

Salem Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: Dave VanTilburg

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rex & Lisa Lloyd



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Fifth week of Lent Devotional skit

Call to Worship Psalm 130 562

*Hymn The Solid Rock 272

Prayer of Confession: You call us to be Your voice in this world, and we stay silent. **You call us to be Your hands in this world, and we keep them hidden.** You call us to be Your feet in this world, and we go our own way. **When we meet those who are doubting, and say nothing, forgive us.** When we meet those who need Your touch and do nothing, forgive us. **When we are called to take up Your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.** Breathe life into these bones bring freedom to these lives, that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that You are our Lord and our God. **In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.** *(Take a moment of silent 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 John 11:1-45 978

Romans 8:6-11 1029

Time for Children

Special Music *Come Ye Blessed* Colin Fokine

Scripture Readings *Ezekiel 37:1-14 791

*Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See 163

Sermon "Dry Bones to Life" 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 Ebenezer Welsh 11

*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: \$2,179.63 Needed to Date: \$26,155.57

Rec'd 03-19-2023: \$1,198.00 Rec'd to Date: \$35,456.00

Sunday: **03-26-2023 5th Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Kim Coil*)
10:45 AM Confirmation Class

Tuesday: **03-28-2023**
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study is at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study is in the downstairs at Salem

Thursday: **03-30-2023**
Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at the Pentecostal
Way Church at 1213 Leeson Avenue, in Van Wert.

Sunday: **04-02-2023 Palm Sunday**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Michael & Lindsay Breese*)
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Confirmation Class Installation

Announcements:

The church will be **collecting offerings** from the heart to be given to the **Salvation Army**. There is a monthly need and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month we are collecting a different food. The food for March is pork & beans, April is ramen noodles.

Cindy Barnes is recovering from a liver transplant. Send cards to Cindy Barnes, Ohio State University Hospital, 410 West 10th Ave, Rhodes Hall 972 E, Columbus, OH 43210.

Van Wert County is having a "**Maundy Thursday**" Passover Seder Meal led by Jews for Jesus on April 6. The event is free, but you need to reserve tickets at trinityfriendschurch.com. A countywide **Good Friday meal** on April 7th at 7-8 AM is at the Willow Bend Country Club; tickets are \$10 available at the YMCA front desk (419.238.0443).

The order of service on **Easter Sunday**, April 9, is 8 AM. breakfast, 9:00 AM Flowering of the Cross, and 9:30 AM worship service

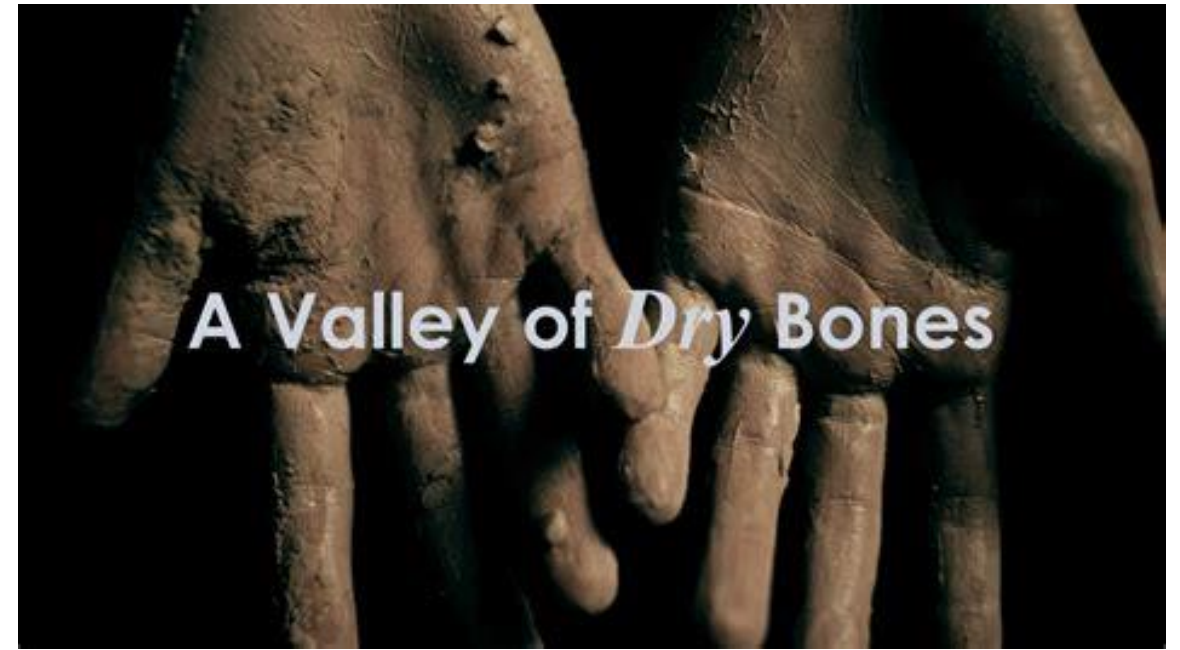
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **April newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

29th Bianca Richards
8th Andy Breese

Apr 2nd Lyndi Forsythe
8th Piper Finn

6th Carol Emery
12th MaKenna Kimmet



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Jason Boyd (limited time to live - terminal cancer)
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Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid healing)
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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – The circumstances of death around us are real.

Point Two – There is hope in a hopeless world.

Point Three – Refocus your thoughts in the right direction.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

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ACTION POINT

Some of us have become dead spiritually, cut off from all awareness of anything beyond ourselves. We are living day to day in what philosophical writers call “*lives of quiet desperation.*” Any thought of a spiritual realm or of anything having to do with God is beyond our comprehension. God promises us that beyond the valley of death in which all peoples will be captive, there is a shining realm of hope that is known as the Kingdom of God. It is where death shall be no more and sorrow and pain have passed away. Further, we can taste that future life as you live today in fellowship with God. As God's kingdom comes, dry bones will live again today, and God will be our all in all, for all eternity.

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