



Salem Cass News



November



2017



Pastor Ron's Upcoming Sermon Series **7 Keys to Unlocking the Holy Spirit**

- Nov. 12 The Knowledge Key
 Mark 6:1-6
- Nov. 19 The Forgiveness Key
 James 5:13-16
- Nov. 26 The Attitude Key
 Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2
- Dec. 3 The Relationship Key
 Luke 1:26-38
- Dec. 10 The Persistence Key
 Luke 1:5-25
- Dec. 17 *Sojourner Christmas Concert*
- Dec. 24 The Quietness Key
 Luke 2:1-20
- Dec. 31 The Prophecy Key
 Ezekiel 37:1-14

Expanded Lives

In a fascinating, kid-friendly science experiment, a bar of Ivory soap heated in a microwave writhes and expands into a unique, billowy shape. The change is due to Charles' Law, which describes how a gas, such as that contained in pockets inside a bar of Ivory, expands as its temperature increases. The soap can still be used as normal, though it's now fragile and flaky.

When the Holy Spirit enters us, we expand as well. Our Spirit-enlarged lives may seem misshapen to some, no longer conforming to the world's expectations. But our uniqueness reflects the creativity of our Triune God, who reveals himself to people in many different ways.

Our hearts expand and soften too, opening to other people's needs and concerns, while our God-created purpose remains: to be a force of love and care — of cleansing and renewal — in the world.

Sojourner Quartet to Present Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17, at 9:30 am

Sojourner Quartet is a gospel quartet based in Findlay, Ohio. The quartet has recorded CD projects and a live DVD with Chapel Valley Studio in TN. The song Unshakeable Rock from their Redemption project was released to national radio in January 2017. Since 2012, Sojourner has enjoyed opportunities to sing in concert with The Talley Trio, The Kingsmen, Triumphant Quartet, and Soul'D Out Quartet! They also were privileged to headline a November 2017 event at the beautiful Marathon Center for the Performing Arts in Findlay "God and Country". The Quartet's mission is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to as many people and in as many places as God directs thereby giving glory to God!

Candy Making Fun!



Mary & Ruth work on bagging the delicious treats!

Jacob was in charge of drying the candy.



Rex, with friend Brian, kept everyone supplied with melted chocolate.

Needles For God



Meetings:
Tuesdays, November 7th and 21st – 2 p.m.

Bob Doxsey called the meeting to order with prayer and turned the meeting over to our District Superintendent Barry Burns. This meeting is a continuation of our request to the district for the completion of the Northwest Plains District Health Survey and where we are and where we are going.

After explaining how we got to where we are- having a vision, creating relationships, programming, and management, it is now time to create a new life cycle in our primary purpose in making disciples. He suggested several alternatives and advised he can and will provide a person to suggest strategies.

Donn Pummell advised he received a proposal from Christy Powell, Jennifer Deiter, and Toni Altvater, our youth leaders, to begin a kids club, tentative name: KIKS-Kids in the King's Service for 2nd _5th graders. After a short discussion of their purpose, a show-of-hands vote was taken with approval to the proposal.

Lori Eaton, our church secretary, presented an idea for Christmas Eve Day service with City Mission with more information coming. Also, information of a family of seven who have moved from their vehicle to a home need assistance and we will provide a Thanksgiving Dinner to that family.

A potluck dinner will be held November 12 with Bonnie Donaldson serving as hostess.

November 16 at 6:00 p.m. next Servant Leader Board meeting.

Pastor Ron closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted, Shirley Miller, Recording Secretary



With Heartfelt
Sympathy

We extend our love and prayers to Lynette & Dave Stacy and family for the passing of Lynnette's brother, Grant.

And to the McCartney and McCann Families with the passing of Betty McCann.



CONTROL

Things we CANNOT control:

- Someone else's faults
- How long we will live
- Another person's opportunities

Things we CAN control:

- Our attitude
- The kind of life we live
- What we do with our opportunities

"Needles" Thank You

The lap robe from Needles for God is a blessing. Thank you. Bob Doxsey

Thank you so much for the beautiful baby blanket! Lily loves it – that was very thoughtful of you and we appreciate it! We hope you are doing well and would love for you to meet Miss Lily.

