

# SOUNDS OF SALEM

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## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

The minister, Dr. Adrian Rogers, was on an airplane, and he went forward to get a newspaper. While he was there, he met another man, very well dressed and very professional, who was also looking for a newspaper. He was complaining because the newspapers he read on the plane were too conservative. He wanted one that was liberal.

That prompted a discussion, and Dr. Rogers said, "Sir, what do you do?" He said, "I am a lawyer in Washington, DC."

Then, he turned to Dr. Rogers and said, "What do you do?" Dr. Rogers said, "I am a minister." He said, "What kind?" He said, "I am a Christian minister."

The man said, "I guess you are much more conservative than I am." Dr. Rogers replied, "I probably am."

Then the man said, "Tell me, what do you read?" Dr. Rogers said, "My primary reading is the Bible, and most of my other reading would be somewhat theological."

The man said, "You read in a very narrow scope. How do you know what is going on in the world? How do you know the real problems so that you can preach to people in a relevant way?"

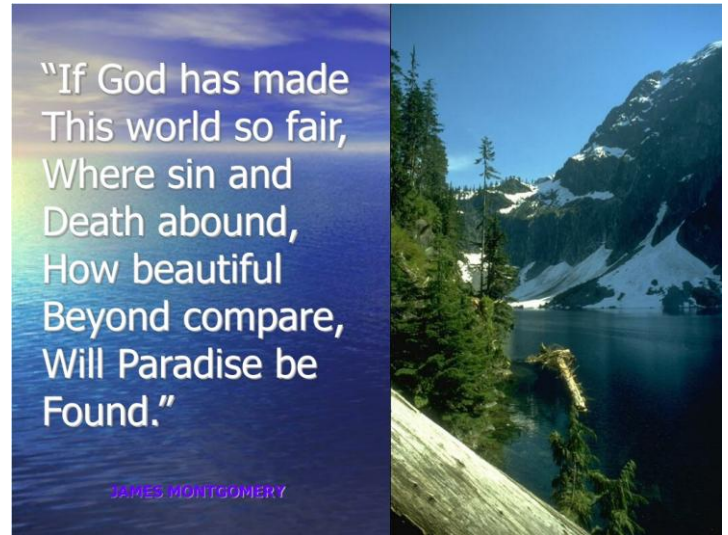
Dr. Rogers said, "Sir, people only have three problems."

The man said, "Are you kidding? People have a lot more than three problems."

Dr. Rogers said, "No. They have just three problems." The man replied, "No. People have more than three problems." Dr. Rogers repeated, "Sir, people only have three problems."

The man said, "Okay. What are the three problems that people have?"

Dr. Rogers said, "**Sin, sorrow, and death.** Those are the only problems people have." The man said, "People have many more problems than that!"



Dr. Rogers said, "All right. You think about it for a while and tell me about a fourth one."

That man went back to his seat, and Dr. Rogers said he could tell that the lawyer's mind was working overtime.

About twenty minutes passed, and he returned to Dr. Rogers, sat down, and said, "I agree that people only have three problems: sin, sorrow, and death."

This is the story of the Bible. God created us so He could connect with us, but because of sin, we disconnected from God. Since that sin, the world has been filled with sorrow and death.

So, God sent His son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to take care of our sin problem.

Then He raised Him from the dead to care for our death problem.

One day, He is returning to restore this world to how it was meant to be, to take care of our sorrow problem.

The Bible ends the same way your life can, where God looks at you and says, "**It's All Good.**"

Why not read the Bible cover to cover and realize how great God's love is for you! Why not get right with God right now!

*Pastor Tom Emery*

## A PRICE FOR FREEDOM

Dear Madam,  
I have been shown in the files of the War Department  
a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts  
that you are the mother of five sons who have died  
gloriously on the field of battle.

I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine  
which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a  
loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering  
you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the  
Republic they died to save.

