Salem Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 6th, 2025

Rev, Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark & Missy Zielke

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn Huddersfield ("God of Wonders!") Welsh hymnal, 19

<u>Call to Worship</u> Psalm 82 531

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: You stand beside a wall with a plumb line in Your hand, Lord—the wall that I have built. What once was a straight, strong wall of protection, and was a sanctuary against all that might harm me, is now revealed as a bowed, bulging, weak wall of separation. I have used it to conceal myself within a dark prison of my own making. I know that Your perfect judgment finds me wanting. Free me, Lord; I am my own worst enemy. Level my feeble fortress and rebuild me in the strength of Your love and Your forgiveness. Lead me from my darkness into Your light. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen. (Please 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

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

Scripture Readings *Amos 7:7-17 840

Luke 10:25-37 946

Colossians 1:1-14 1072

Time for Children

*<u>Hymn</u> Take My Life and Let It Be 393

Sermon The Plumbline God Uses 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 of the Offering

*Response Praise God Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*<u>Hymn</u> I Surrender All 394

*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: \$2,345.90	Needed to Date:	\$60,993.30
Rec'd 2025 06-29: \$1,739.25	Rec'd to Date:	\$63,475.61

Sunday: <u>07-06-2025</u> 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship (Nursery with Johnathan & Katie Young)

Tuesday: <u>07-08-2025</u>

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets in the Global Methodist

Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets.

Thursday: <u>07-10-2025</u>

Noon The Van Wert County Prayer meeting is at the Trinity

Global Methodist Church; meet in the "Gate."

Sunday: <u>07-13-2025</u> 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship (Nursery with Jason & Danielle Lloyd)

10:45 AM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The **Vacation Bible School** theme title this year is: "Give with Your Heart: Serving Jesus by Serving Others!" This VBS teaches kids that what matters most to God is not how much we give, but the heart behind our giving—and that when we help others, we are showing love directly to Jesus. The Mission for VBS is The Haven of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter. Please see the signup form to bring items for "Love Packages" the children will assemble for them. The VBS is **July 29 & July 30, 9:00-11:30 AM**, for ages: 4 years old to 6th grade. Hope to see you and your children there!

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.

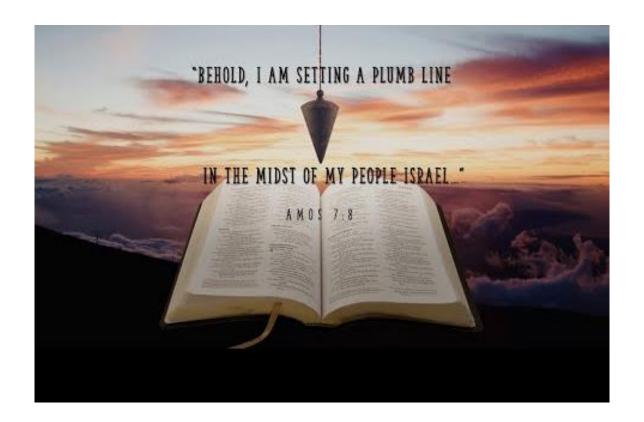
Please take photos and contribute updates, recipes, and ideas for the next **newsletter**. Submit them to PastorTomEmery@live.com

Upcoming Birthdays

7th Deanna Dearing 10th Tuzz Hobbs 10th Mark Zielke 12th Kristen Price 13th Cory McCollow 15th Tootsie Young 15th Barb Good 16th Johnatha Young 18th Marjorie Eutsler

<u>Upcoming Anniversaries</u>

15th Tuzz & Liz Hobbs 15th Peter & Morgan McCollow 15th Scott & Katey Lloyd 19th Cory & Sylvia McCollow



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Allen Breece

Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)

Bill Culver

Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)

Marjorie Eutsler

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Shana Fryer

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Charlie Good (prostate cancer)

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David Morris (Zeb)

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Bianca Richards (leukemia)

The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Society is out of plumb.* Contemporary additions to Christianity not found in the Bible make it a "new religion."

POINT TWO - Be the kind of person that God is seeking.

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ACTION POINT

However hard we try, none of us is a righteous person. But it is only as we are honest with our sinfulness that we can appreciate the enormity of God's grace that continues to love us. Our fate depends on our understanding that God has a biblical standard of justice and mercy and expects us to be responsive to it. We live in a world and society that desperately needs to hear the words of the prophets. We need to listen to these words, not because they are comforting, but because they shake us out of any temptation to complacency. Why not ponder the words of 1 John 1:8-9 and realize that we all have some getting right with God: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is just will cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Why not confess your shortcomings to God in Jesus' Name and be forgiven?

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