



**Sunday:** 2024-05-12 Mother's Day Celebrated  
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with ???????*)

**Tuesday:** 2024-05-14  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Orchard Tree Restaurant  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Thursday:** 2024-05-09  
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at First United Brethren Church.

**Sunday:** 2024-05-19  
 9:30 AM ?????? worship guest speaker (*nursery with* )

**Announcements:**

On Tuesdays, the **Men's Bible Study** meets at the Orchard Tree Restaurant in Van Wert at 7:30 AM, and the **Women's Bible Study** meets at 7 PM downstairs at Salem. The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at noon at the First United Brethren Church for May.

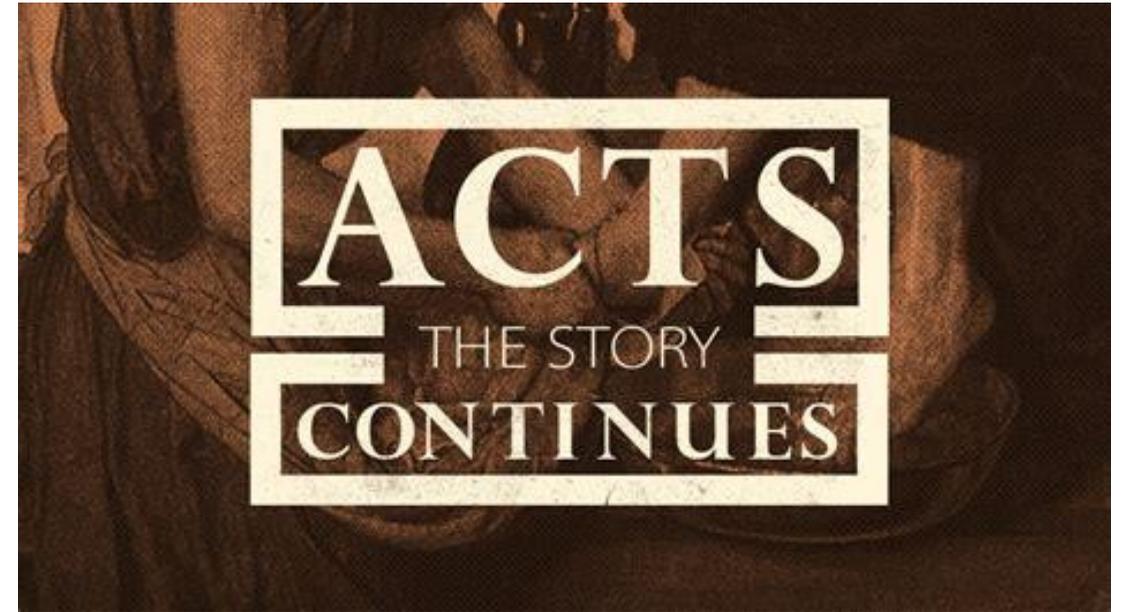
We will soon be recognizing **Salem Graduates**; please let us know of any graduates. The **Memorial Day** observations on May 27<sup>th</sup> will be at 10:30 AM at Horeb Cemetery and at 11:00 AM at Memorial Park.

Salem is collecting offerings from the heart for the **Salvation Army**. There is a monthly need, and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month we collect different food. The food for May is cereal.

For the **June Sounds of Salem Newsletter**, please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

**Upcoming Anniversaries**



**Acts 2:15-17, 21-26**

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Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)  
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Pastor Tom Emery (long Covid healing)  
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