*We are a nation under God, and I believe God intended  
for us to be free. We must realize that no arsenal or no  
weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as  
the will and moral courage of free men and women. The  
price for this freedom at times has been high, but we  
have never been unwilling to pay that price.*

*Those who say that we're in a time when there are no  
heroes, they just don't know where to look. The sloping  
hills of Arlington National Cemetery with its row upon  
row of simple white markers bearing crosses or stars of  
David.*

*Their lives ended in places called Belleau Wood, The  
Argonne, Omaha Beach, Salerno, and halfway around  
the world on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Pork Chop Hill, the  
Chosin Reservoir, and in a hundred rice paddies and  
jungles of a place called Vietnam. They add up to only  
a tiny fraction of the price that has been paid for our  
freedom.*

*To fallen soldiers let us sing "Where no rockets fly nor  
bullets wing." Our broken brothers let us sing "To the  
Mansions of the Lord." No more bleeding, no more fight.  
No prayers pleading through the night. Just divine  
embrace, eternal light In the Mansions of the Lord.  
Where no mothers cry and no children weep. We will  
stand and guard though the angels sleep. Through the  
ages safely keep. The Mansions of the Lord.*

**Transcript: A PRICE FOR FREEDOM - featuring Hymn to the  
Fallen and Mansions of the Lord. [YouTube Link](#) [YouTube Link](#)**

## Memorial Day Reflection

Observed the last Monday in May, Memorial  
Day honors those who lost their lives while serving the  
United States during peace and war.

Memorial Day is not a celebration but a solemn day to  
reflect on veterans and military personnel who are  
deceased.

What Is the Meaning of Memorial Day in the U.S.?

Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May, is  
a day to honor members of the military who were killed  
in service, both during deployments overseas or in  
training and service in the U.S. Across the country,  
Americans spend the day visiting cemeteries, attending  
Memorial Day events and otherwise honoring those  
who lost their lives in service to the government. The  
day also traditionally marks the first unofficial day of  
summer.

What Do You Say on Memorial Day?

Because Memorial Day is a somber day to honor those  
who died in service to the country, saying "Happy  
Memorial Day" is considered bad taste. For those who



have lost family or friends through military service, the  
day is far from happy. If you need to say something, try  
"Have a meaningful Memorial Day."

What Is the Difference Between Memorial Day and  
Veterans Day?

Memorial Day honors the sacrifice and loss of military  
members who died in service. Veterans Day, on the  
other hand, honors the service of any man or woman  
who has served in the U.S. military.

Should You Thank a Veteran on Memorial Day?

Because Memorial Day is for honoring the fallen, not  
the living, it is not considered appropriate to thank a  
veteran for their service on Memorial Day. While the  
sentiment is always appreciated, save your thanks for

a different day and spend Memorial Day honoring those who have died in service to the country.

What Flower Honors Memorial Day?

The red poppy is often worn on Memorial Day, a tradition started during World War I and inspired by Canadian soldier John McCrae's poem "**In Flanders Fields**," written in 1915.

*In Flanders Fields*

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

The poppy's use as a symbol in the U.S. was first inspired by an American woman, Moina Michael, who in 1918 wrote the poem "We Shall Keep the Faith" in response to McCrae's, and dedicated the rest of her life to getting the red poppy emblem recognized by governments worldwide as a symbol honoring the fallen.

*We Shall Keep the Faith*

*Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,  
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!  
We caught the torch you threw  
And holding high, we keep the Faith  
With All who died.  
We cherish, too, the poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led;  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies,  
But lends a lustre to the red  
Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
In Flanders Fields.  
And now the Torch and Poppy Red  
We wear in honor of our dead.  
Fear not that ye have died for naught;  
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought  
In Flanders Fields.*

How Do You Pay Respects and Honor The Military On Memorial Day?

Military organizations and bases nationwide are dedicated to honoring fallen military members on Memorial Day. One way to pay respects or honor the military on Memorial Day is to attend a Memorial Day ceremony at a local veteran's cemetery. Another is to participate in a parade. Many cities also have local veteran memorials where you can leave flowers or a wreath as a sign of respect.

Some organizations, like Wear Blue: Run to Remember, hold special Memorial Day events to honor the fallen. You can also commemorate Memorial Day with your children through age-appropriate activities. If you're using the day to celebrate the unofficial start of summer, consider pausing your festivities for a moment of silence.

Adapted from "Everything You Need to Know About Memorial Day," by Amy Bushatz. Military.com.

### A Christian Father's Day



Father's Day is a cherished occasion to celebrate the men who have shaped our lives with love, guidance, and strength. For Christian families, this day takes on an even deeper meaning as it becomes an opportunity to honor fathers who reflect God's love and embody His teachings in their roles as spiritual leaders.

In the Christian faith, fatherhood is a sacred calling. Scripture highlights the importance of a father's role in nurturing, teaching, and guiding his family in the ways of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 reminds fathers to "bring [their children] up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." A Christian father is not only a provider and protector but also a shepherd of his family's faith, modeling Christ-like humility, patience, and love.

