

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Salem United

Presbyterian Church

of

Venedocia, Ohio 45894

FROM

JANUARY 1, 1978 to DECEMBER 31, 1978

Pastor — Rev. Von E. Giessler

GREETINGS IN JESUS' NAME!

Beginnings always create excitement in me! New ideas, new plans, new dreams, new goals, new enthusiasm all seem to be in abundant supply as a new year stretches out before us. I always envision the new year as being the best year ever. It is my prayer and hope that this will be the best year ever for Venedocia Salem.

Paul writing to new believers in Colosse shared this in 3:10: "You are living a brand new kind of life that is continually learning more and more of what is right, and trying constantly to be more and more like Christ who created this new life within you." My prayer for the Salem community in Christ is that this may indeed be a year of increased learning. Learning not only those basic truths from His Word, but also from life's experiences.

It will be if we but decide it will be. It requires commitment on the part of each of us to fulfill our vows to Christ and the Church. The vows of loyalty by our presence, prayers, gifts, and service can be filled simply — let's do it this year!

May I suggest how easily this can be the best year yet. **FIRST**, plan to be present at each worship service if at all possible. **SECOND**, pray daily for our church and its leaders. **THIRD**, make sure our giving holds a prominent place in the distribution of our funds. **FOURTH**, whatever we are doing or are asked to do in His Church, let us determine to do it well.

TO THIS LET ME ADD ONE MORE. Let us each win one new member to Christ and His Church in 1979. Perhaps it can be done this way: **Make a list** of five acquaintances who do not presently attend any church. **Pray daily** that God will give you an opportunity to reach them for His Church. **Invite them** to come with you. **Encourage them** to become a part of the family here at Venedocia Salem.

WE HAVE SOMETHING GOOD TO SHARE! LET'S SHARE IT IN 1979!

Pastor Von E. Gicssler.

**STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1978
SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Pastor, Rev. Von E. Giessler

Elders:

Marvin Evans, Robert Deerman,
David Van Eman _____ Class of 1978
Howard Richards, Thomas Jones,
Robert Bolton _____ Class of 1979
Maxine Morgan, Arlene Morris,
Vaughn Morgan _____ Class of 1980

Officers:

Clerk of Session _____ Mr. Robert Bolton
Financial Secretary _____ Mrs. Lois Bassett
Treasurer _____ Mr. Everett Koenig
Organist _____ Mrs. Carol Foster
Chorister _____ Mr. Lee Lare
Handbell Choir _____ Miss Marla Davis
Head Usher _____ Mr. Jerry Koenig

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Communicants January 1, 1978 _____ 198
Received by Confession of Faith _____ 6
Received by Letter _____ 69
TOTAL _____ 273

Moved to Inactive Roll _____ 32
Transfer by Letter _____ 6
Deaths _____ 3
TOTAL _____ 41

Total Communicants January 1, 1979 _____ 232

BAPTISMS

Aaron Silvers Deal
Carrie Louise Jones
Kevin Michael Rhoades

IN MEMORIUM

J. Alford Breese _____ February 28, 1978
Bess Jones _____ June 11, 1978
Gerald Jones _____ January 5, 1978

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Bolton, Clerk of Session

GENERAL FUND REPORT FOR 1978

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1978 _____ \$ 3,635.33
Envelope offering _____ 16,243.19
Plate offering _____ 3,808.51
Interest Received _____ 791.45
Money refunded _____ 68.40
Chairs sold _____ 155.00
Vacation Bible School collection _____ 131.96
Lincolnview Bible School collection _____ 120.75
Organ concert collection _____ 156.98
Money collected for trip _____ 1,100.00
Ministers Retirement Fund collection _____ 82.00
Zion treasury _____ 1,990.27

TOTAL RECEIPTS—\$24,608.51

Balance— 28,243.84

Disbursements:

Trim shrubs _____ 65.00
Janitor _____ 1,500.00
Mower use _____ 25.00
Janitor supplies _____ 165.61
Becky Zirkle _____ 300.00
Typewriter repair _____ 18.50
Duplicating machine _____ 1,009.70
Office supplies _____ 184.44
Bulletins _____ 585.52
Stamps _____ 114.00
Organist _____ 612.00
Music purchased _____ 20.85
Organ check _____ 150.00
Continuing education _____ 209.05
Manuals, books _____ 69.69
Youth Fellowship magazines & material
A.D. _____ 178.12
These Days _____ 38.75
Annual report books _____ 167.00
Candles _____ 39.00
Polish collection plates _____ 73.00
Flowers _____ 45.00
Tables purchased _____ 112.80
Projector purchased _____ 450.00
Plumbing _____ 76.56
Storm damage help _____ 250.00
Door purchased _____ 196.99
Furance expense _____ 390.80

