

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

Tuesday: 07-08-2025
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets in the Global Methodist Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets.

Thursday: 07-10-2025
Noon The Van Wert County Prayer meeting is at the Trinity Global Methodist Church; meet in the "Gate."

Sunday: 07-13-2025 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.

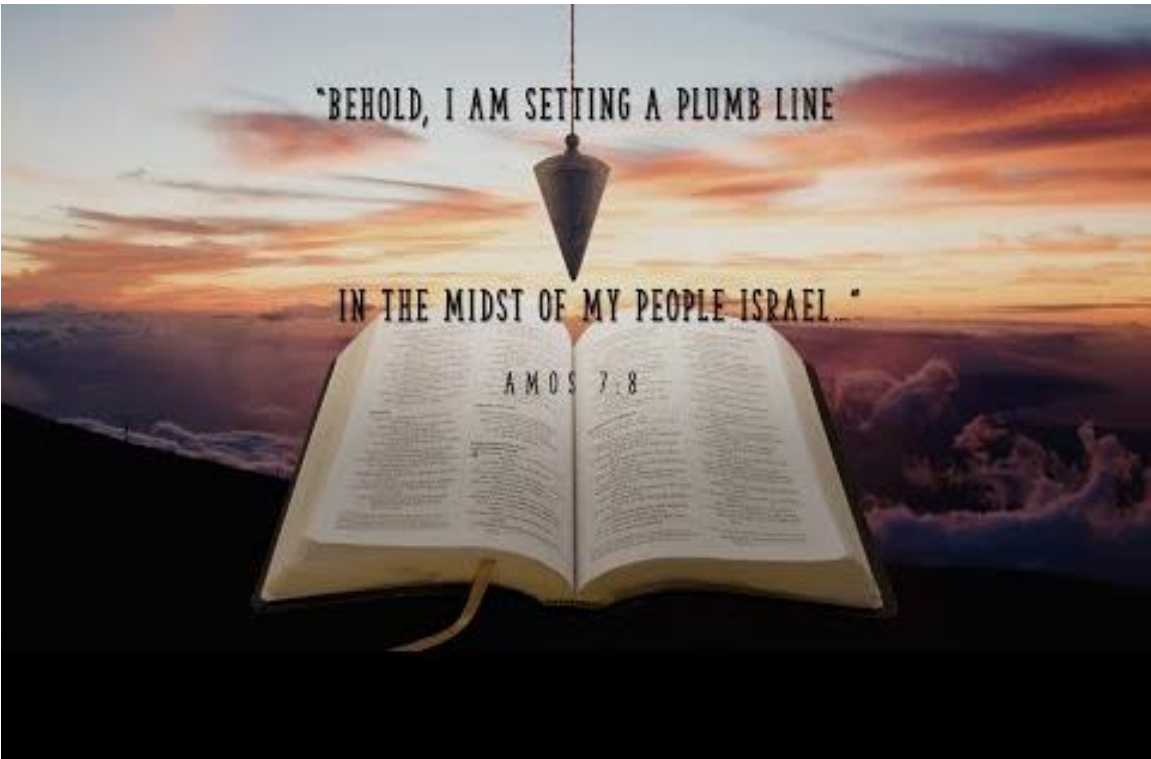
Please take photos and contribute updates, recipes, and ideas for the next **newsletter**. Submit them to PastorTomEmery@live.com

Upcoming Birthdays

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

Upcoming Anniversaries

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



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July 6, 2025

Prayer Concerns:

LaDonna Allenbaugh (shoulder & elbow surgery)
Allen Breece
Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)
Bill Culver
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
Millie Fletcher
Cecil Foust (heart surgery)
Alana Francis
Ellen Friesner
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Charlie Good (prostate 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)
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.*

POINT THREE – *Focus on the promise of God.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

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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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