On this special day, families can celebrate with their fathers by expressing gratitude for their sacrifices and unwavering commitment. A heartfelt prayer, a handwritten note, or a shared moment of worship can serve as meaningful ways to honor a father's spiritual leadership. It is also a time to reflect on the ultimate Father, God Himself, whose love is perfect and unchanging. Christian fathers are called to mirror this



divine love, offering grace and guidance to their families.

Father's Day is not just a celebration of earthly fathers but a reminder of the heavenly Father's presence in our lives. It is a day to thank God for the gift of fatherhood and to pray for strength and wisdom for all fathers as they fulfill their God-given responsibilities. By honoring fathers in this way, we celebrate not only their role in our lives but also the faith that binds us together as a family under God's care.

**Salem Music Update**

Even now as we start our summer plans, we look forward to the things we do or participate in each year. We ask you all to mark your calendars for a special event that happens each year in Venedocia. It's the Gymanfa, otherwise known as the Welsh Song Festival. The date is August 31, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Our Music Committee has made a few changes that we hope will be better for everyone.

The start time has been moved up, per the request of many who do not like to drive home late in the dark. Feel free to come earlier to visit but we have opted out of serving a meal prior to the event. Plenty of water will be available as we know often it is very warm and humid.

Our director this year is Truman Little and Connie O'Neill will be on the organ. We are currently working on final plans for special music, but we know the best music fills the church when all of you come and blend your voices together to worship God, while meeting old friends and making new friends

So, mark your calendars for August 31, 2025. Looking forward to seeing you then!

**Ice Cream Social**  
**Friday, June 20, 4:30-7:00 pm**  
**At the Lion's Club in Venedocia**



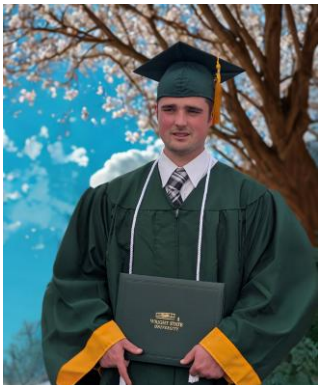
**Church Financial Update**

Prayerfully consider donating to Salem Church. Offerings should be mailed to the church at:

**Salem United Presbyterian Church, PO Box 678, Venedocia, Ohio 45894.**

Needed to Date \$49,263.82  
Received to Date \$52,822.86

**Sights of Salem**



2025-05 Dominic Ray Adkins, Summa Cum Laude Bachelor of Technical and Applied Studies.



MaKenna Kimmet 2025 High School Graduate.



2025-05-11 Mother's Day Celebration: Senior Bells.





Mother's Day Celebration: Junior Bells



2025-05-25 Graduate recognition of **Makenna Kimmet, Trace Klausing, Ashlyn Price, and Dominic Adkins.**



Mother's Day Celebration: Toddlers and Elementary singing.



2025-05-28 The Salem Senior Luncheon and Bingo



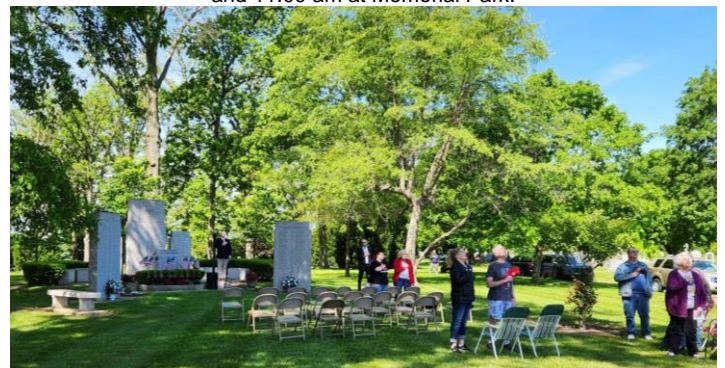
2025-05-15 Van Wert County Prayer Group meeting during May in the Salem Church Prayer Room.



2025-05-26 Memorial Day 10:30 am Services at Horeb Cemetery and 11:00 am at Memorial Park.



