

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Salem United

Presbyterian Church

of

Venedocia, Ohio 45894

FROM

JANUARY 1, 1976 to DECEMBER 31, 1976

Pastor — Rev. Von E. Giessler

Dear friends in Christ,

"Great is our Lord and greatly to be praised!" He has led us triumphantly through another year of opportunities and rich blessings. How we do praise Him for the faithful guidance of His Holy Spirit.

The expressions of joy and love evidenced among so many is indeed a witness of God's presence at work within His people. I have appreciated so very much the opportunity of sharing the Good News, and the response seen to His Word. May a growing and continuing ministry be ours to share.

My activities on this yoked field during 1976 were as follows:

	Salem	Zion	Other	Total
Sermons delivered	45	45	19	109
Funerals	5	1	2	8
Weddings	5	0	6	11
Baptisms	2	1	0	3
Communion Services	4	4	0	8
Communion to shut-ins	24	7	0	31
Visits	95	21	0	116
Counseling Sessions	57	12	18	87
Meetings	17	11	9	37
Presbytery Meetings	—	—	8	8
Classes Taught	13	0	0	13

Mileage traveled for the two churches was in excess of 8500 miles.

My prayer for 1977 is "Awake America, to your need of God." Will you join me in that prayer as we labor together in winning souls to Christ?

Respectfully submitted:

VON E. GIESSLER, Pastor

**STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1976
SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

FINANCIAL REPORT

SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Venedocia, Ohio

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

CURRENT FUND

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1976	\$ 1,862.69
Envelope Offering	13,692.50
Plate Offering	3,682.42
Per Capita Envelope Offering	8.54
Ministers' Retirement Fund	214.69
Rally Day Offering	57.00
Miscellaneous	54.41
Patterson Fund Collection	206.66
Film Showing Collection	39.11
Radio Broadcast Offering	50.00
Lincolnview Bible Teacher Offering	139.00
Interest	654.41
Total Balance and Receipts	\$20,661.43

Disbursements:

Rev. Giessler	\$ 6,450.00
Pastors' Pension	840.00
Pulpit Supply	210.00
Organist	535.50
Janitor	1,200.00
Financial Secretary	150.00
Treasurer	100.00
Clerk of Session	75.00
Bulletin Service	259.92
A. D.	162.50
These Days	31.00
Flowers	105.00

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Communicants Jan. 1, 1976	199
Received by Confession of Faith	5
Received by Letter	1
Total	205
Transfer by Letter	1
Deaths	6
Placed on Non Resident Roll	9
Total	16
Total Communicants Jan. 1, 1977	189

BAPTISMS

Eric James Lloyd Derek James LaValley

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph R. Williams	1-13-76
David J. Morris	2-4-76
Frances M. Evans	3-30-76
Thomas Ellis Jones	5-11-76
Blodwin Jones	7-9-76
Gordon D. Pugh	10-1-76

Respectfully submitted,
David Van Evan, Clerk of Session

Audited and found correct:
T. Dewey Diss, F. M. Jones

BENEVOLENCE REPORT FOR 1976**Receipts:**

Amount on hand January 1, 1976	\$ 00
Envelope Offering	2,701.00
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering ..	439.38
Mission Plus Offering	51.00
Total Receipts	\$ 3,191.38

Disbursements:

Central Receiving Agency	\$ 3,091.38
American Bible Society	100.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,191.38
Balance	00

MANSE FUND REPORT FOR 1976

Balance on hand January 1, 1976	\$ 1,000.00
Rent received from Thomas Evans for Manse from January 1, 1976 to January 1, 1977	1,200.00
Interest from Manse Account	39.33
Total	\$ 2,239.33
Expenses	00

Balance on hand January 1, 1977

Lois Bassett, Financial Secretary

Audited and found correct:
T. Dewey Diss and T. M. Jones

Telephone	96.00
Ohio Power Co.	604.93
Coal	1,359.15
Lincolnview Bible Teacher	139.00
Workman's Compensation	171.38
P.O. Box Rent	3.00
Manse Tax	221.52
Manse Insurance	154.00
Church Lot Tax	3.18
Church Insurance	400.00
Liability Insurance	91.00
Insurance	156.00
Per Capita Tax	732.78
Church Repairs and Supplies	774.80
Church Office Supplies	195.63
Bulletins	454.78
Magazines	93.99
Bob Seiver Travelog	57.00
Anderson Films	39.95
Paterson Family Fund	210.00
Bicentennial Rebroadcast	40.00
Water Cooler	275.63
Organ Check	225.00
Total Disbursements	\$16,626.64

