

Pastor Tom Emery (long covid healing)

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