MANSE FUND REPORT FOR 1978

On hand January 1, 1978 _____ \$2,446.99

Receipts:

Rent _____ 1,200.00
 Interest _____ 131.73
 Total receipts _____ 1,331.73
TOTAL— 3,778.72

Disbursements:

Real estate tax _____ 259.18
 Insurance _____ 137.00
 Repair, maintenance and
 improvements _____ 801.02
 Total disbursements _____ 1,217.20
 Balance in bank January 1, 1979 _____ 2,561.52

BENEVOLENCE REPORT FOR 1978

On hand January 1, 1978 _____ \$ 00.00

Receipts:

Envelope offering _____ 3,170.00
 One Great Hour collection _____ 422.48
 M. M. fund collection _____ 1,092.72
 Total receipts _____ 4,685.20

Disbursements:

Mission Treasury _____ 3392.48
 World Home Bible _____ 100.00
 CROP _____ 100.00
 M. M. Fund _____ 1,092.72
 Total disbursements _____ 4,685.20
 Balance on hand January 1, 1979 _____ 00.00

Both reports submitted by
 Lois Bassett, Financial Secretary

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Electric bill _____	624.41
Coal bill _____	1,362.63
Telephone _____	122.60
Workman's compensation _____	180.39
Real estate tax _____	7.54
Insurance renewal _____	443.00
Continuing existence _____	1.00
Per capita tax _____	684.18
Zion building insurance _____	168.00
Hand bell insurance _____	166.00
Holy Week minister _____	70.00
All Ohio Choir _____	156.98
Menaul School _____	200.00
Potluck for Zion people _____	11.30
Bus Lines _____	934.00
Church Bible School _____	131.96
Lincolnview Bible School _____	120.75
Everett Koenig, Treasurer _____	150.00
Lois Bassett, Financial Secretary _____	200.00
Bob Bolton, Clerk of Sessions _____	125.00
	12,922.07

Minister _____	7,681.60
Car allowance _____	800.00
Pulpit supply _____	105.00
Pension _____	1,002.03
Total _____	9,668.63

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS—22,590.70

Balance on hand January 1, 1979 _____	\$ 5,653.14
Plus Commercial Bank savings account _____	3,000.00
TOTAL—	8,653.14

Submitted by Lois Bassett, Financial Secretary

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT — 1978

MEMORIAL FUND

Members of the Board:

Chairman _____ John C. Morris
 Vice Chairman _____ Robert Louth
 Secretary _____ Robert Zirkle
 Haydn Williams Thomas R. Morris Larry Profit
 Daniel Foster Paul Price

Distribution of Memorial Fund Money:

Certificates of Deposit

Van Wert National Bank _____ \$4,700.00
 Commercial Bank, Delphos _____ 3,605.70
 Savings Account, Van Wert National _____ 704.43
 Total distribution of money _____ \$9,010.13

Interest earned on Memorial Fund Money:

Certificate of Deposit, Commercial Bank _____ \$1,000.00
 Interest earned during the year _____ 35.00
 Disbursed to Church Treasurer _____ 35.00

Interest earned on Certificates of Deposit:

Van Wert National Bank _____ 324.46
 Van Wert National Bank _____ 141.37
 Commercial Bank, Delphos _____ 91.20
 Total interest earned on certificates _____ 557.03
 Disbursed to Church Treasurer _____ 557.03

Savings Account — Van Wert National Bank:

Balance on hand January 1, 1978 _____ 704.43
 Interest earned during the year _____ 35.65
 Total receipts _____ 740.08

Balance on hand January 1, 1979 _____ \$ 740.08

Robert P. Zirkle, Secretary of Trustees

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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 _____		600.00
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
Gladys Pugh _____		50.00
Salem Trustees _____		30.00
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
Earl Monroe _____		70.00
James G. Patterson _____		100.00
David J. Morris _____		200.00
Eugene Evans _____		105.00
Thomas Ellis Jones _____		118.43
Gordon Pugh _____		50.00
Gladys Pugh _____		50.00
TOTAL _____	\$	9,010.13

**SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT**

1978 Officers

Superintendent _____ Mike Owens
 Assistant Superintendent _____ Alan Morris
 Secretary _____ Betty Lloyd
 Assistant Secretary _____ Carla Breese
 Treasurer _____ John R. Lloyd
 Junior Superintendent _____ Shirley Lloyd
 Assistant Junior Superintendent _____ Marla Davis
 Chorister _____ Doris Price
 Pianist _____ Joyce Morris
 Assistant Pianist _____ Maria Davis