Balance on hand January 1, 1977

Plus Bank Certificate at Commercial Bank

Lois Bassett, Financial Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT — 1976

Members of the Board:

Haydn Lloyd Chairman
 Paul Ashton Vice Chairman
 John C. Morris Secretary

Tom Morris, Jim Lloyd, Bill Evans, Larry Profit,
 Ronnie Owens, and Gene Decker

MEMORIAL FUND

Horeb Memorial	\$ 800.00
Thomas E. Jones	100.00
Venedocia Male Chorus	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Breese	200.00
Mr. and Mrs. Evan Morris	500.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Jones	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pugh	50.00
Welsh Board of Missions	400.00
Mr. and Mrs. Evan S. Jones	400.00
Hugh and Bertha Pugh	90.00
David O. Davis	500.00
Mrs. J. Brough Jones	
Mrs. Elanore Jones	
Mrs. Lillian Jones Moore	100.00
Howell A. Jones	5.00
J. Ambrose Breese	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morgan	300.00
Miss Abisha Morgan	100.00
Miss M. Leah Morgan	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Morris	250.00
Mr. Fred Taylor	200.00
Mr. John J. Morris	150.00
Gwen and John Edgar Morgan	17.00
Mr. and Mrs. David H. Edwards	10.00
Dwight and Mary D. Williams	10.00
Salem Trustees	30.00
Gladys Pugh	50.00
Evelyn Jones Dustman	45.00
J. D. Kennedy	100.00
David Elgar Evans	110.00
Henry Uhl	2,612.70
Mr. and Mrs. M. N. George	302.00
Joseph R. and M. Zelma Williams	500.00
David and Mary H. Edwards	10.00
Gordon Pugh	50.00
Total	\$ 8,316.70

DISTRIBUTION OF MEMORIAL FUND MONEY

Certificate of Deposit	
Van Wert National Bank	\$ 4,700.00
Commercial Bank	2,605.70
Investors Mutual Inc., Lima, Ohio	1,000.00
Savings Account — Van Wert National Bank	21.35
Total Distribution of Money	\$ 8,327.05

INTEREST EARNED ON MEMORIAL FUND MONEY

Investors Mutual Inc., Lima, Ohio	
Original stock purchased Jan. 6, 1960	87.184
Total Shares owned	119.388
Total dividends earned Jan. 1, 1976 through Sept. 30, 1976	\$ 40.04
Disbursed to Church Treasurer	\$ 40.04
Interest Earned on Certificate of Deposit	
Van Wert National Bank	\$ 263.56
Commercial Bank	264.89
Total Interest Earned on Certificates	\$ 528.45
Disbursed to Church Treasurer	\$ 528.45
Savings Account:	
Deposits	
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1976	\$ 451.24
Memorial Gifts Jan. 1976 to Dec. 1976	560.00
Interest earned during the year	28.01
Total Receipts	\$ 1,039.25
Withdrawals	
Bought \$1,000.00 Certificate at Van Wert National Bank	\$ 1,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 1,039.25
Total Disbursements	1,000.00
Balance on hand Jan. 1977	\$ 39.25

OTHER DONATIONS

July—Ellis Jones — \$300.00 Savings Account, First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Van Wert.
 August—Tim and Linda Rutledge — \$25.00, General Fund.
 October—Ernie Dustman — \$50.00, General Fund.
 December—Blodwen Davies — \$340.00 Savings Account, The Peoples Savings Bank, Van Wert.

John C. Morris, Secretary

Audited 1-8-77 and found correct:
 Dewey Diss and T. W. Jones

TREASURER'S REPORT

SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School

Superintendent	Larry Lloyd
Assistant Superintendent	Robert Bolton
Secretary	Betty Lloyd
Assistant Secretary	Carla Morris
Junior Superintendent	Doris Price
Assistant Junior Superintendent	Karen Trissel
Treasurer	John R. Lloyd
Chorister	Bartie Jones
Pianist	Lisa Morris
Assistant Pianist	Susan Giessler

Receipts:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1976	\$ 1,156.58
Sunday Collections	986.99
Gideon Collection	41.70
Bible School Collection (Daily)	63.00
(Sunday Morning Collection)	53.30
Interest on Savings Account	51.41
Total Receipts	\$ 2,352.98

Expenditures:

Van Wert Gospel Gift Shop	\$ 680.16
United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.	150.89
Gideon Society	41.70
Mothers Day Roses	7.00
Bible School Supplies	12.00
Cook Christian Training School	
Daily Bible School Collection	63.00
Rally Day Supplies	9.92
Christmas Treats	23.05
Total Expenditures	\$ 987.72
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1976	1,365.26
On Deposit in Savings Account,	
Commercial Bank, Delphos, Ohio	1,280.60
On Checking Account at	
Commercial Bank, Delphos, Ohio	84.66
Average Sunday School Attendance of	
all classes for the year 1976	62