Thanks.....Derek, Ashley and Lily Brauneller

Needles,

Thank you for the baby blanket for our family's new blessing, Camden Jude King. Your blanket is such a symbol of God's love and care. It is such a lovely gift made from a loving heart and hands. What an absolute privilege to be part of this church.

Thank you, Lisa King

Needles for God,

Thank you for the prayer card and bookmark in memory of my mother, Betty McCann. What a lovely ministry. Mother loved her church and missed her dear friends there.

Thank you. Penny, Gary, & Lisa McCartney

Thank you so much for the pink picture frame and your perfect needle point in the loss of my brother, Grant. Your thoughts and prayers at this time were most needed in every way possible.

Thank you, Lyn & Dave Stacy and Family

*"Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress; working
together is success."*

—Henry Ford

Memorial Funds

Listed below are the Salem Memorial Funds and the balances in each account as of October 29, 2017.

Ray Amos Memorial	\$2,737.00
David C. Coulter Memorial	\$235.91
Eleanor Scully Memorial	\$25.00
Darlene Lewis	\$2,070.00
Robert E. Doxsey Memorial	\$755.00
Lawrence Kring Memorial	\$340.00
Ed Volpe Memorial	\$100.00
Betty McCann	\$75.00

Exercising Our Gratitude Muscles

Expressing gratitude isn't just a good thing to do; it also appears to be good for us! Indiana University researchers found that participants who performed gratitude-focused writing exercises felt uplifted, and were more likely to express gratefulness through generosity, even weeks later.

Furthermore, brain scans revealed increased gratitude-related activity even months down the road (*New York Magazine*).

Though the study was small, we seem to have a "gratitude muscle" that can be strengthened through exercise. If so, there may be more than we thought to the popularity of gratitude journals and Mom's insistence that we write thank-you notes. Not to mention the biblical call to "give thanks to the LORD, for he is good" (1 Chronicles 16:34, for example).

Might God have hardwired us for gratitude — not only at Thanksgiving but year round — because it's good for *us* as well as for those we thank? To that, we respond, "Thanks be to God!"



Thank You, Veterans!

On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

Welcome October Visitors!

Doug & Wendee McVicker	Dave & Kay Noel
Donna Gallaway	Anna Price
Libby Price	Lori Kreichman
Mike Kreichman	Matt Kreichman
Emily Teason	Evyn Kachenmeister
Maxwell Stone	

Autumn Wardrobe

The leaves fall, the wind blows and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools.

—Henry Beston



The picture above is from the Revive Ohio Luncheon held at Salem on Thursday, October 26. Thank you to everyone who helped serve and all those who prepared a dish! A Revive Prayer Meeting was held Thursday, November 9, at Howard UMC. The next informational meeting is Thursday, November 30, at 7:00 pm at Zion UMC, 9009 SR 12 W., Findlay. Everyone is welcome who has an interest in bringing Revive Ohio to Hancock County.



**YOUTH
FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19**

Your donation will buy a wonderful baked good to take home! The proceeds will be used to support Youth mission projects and other youth ministry activities.

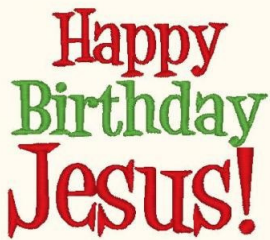
Look for the table in the lobby before and after church!



And SOUP SUPPER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 5:00 PM

Come out and enjoy some delicious soup! Then those who wish to stay, can help decorate the church for Christmas. A sign-up sheet will be passed during worship.



