

Sunday, June 29, 2025

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Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian and American Flags

Call to Worship Psalm 30 494

Prayers of the People

Needed Weekly: \$2,345.90	Needed to Date: \$58,647.41
Rec'd 2025-06-22: \$4,258.50	Rec'd to Date: \$63,475.61

Sunday: 06-29-2025 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery
(Nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)

Tuesday: 07-01-2025
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets in the Global Methodist Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets.

Thursday: 07-03-2025
Noon The Van Wert County Prayer meeting is at the Global Methodist Church.

Sunday: 07-06-2025 4th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery
(Nursery with Johnathan & Katie Young)

Announcements:

Thank you to Susan Mays for donating a second coffee maker for the Salem kitchen.

Salem gives **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the food we collect for July is canned fruit.

Please take photos and contribute updates, recipes, and ideas for the next **newsletter**. Submit them to PastorTomEmery@live.com

Upcoming Birthdays

29 th Tom Evans	30 th Shania (Profit) Lloyd	Jul 1 st Gloria Leiter
2 nd Lynette Lloyd	7 th Deanna Dearing	

Upcoming Anniversaries

1 st Jack & Gwenda Blackmore	4 th Toby & Elizabeth Adkins
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Prayer Concerns:

LaDonna Allenbaugh (shoulder & elbow surgery)
Allen Breece
Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
Millie Fletcher
Ellen Friesner
Cecil Foust (heart surgery)
Alana Francis
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Charlie Good (prostate cancer)
Sheryl Hefner (cancer)
Carla Hillabrand (medical issues) sister to Nancy Breese
Elizabeth Holscher
Jim Lloyd (at Van Wert Manor)
Pete McCollow
Mary Lou Morgan (Eleanor Morgan’s daughter)
David Morris (Zeb)
Steve Muhlenkamp (cancer) Jen Pugh’s stepdad
Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)
Bianca Richards (leukemia)
Mark Zielke (prostate cancer)
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

Serving Our Country:

Dillon Ellerbrock (U.S. Marines)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Naaman's resistance to Elisha's instructions is not unlike the resistance some of us may feel to some of the church's prescriptions for the healing of our souls.*

POINT TWO – *Do What God Desires, Deserves, and Demands.*

POINT THREE – *Don't let our expectations limit us.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

¹¹ But Naaman became angry and stalked away. “I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!” he said. “I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the LORD his God and heal me! ¹² Aren’t the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn’t I wash in them and be healed?” So Naaman turned and went away in a rage (2 Kings 5:11-12 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Naaman had looked to Elisha for a cure based on the recommendation of an Israelite slave. The way Naaman was healed made it clear to him that Elisha’s God is not an impersonal prophetic power. The living Lord delivered the healing at a distance from the prophet. It is the directness of God’s action that convinced Naaman of God’s reality. It is the living Lord, and not Elisha, who must take center stage. Naaman’s response reveals his grasp of what has happened, and he will never again worship any other god. Likewise, the world around us is searching to know the true God; you are the means to lead them to God through Jesus Christ. Why not be forthright about your faith and share it with others?

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