John R. Lloyd, Treasurer

Audited and found correct 1-8-77:

T. Dewey Diss and T. W. Jones

1977 WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

1976 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Venedocia, Ohio

President Marvel Lloyd
 Vice President Loretta Williams
 Secretary Evelyn Dolbey
 Treasurer Marcile Lare

Co-ordinators:

Mission Interpretation
 Ruby Jones (Joy)
 Loretta Williams (Shalom)

Studies
 Carol Foster (Joy)
 Maxine Morgan (Shalom)

Involvement
 Violet Ashton (Joy)
 Evelyn Dolbey (Shalom)

Nominating Committee
 Minnie Jones, Chairman
 Carol Foster
 Ruby Jones

Finance Committee
 Arlene Morris, Chairman
 Evelyn Dolbey
 Dorothy Koenig
 Shirley Lloyd
 Violet Ashton

Dorothy Love, Contact:
 Evelyn Dolbey (Salem)
 Edith Heath (Zion)

Circle Leaders
 Joy Circle Margaret Morris
 Shalom Circle—Co-Leaders Arlene Morris
 Loretta Williams

Social Chairman
 Evelyn Pugh (Joy)
 Marcile Lare (Shalom)

Music Chairman
 Carol Foster

Banner Bishop
 Arlene Morris, Chairman
 Karen Trisel
 Carol Foster
 Ruth J. Morris

United Church Women Key Woman
 Evelyn Dolbey

Receipts:

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1976	\$ 198.58
St. David's Banquet	400.00
Circle and Association Receipts	304.95
Traveling Basket	97.20
Birthday Party	116.45
Bakeless Bake Sale	122.85
Check Returned by LeRoy Kreischer	10.00
Tom Evans (Paper Used)	3.00
Least Coin	6.79
Bank Withdrawal	143.55
Summer Medical	29.60
Thank Offering	152.85
McCoy Flowers (Overpayment)	4.00

Total Balance and Receipts \$ 1,589.82

Disbursements:

Church Women United	\$ 5.00
Flowers and Gifts	39.50
St. David's Expense	228.11
County Home Expense	7.68
Contingent Dues	18.40
Apportionment	600.00
Tea Service	93.55
Least Coin	6.79

Camp Minnewauca Delegate	140.00
Banners	20.00
Sewing and Supplies	29.63
Summer Medical	29.60
Paper for Tables	8.30
Books, Fall Workshop	4.85
Presbyterian Distribution	6.75
World Communion Day	6.00
LeRoy Kreisler (Showing of Pictures)	10.00
Thank Offering	152.85
Wreath Supplies (Shut-Ins)	8.10

Total Disbursements\$ 1,415.11

Total Receipts\$ 1,589.82
 Total Disbursements 1,415.11

Balance in Checking Acct. 12-31-76\$ 174.71
 Savings Account Balance 30.77
 Interest, 1976 1.04

Balance Dec. 31, 1976\$ 31.81

Checking Account Balance\$ 174.71
 Savings Account Balance 31.81

Total Funds Dec. 31, 1976\$ 206.52

Respectfully submitted,
 Marcile Lare, Treasurer

Audited and found correct:
 T. Dewey Diss and T. W. Jones

WESTMINSTER YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

1976 - 1977

Receipts:

Balance on Hand January 1, 1976	\$ 208.47
Pop Money	2.60
Sunrise Breakfast Offering and Donations	84.14
Ruth Evans Sale and Pop Money	259.90
Cookie Money	57.84

Total Balance and Receipts\$ 012.95

Disbursements:

Pizza Hut	\$ 54.36
McCoy's Flowers	5.00
Easter Sunrise Service—Mr. Paul Nurmi	20.00
Easter Sunrise Service—Bills for Breakfast	28.99
Refreshments for Meetings	10.78
Triangle Market	68.71
Van Wert Book Store	13.33
Mary Ellen Lloyd (Food)	33.87
Anne Morris (Food)	28.02
Cash for Ruth Evans Sale	25.00
Fettig's Flower Shop	7.84
Mary Ellen Lloyd (Stamps)	5.59
Lloyd Roberts (Gift)	50.00
Carla Morris	10.00

Total Disbursements\$ 361.49

Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1976\$ 251.46

Respectfully submitted:
 Connie Lloyd, Treasurer

Audited and found correct:
 T. Dewey Diss and T. W. Jones

SALEM CHURCH MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Balance on Hand January 1, 1976\$ 659.39