**ALL-CHURCH PARTY
FRIDAY
DECEMBER 1
6:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Please bring a dish to share!
Fun for all ages! Including a Bounce House!
Invite Friends!**



“If we do not show love to one another, the world has a right to question whether Christianity is true.”
—Francis A. Schaeffer

Thank You

*Dear Salem Cass Family and Needles for God,
Because of you, there's someone who is thanking God today. Someone who appreciates your warm and caring way. Someone who's remembering the special things you do and wishing you His blessings every day the whole year through.*
Love, Bailey, Earl, Diana, Amy and Hunter

*To my Best Friends at Salem Cass United Methodist Church,
Thanks to the ladies with Needles for the warming lap blanket. Thanks to all who have sent cards and another thanks for the beautiful flowers. Great to know what this church does when you are ill.*
Gene Acocks

We here at the City Mission wanted to let the church know how grateful we are for the support that your members give to us in the kitchen. The meals and desserts that everyone brings are simply amazing! Thank you for all you do!
God Bless, The Staff and Residents at the City Mission - Jennifer, Jody, Shelby, Kyle, Don, Karl, Stephanie, Andrew

*Pastor Ron,
Thank you for the wonderful service you gave my mom, Betty McCann. Thank you for the meal the kitchen committee provided the day of the funeral. Mother loved this church. She missed this church and her many friends there.*
Thank you for the flowers. I transplanted them for a memory of mom. I am enclosing a check from Gary's family. Please use to help the McPherson Family Scholarship Fund.
Thank you again, Penny McCartney, Gary McCartney, & Lisa McCartney

Dear Church family, on behalf of my family, I want to thank you so much for the thoughtful Pastor Appreciation gift presented last Sunday. Your kindness and generosity went above and beyond the call of duty! We love you and are so pleased that Jesus has brought us together for such a time as this. The future looks so bright because we know who holds the future. Thank you again and God bless you!
Sincerely in Christ, Pastor Ron

“Let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings.”
—Henry Ward Beecher

Fall Festival

Thirty six people, including 13 children, attended the Salem Fall Fest. Games, food, and fun rounded out the evening. Hannah's Rats won for Best Dessert. The desserts were then donated to City Mission. The children were treated to a story read by Toni called "The Pumpkin Patch Parable" by Liz Curtis Higg. It's a story about a farmer who picks out a pumpkin from his garden, scrapes out all the messy "junk", and makes room for his light to shine from inside. The story shows how God's transforming love can fill each of us with joy and light.



Above: Hannah's Rats



Above: Max, Michele, Shirley, Tyler, Earl

Below: Toni reading to the children.



Pastor Ron & Tyler



Max, Rex, Edna & Carroll

The Whole Pie

How easy it is to miss the point of living. ... It is too easy to become an algebra pie with [one slice for each part — work, family, school, recreation — and] only one slice for God. [But] God is the whole pie!

Perhaps God's presence among us is brighter and more extravagant than we have imagined. Perhaps the very idea of life is to experience and discover God *in* it. Maybe we are meant to journey not only *toward* God or even *for* God, but *with* God.

—Sue Monk Kidd, *God's Joyful Surprise*



The Salem Prayer Closet is up in the mezzanine and everyone is encouraged to use it.

Prayer Request cards are located in the pew pads and on the table in the lobby. You may place them in the offering plate or in the wooden box on the table in the lobby. The Adult Sunday School class will pray over them, the Monday Morning Bible Study group will pray over them, and then they will be posted in the Prayer closet.

Please let us know of updates or answered prayers on the yellow Answered Prayer cards.

The Source

“One day I read in the 10th chapter of Romans, ‘Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.’ I had up to this time closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.”

—D.L. Moody

Five Kernels

The Plymouth Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day in fall 1621, but by the next May, their food supply was depleted. The harvest of 1622 was a failure, and the Pilgrims often lived for days on just a few kernels of corn.

Amid a drought in 1623, the people sought divine intervention. After praying for nine hours on a hot July day, they were blessed with a two-week rainfall. Edward Winslow wrote, “It was hard to say whether our withered corn or drooping affections were most quickened and revived.” The Pilgrims never went hungry again.

