

Sunday: **09-21-2025 15th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:30 AM Worship and *(Nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell)*.
10:45 AM Session Meeting.

Tuesday: **09-23-2025**
7:30 AM Men’s Bible Study meets at the Trinity Global Methodist Church in Van Wert.
7:00 PM Women’s Bible Study in the church basement.

Thursday: **09-25-2025**
Noon The Van Wert County Prayer meeting is at Living Truth Ministries, located at 1180 S Washington Street.

Sunday: **09-28-2025 16th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:30 AM Worship with guest Pastor Briana Geiger
(Nursery with Kevin & Kristen Price).

Announcements:

The **Senior Luncheon** will be held on September 24 at noon. Lunch and bingo will be held at the Lion’s Club. Come join us!

The Gomer Congregational Church (7350 Gomer Road, Gomer, OH 45809) is having their **108th Annual Gymanfa Ganu** on Sunday, October 5, at 7 pm. Truman Littler will be the Director.

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

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

Upcoming Birthdays

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| 23 rd April Ellerbrock | 25 th Darlene Jones | 26 th Cindy Barnes |
| 27 th Brian Ellerbrock | 27 th Lisa Lloyd | 29 th Stephanie Beck |
| 29 th Steve Richards | 30 th Jack Blackmore | |

Upcoming Anniversaries

28th Eric & Jen Pugh



Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *God does bring judgment for sins.*

POINT TWO – *There is a balm in Gilead.*

POINT THREE – *God has called the Church to be His influence in this world.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

²¹ I hurt with the hurt of my people. I mourn and am overcome with grief. ²² Is there no medicine in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why is there no healing for the wounds of my people (Jeremiah 8:21-22 NLT)?

ACTION POINT

God no longer works through a nation in the same way He did with Israel. He works through His followers, the Church. Paul understood that God’s Kingdom was no longer confined to the borders of Israel; it is a Holy Nation, a Royal Priesthood, inaugurated by the Holy Spirit and founded upon a hill called Calvary. The Kingdom has no borders, but Heaven, and no King other than Jesus Christ. Although it is hard for us to see, especially during times of sorrow, there is hope with God. There is a healing balm in Gilead. A physician whose hands can heal. A Teacher whose words are sure. A Healer who will make us whole. A Savior to save our souls. He is Christ Jesus, our Lord. Why not give your will and your life over to Him today?

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