Receipts:

Memorials for Frances Evans\$ 184.00
Gymanfa Ganu Collection 513.73
Donations from Gymanfa Supper 109.00
Sale of Four Gymanfa Books 8.00
Donation from Ernie Dustman
for Gymanfa 50.00

Total Receipts\$ 864.73

\$ 1,524.12

Expenses:

Bartie Jones — Music\$ 83.84
Reginald Clifton — Tuning Piano 20.00
Mary Ann Mathews — Playing Organ 125.00
Postmaster — Stamps 16.25
YWCA — Printing Patron Letters 3.50
McCoys Flowers — Gymanfa 30.00
Herbert Jones — Directing 200.00
Mrs. Thomas Edwards — Solo 20.00
Carol Foster — Playing Piano 20.00
Becky Zirkle — Printing Programs 5.00
Marvel Lloyd — Supplies for Supper .. 3.75
Gospel Gift Shop — Program Covers 13.00
Triangle Market — Supper Supplies .. 32.51
Reginald Clifton — Tuning Piano 20.00

Total Expenses\$ 592.85

\$ 931.27

Transferred to Savings Account 750.00

Balance in Checking Account\$ 181.27

Jean Owens,
Secretary & Treasurer

Audited 1-8-77 and found correct:
Dewey Diss and T. W. Jones

HANDBELL RINGERS REPORT

A small group of members work with the handbells regularly and play for Worship Services occasionally.

Checking Account Balance\$ 10.00

Savings Account Balance
with Interest Added 92.94

Total\$102.94

There has been no activity in these funds in 1976.

Respectfully submitted:

Bartie Jones

Audited and found correct:

T. Dewey Diss and T. M. Jones

SALEM CONTRIBUTORS — 1976

Current/Benevolent

Alpha Kappa Class	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul		
Bassett, Linda		
Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H.		
Bolton, Christina		
Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L.		
Bolton, Stephen		
Breese, J. Alford		
Brown, Virginia		
Coil, Stella		
Davis, Mrs. A. E.		
Davis, Alfred		
Davis, Marla		
Davis, Mary		
Davis, Sharon		
Deal, Janice Bolton		
Diss, T. Dewey		
Dolbey, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert		
Dolbey, Gary L.		
Dustman, E. L.		
Evans, D. Harries		
Evans, Mrs. Daniel J.		
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David Hugh		
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene		
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin		
Evans, Mary M.		
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Tom W.		
Eutsler, Bruce Allen		

Eutsler, Larry
Eutsler, Rosemary
Fissel, Ann Louise
Fissel, Mr. and Mrs. Donald
Fissel, Donald Brent
Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel
George, Mary
George, S. Dorothy
Giessler, Rev. and Mrs. Von
Haines, Mary Jane
Hoescher, Elizabeth
Hux, Alice Bolton
Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Layton
Jones, Alice
Jones, David H.
Jones, Dorothy E.
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M.
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh W.
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. James Elliot
Jones, John D.
Jones, Myrtle
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Osborne
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. M.
Kennedy, Thurma
Koenig, Mr. and Mrs. Everett
Koenig, Jerry
Koenig, Karen
Lare, Mr. and Mrs. Lee
LeValley, Derek
LeValley, Mr. and Mrs. James

Lloyd, Connie
 Lloyd, Danny
 Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Haydn
 Lloyd, James R.
 Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. John R.
 Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Larry
 Lloyd, Rex
 McGee, Mrs. William
 Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Earl
 Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn
 Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Alan
 Morris, David Lynn
 Morris, Mr. and Mrs. David Wayne
 Morris, Henry
 Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. R.
 Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John C.
 Morris, Mrs. John J.
 Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd
 Morris, Margaret
 Morris, Mrs. Rufus
 Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R.
 Owens, Mr. and Mrs. David W.
 Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden
 Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Richard
 Philathea Class
 Pugh, Eric Lynn
 Pugh, Gordon
 Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Owen
 Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. John Owen
 Pugh, John Robert

Pugh, Kathy Emerald
 Pugh, Owen Lloyd
 Rees, Mr. and Mrs. E. Clarence
 Rees, Evelyn
 Richards, Rev. and Mrs. E. Joe
 Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Howard
 Roberts, Stanley
 Rutledge, Tim
 Smith, Carl
 Taylor, Delilah
 Thatcher, Mrs. Stanley
 Van Eman, Mr. and Mrs. David
 Van Eman, David S.
 Van Eman, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis B.
 Van Eman, Steven
 Waltz, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth
 Wienken, Nell Jean
 Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Edward
 Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden
 Williams, Rachel
 Williams, Mrs. Robert
 Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell
 No Name