

# Salem Presbyterian plans Welsh tea

*Church to celebrate 100th anniversary*

**VENEDOCIA** — The Salem Presbyterian Church at Venedocia celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

The church has a rich Welsh tradition that is still carried out each year in the Gymanfa Ganu or Welsh Festival of Song which is held each year on Labor Day weekend.

Special events are planned for the first Sunday of each month until September. The public is invited to attend a Welsh Tea Sunday, May 3, 10 a.m. The event is being sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Class of the church.

A program of harp music will be presented by Chilali Hugo of Lima.

At age 7, Chilali Hugo was drawn to the sound and beauty of the grand concert harp. She began harp studies and today enjoys a level of professionalism that makes her a much sought after musician for area social, religious and business events.

During her 10 years of studying music and the harp, she has attended numerous institutes and summer programs including the Michigan All-State Summer Program at Bar Harbor, Salzedo Colony in Camden, Maine, and Suzuki Institutes in Wisconsin and Texas. She has studied under some of the best contemporary harpists throughout the United States.

Hugo, who resides in Lima, is a senior student at Shawnee High School and will graduate this spring. She will continue her musical studies next fall at the University of Michigan where she will major in harp performance.

During high school, she has been member of the Lima Area Youth Orchestra, and the OMEA Northwest Regional and All-State Orchestras. In addition, she has been active in the music department at Shawnee and received numerous superior ratings in band, ensemble and solo competitions.

Sharing her musical talents and the beauty of the harp gives her much pleasure. She plays a variety of both classical and contemporary pieces that appeal to a diverse audience.



Janet Mohr will be sharing some of her Welsh heritage in a talk entitled, "If My Teacup Could Talk." With thought based on Psalms, "Yea, I have a goodly heritage," she will be taking everyone back to the Welsh countryside in search of her family roots.

Sharing a cup of tea is a great time to share your thoughts with younger family members to give them a sense of belonging. Growing up in the Venedocia community with Welsh roots were a very dear part of Mrs. Mohr's family tradition.

As you sip a cup of tea from a family teacup, do you wonder about the cupboards and homes where the cup was kept? Who drank from the cup before you? What did they think? What was their family like? "The reconstitution of the past is a delicate pleasure of which one should not be deprived," said Mohr.

The wonderful legacy left to us by past generations should be revered and shared.

Come and share a Welsh tea cake, a cup of tea and many warm memories at the Salem Church in Venedocia May 3.

**Top, Harpist Chilali M. Hugo. Right, Janet Mohr in Welsh costume**