Start a Thanksgiving tradition by placing five kernels of corn at each place setting. Point out a blessing that each kernel represents. For example:

1. God loves us.
2. God provides for all our needs.
3. God gives us friends, just as the Indians befriended the Pilgrims.
4. God hears and answers our prayers.
5. God is preparing a place for us in heaven.

Then have family members share five things for which they're grateful.

2018 Calendars

The Youth Ministry is making available 2018 Wall Calendars for purchase for \$8.00 in the church lobby.



These calendars are beautifully illustrated with different scenes of God's creation and scripture verses. They would look wonderful hanging in your home or office and also make great gifts!



From left: Ruth, Hannah, Lea, Bailey, Sophia, Hunter, Lea, Christy, Zach packing 100 Shoeboxes!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 November 2017			1 Good News Club 3:00-4:00 pm Elem. Caf�. Bell Choir 6:45 pm	2 Revive Lunch 11:30 am Exercise 6:00 pm SLB Mtg 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:15-8:30 pm Sara Doxsey � Barb Taylor �	3 Campus Life Breakfast Club VBUMC Grades 9-12 7:00 am Rev. Dwight&Maxine Hayes ♥	4 Make Candy 9:00 am ▲ Truth Seekers 9 am-12 pm
5 Trustee Mtg 9:00 am in Basement Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Jordan May �	6 Bible Study 10:00 am Lunch Bunch 11:30 am MS Campus Life M 3-4pm Exercise 6:00 pm ▲	7 Needles for God 2:00 pm Girl Scouts 6-8:30 pm ▲ Cliff & Joyce Biddinger ♥ Gerri Kelley � Burr Young �	8 Good News Club 3:00-4:00 pm Elem. Caf�. Bell Choir 6:45 pm Scout Pack Mtg 7-8:00 pm Carrie Beare �	9 Salem serve City Mission Meal Exercise 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:15-8:30 pm Sophia Powell � Becky Pummell �	10 Campus Life Breakfast Club VBUMC Grades 9-12 7:00 am	11 Truth Seekers 9 am-12 pm Spence 12-5:30 pm ▲
12 Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Potluck Lunch 11:45 am Chg Conf 1:00 pm	13 Bible Study 10:00 am Lunch Bunch 11:30 am MS Campus Life M 3-4pm Exercise 6:00 pm ▲ Dartball 6:30 -10 pm ▲	14	15 Good News Club 3:00-4:00 pm Elem. Caf�. Bell Choir 6:45 pm Choir 7:30 pm Dave Erwin �	16 SLB Mtg 6:00 pm Exercise 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:15-8:30 pm	17 Campus Life Breakfast Club VBUMC Grades 9-12 7:00 am Grayson Spence �	18 Truth Seekers 9 am-12 pm
19 Youth Bake Sale Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am	20 Bible Study 10:00 am Lunch Bunch 11:30 am Exercise 6:00 pm ▲ Dartball 6:30 -10 pm ▲ Lea Altvater � Zach Altvater � Tom Meador �	21 Needles for God 2:00 pm	22 Hadlee Hoeksema �	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>  Grant 11-4 pm ▲	24 Terry Stacy �	25 Truth Seekers 9 am-12 pm Eagle Court 4-7:00 pm ▲ Jacque Hatch �
26 Worship 9:30 am UM Student Day \$\$ Sunday School 10:45 am Soup Supper & Hanging of Greens 5:00 pm ▲ Mike Bishop �	27 Bible Study 10:00 am Lunch Bunch 11:30 am MS Campus Life M 3-4pm Exercise 6:00 pm ▲ Dartball 6:30 -10 pm ▲ Jim & Gerri Kelley ♥	28	29 Good News Club 3:00-4:00 pm Elem. Caf�. Bell Choir 6:45 pm Choir 7:30 pm	30 Exercise 6:00 pm Revive Ohio Mtg 7:00 pm Zion UMC SR 12 West Bible Study 7:15-8:30 pm		9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Use of Fellowship Hall ▲ Birthdays � Anniversaries ♥ Special Offering \$

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Worship Service9:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available)

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.



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