2025-05-18 Baptisms of **Jaxson Todd Lloyd, Hayden C Morris and Marcus James McConnell.**



# IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

*Remember our elderly members, soldiers, and college students with cards and visits.*

"Young at Heart"

## **Ann Rees**

Hearth & Home  
1118 Westwood Dr  
Van Wert, OH 45891

## **Marjorie Eutsler**

Room 302  
Homestead at Town Ctr  
240 Towne Center Blvd  
Van Wert, OH 45891

## **Ellen Freisner**

Delphos Van Crest  
1425 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Delphos, OH 45833

## **Serving our Country**

### **Cory McCollow**

(U.S. Coast Guard)  
7225 Altura Place  
Oakland, CA 94605

### **Madison Pugh**

64 Main St  
Floor 3  
Stonington, CT 06378

### **Dillon Ellerbrock (Marines)**

Grandson of Gloria Leiter

### **Corbin Evans (Marines)**

Grandson of Bill & Ruth  
Evans

### **Lloyd (Butch) Eutsler**

(National Guard)  
14975 Van Wert-Mercer  
Co. Line Road  
Venedocia, OH 45894

## **Away at College**

**Landon Price.** Ohio University,  
77 Mill St, 101, Athens, Ohio 45701

**Isaiah Pugh** (at the University of Toledo)  
2632 Greenway Street  
Toledo, OH 43607

**Condolences to the family of Jerry Holscher  
and Dewey VanWynsberghe**

## **Birthdays**

2 Barb Owens	4 Chad Pugh
6 Cassy Yeboah Mantey	7 Breck Morris
7 Brezlynn Morris	8 Tammy Wells
10 Dillom Ellerbrock	11 Doris Evans
13 Kevin Price	14 Sandra Caffro
17 Katey Lloyd	18 Charlie Good
20 Charley Young	22 Ann Rees
25 Tamara Mullenhour	29 Tom Evans
30 Shania (Profit) Lloyd	

## **Anniversaries**

14 Jeff & Kim Coil  
17 Bill & Elgarda McGee  
22 Todd & Jayne Morris  
24 Owen & Karen Pugh  
25 Rex & Lisa Lloyd  
28 Larry & Sandra Caffro

## **Prayer Concerns**

LaDonna Allenbaugh (shoulder surgery)  
Dave Burnett (hospice)  
Tom Burnett (tractor accident)  
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid recovery)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Millie Fletcher  
Alana Francis  
Ellen Friesner  
Cecil Foust (heart surgery)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Charlie Good (prostate cancer)  
Sheryl Hefner (cancer)

Carla Hillabrand (Medical issues)  
Elizabeth Holscher  
Jim Lloyd (recovering leg surgery)  
Pete McCollow  
Mary Lou Morgan (Eleanor's daughter)  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Steve Muhlenkamp (cancer)  
Bev Place  
Patti Poling (hospice/pancreatic cancer)  
Ann Rees (at Hearth & Home)  
Bianca Richards (Leukemia)  
Mark Zielke (prostate cancer)  
6 The area Nursing Homes and their residents

# June 2025

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Global Methodist Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at the Pentecostal Way Church.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Worship Pentecost Offering Communion 10:45 Trustee Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Global Methodist Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at the Pentecostal Way Church.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Worship Father's Day Recognition	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Global Methodist Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at the Pentecostal Way Church.	<b>20</b> Ice Cream Social at the Lion's Club in Venedocia 4:30-7:00 pm.	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 Worship 10:45 AM Session Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Global Methodist Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Noon - Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at the Pentecostal Way Church.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 AM Worship	<b>30</b>					

Week of	Nursery	Flowers	Organist
June 1	Tyler & Morgan McConnell		Becky Reichard
June 8	Bob & Kathy McCollow		Ronnie Miller
June 15	Bob & Denise Pugh		Ronnie Miller
June 22	Jeff & Kelly Lloyd		Lexi Greer
June 29	Bill & Ruth Evans		Becky Reichard
		<b>Greeter:</b>	Johnathon Morris



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### June 2025 REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY YEAR C

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – June 1

Acts 16:16-34      Psalm 97  
 Rev. 22:12-17,21-21      John 17:20-26

#### Day of Pentecost – June 8

Acts 2:1-21      Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
 Rom. 8:14-17      John 14:8-17 (25-27)

#### Trinity Sunday – June 15

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31      Psalm 8  
 Rom. 5:1-5      John 16:12-15

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – June 22

Isa. 65:1-9      Psalm 22:19-28  
 Gal. 3:23-29      Luke 8:26-39

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – June 29

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21      Psalm 16  
 Gal. 5:1,13-25      Luke 9:51-62