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4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter <u>May 11</u> <i>Carillon Ringers</i>  Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30  “ <i>Safely in God’s Hand</i> ”  Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter <u>May 18</u> <i>Communion</i>  Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35  “ <i>Love Without Limits</i> ”  Liturgist: Mark Smith	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter <u>May 25</u> <i>Western Reserve Brass</i>  Acts 16:9-15 John 14:23-29  “ <i>Hearing God Clearly</i> ”  Liturgists: Youth	Ascension of the Lord <u>June 1</u>  Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-53  “ <i>Looking Up</i> ”
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PENTECOST  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come.

Pentecost arrives 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension – when Jesus ascends into heaven. Jesus and the Scriptures are making an important theological point at Pentecost. Jesus ascends and the church is born. If his mission and ministry is to continue, it is upon us, his disciples, to keep it going, and we have the Holy Spirit to lead us, who blesses us all with different gifts to be used at different times and in different ways. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God’s hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. 40% of the Pentecost Offering remains with our congregation to support ministries with children and youth in our church and community. *A Pentecost Offering envelope is included with this newsletter.*

**Geraniums for Pentecost** – Plants are \$6.00 for a 4” pot. Order on Sundays, May 11 and 18 during Coffee Hour, or call (330-337-9555) / e-mail ([phyllis@fpcsaalem.org](mailto:phyllis@fpcsaalem.org)) the Church Office during the week. Geraniums not taken by donors will be planted on church grounds.

“We are centered in Christ and powered by love.”

**CHURCH INFORMATION:**

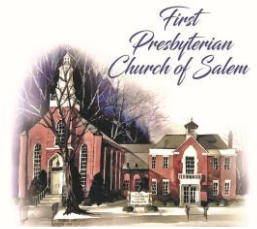
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**You Tube:** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) / FPCSALEM (Service streamed 10:30 am on Sunday)



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**Thank You Notes:**

Thanks to Steve and Wanda Navoyosky for delivering beautiful flowers, and to the Congregational Care Committee for the birthday card. ~ *Lois Dunn*

Thank you to those who donated eggs for the Preschool Easter Egg Hunt. ~ *Preschool Board of Trustees*

Thank you for the Easter Daffodil delivered by Sue Kyser. ~ *David and Roselyn Stephens*

Special thanks to those who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering for a total of \$3,430.

~ *Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee*

With your help, contributions have reached the goal of \$3,100 for the Chime Project! Thank you for your support of this project. ~ *Property and Maintenance Committee*

**Open Dates for Bulletins:** June 8, 15, 22, July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 26, November 16, 30, December 7, 21, 24, 28. Cost is \$15.00 a Sunday.

**Open Dates for Flowers:** July 6 (1), July 13 (1), July 27 (1), August 10 (1), August 17 (1), August 24 (1), August 31 (1), October 12 (1), October 19 (1), October 26 (1), November 2 (1), November 16 (2), November 30 (1), December 7 (1). Cost is \$ \$10.00 a vase.

**Café Justo Organic Coffee** is what we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour. Cost is \$12 for a 1-pound bag of Regular, Decaf, or Whole Bean Coffee. Cooperative members own the entire business from the growing through the roasting, and the coffee is famous for its smooth taste and low acidity. It is Organic certified and has a Fair Trade plus certification. You can purchase in Fellowship Hall the first Sunday of the month, or in the Church Office during the week. *Note – The date on the bag is when it was packed, not an expiration date.*

**Pollinator Garden** – As part of the requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout, a scout must plan, develop, and lead a significant service project that benefits the community. Sydney Thompson has chosen to create a beautiful and vital pollinator garden to be housed on our church property. This pollinator garden will serve as a crucial habitat for bees, butterflies, and other essential pollinators that play a vital role in our ecosystem and food production. The garden will not only look beautiful, but it will also provide an educational opportunity for community members of all ages to learn about the importance of pollinators and how to support them. To bring this important project to fruition, Sydney is seeking financial donations from our church members to support the purchase of essential materials for the pollinator garden. Your support will not only help Sydney achieve this personal goal but will also leave a lasting positive impact on our church, our community, and the environment. Please make any checks out to the church, and in the Memo Line add Pollinator's Garden so that they can go towards Sydney's garden.

**Salem Community Pantry** – Mondays, 9-11:30 a.m. / Thursdays, 3:00-5:30 p.m.  
For People in 44460 zip code only / Bring Photo ID and Proof of Residency.

## Your Session at Work

*The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio  
meeting on April 10, 2025, in person and via Zoom.*

- Learned that Pastor Annie will deliver a series of sermons based on the teachings of Mr. Rogers entitled “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” June 22 – July 13.
- Heard that another upcoming sermon series will be explaining the Apostles’ Creed.
- Learned that the Christian Education Committee is planning a youth service in May.
- Learned that greeting cards were welcomed as donations to the Congregational Care Committee for their card ministry.
- Heard that the Environmental Team welcomes church members and friends to sign up for a May 10 spring insect walk at Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center at the University of Mount Union.
- Heard that there will be a tent erected on the church property to use for Denise’s Big Back Yard and perhaps for outdoor church services this summer.
- Learned that organ repairs have begun and will be continued after Easter.
- Heard the Nominating Committee is seeking:  
One Deacon for the Class of 2025; one for the Class of 2026.  
One Elder for the Class of 2026.
- Learned that the Presbyterian Preschool is looking for fundraising projects to support the program.
- Approved the purchase of a series of Grief Books to be distributed to church families who have experienced the loss of a loved one.
- Learned that work continues on the church’s website.
- Learned that funds are being raised to enable church chimes to be transmitted to the community in the future.



**Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds** are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Requests should be sent to the Church Office stating the name of the college or university, and course of study, if known. The deadline is June 30.

**Salem Community Foundation Ministerial Scholarship** – In 2008, a Ministerial Scholarship Fund was established with the Salem Community Foundation to provide scholarship aid to assist persons who will spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This program is extended to those who wish to enter the fields of the Ministry, Christian Education, Youth ministry, or a closely related field. The Ministerial Scholarship application and guidelines are now available on the Salem Community Foundation’s website located at [www.salemcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.salemcommunityfoundation.org) and by calling the Foundation office at 330-332-4021. The Scholarship Committee, under established guidelines, will determine the amount of each scholarship awarded. All applications must be received by Wednesday, June 4, 2025 for scholarships to be awarded for the following academic year. Late applications will not be processed and only completed applications will be considered.

**Troop 3** is seeking adult leaders and young persons ages 11-18. Qualifications are adherence to the Scout Oath and Law, a love of adventure, learning, and teamwork. Perks are a world-class team, adventure, and learning amazing things. For more information, see Mark Smith or Frank Lewis.

### Love the Earth Bits and Pieces



1. If you only buy 1 or 2 items when shopping, skip the bag!
2. Please, please, please, don't buy bottled water!
3. If you have the choice between an item packaged in plastic and one that is not, choose the non-plastic packaging.
4. If you use Zip-loc bags, it is easy to wash them out and use them again.
5. Plant lots of native flowers for our pollinators. You will be treated with beautiful butterflies and hummingbirds in your yard. (There are still some packets of seeds at Sanctuary entrances from Earth Sunday.)
6. Avoid using pesticides and herbicides in your yards. They are very harmful to our pollinators.
7. Those plastic forks, spoons, and knives that are in carry-out meals make great plant markers in your garden. You can also place them around baby plants to protect them from rabbits or other critters.
8. Plant a tree.
9. Eat seasonal and good fresh local produce.

*~ Environmental Team*

### Vision Statement

*To glorify God and share the Spirit and love of Christ with our community and the world.*