Receipts:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1978 _____ \$ 1,117.82
 Total Sunday Collections _____ 1,006.41
 Gideon Collection _____ 101.00
 Bible School Collection (daily) _____ 68.00
 Bible School Collections (Sunday morn. & donations) _____ 155.66
 Interest on Savings Account _____ 60.57
 Total Receipts _____ \$ 2,569.46

Expenditures:

Gideon Society _____ 101.00
 United Presbyterian Church USA _____ 204.02
 Van Wert Gospel Gift Shop _____ 702.56
 Bible School Supplies _____ 100.17
 Cook Mission Training School _____ 66.00
 (Bible School daily collection)
 Expense for 5 delegates to Youth Seminar _____ 45.49
 Mothers Day flowers _____ 18.03
 Father's Day candy _____ 14.25
 Christmas Treats (65) _____ 39.98
 Total Expenditures _____ \$ 1,293.50
 Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1978 _____ 1,275.96
 On deposit in savings account at
 Commercial Bank, Delphos, Ohio _____ 1,231.39
 On deposit in checking account at
 Commercial Bank, Delphos, Ohio _____ 44.57
 \$ 1,275.96
 Average Sunday School attendance of all classes
 for the year of 1978 _____ 61

John R. Lloyd, Treasurer

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1978 WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Presidents _____ Evelyn Dolbey and Carol Foster
 Vice President _____ Evelyn Pugh
 Secretary _____ Loretta Williams
 Treasurer _____ Marcile Lare

Co-ordinators:

Mission Interpretation
 Ruby Jones (Joy)
 Dorothy Koenig (Shalom)

Studies
 Margaret Morris (Joy)
 Arlene Morris (Shalom)

Involvement
 Mary Evans (Joy)
 Loretta Williams (Shalom)

Nominating Committee
 Carol Foster, Chairman
 Ruby Jones
 Marvel Lloyd

Finance Committee
 Florence Jones, Chairman
 Doris Price
 Ruby Giessler

Circle Leaders
 Joy Circle _____ Ruby Jones
 Shalom Circle _____ Marvel Lloyd

Social Chairman
 Anne Morris (Joy Circle)
 Marcile Lare (Shalom Circle)

United Church Women Key Woman
 Evelyn Dolbey

**WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1978	\$ 148.74
Circles and Association money	345.25
Donations from members	70.00
Garage sale receipts and donations	332.71
Delphos Days receipts and donations	136.05
Least Coin collection	6.70
Summer medical offering	29.83
Thank Offering collection	216.15
Pecan sales	5,328.00
Gymanfa money	101.52
Total receipts	\$6,714.95

Disbursements:

Apportionment	\$ 600.00
Contingent dues	16.80
Least Coin	6.70
Sewing and supplies	21.90
Concern Magazine	5.00
Presbyterian Dist.	7.50
Summer medical	29.83
Thank offering	216.15
Church Women United	5.00
Salem Church	50.00
Flowers and gifts	48.51
Garage sale and advertisement	53.25
Delphos Days (cash for change)	30.00
Kitchen cleaning (rug)	12.79
W.Y.C.A. pecans	318.00
Mascot Pecan Co.	4,388.40
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,809.83

Balance on hand January 1, 1979	\$ 905.12
Savings account Dec. 31, 1978	\$34.87
Interest	.46
Total	\$35.33

Respectfully submitted by Marcile Lare, Treasurer

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**SALEM AND ZION
PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP — 1978**

Balance on hand January 1, 1978 _____ \$ 198.49

Receipts:

Pop money	39.60
Sunrise Service offering	24.42
Spring Slave Day donations	196.00
Fall Slave Day donations	83.86
Deposits	81.26
Total receipts	425.14
Total receipts and balance	\$ 623.63

Expenditures:

Triangle	31.80
Susan Giessler (gift)	10.00
Pangle's	6.93
Pizza Hut	48.75
The Darrel King Evangelistic Film	41.75
Anne Morris	56.13
Lisa Lloyd	9.50
Paul Nurmi	60.00
Ruby Giessler	10.00
Total expenditures	\$ 274.86

Balance on hand January 1, 1979 _____ \$ 348.77

John Todd Morris, Treasurer

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SALEM CHURCH MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT — 1978

HANDBELL RINGERS ACCOUNT

Balance on hand January 1, 1978:

Check book _____	\$ 87.64
Savings book _____	1,091.89
Total on hand January 1, 1978 _____	\$1,179.53

Receipts:

Gymanfa Collection and supper donations _____	567.31
Interest income _____	57.76
Total receipts _____	\$1,804.60

Expenses:

Carol Foster, supplies _____	\$ 6.89
Reginald Clifton, tuning piano _____	20.00
Welsh song books _____	14.00
Thomas Williams, direction of Gymanfa _____	150.00
Carol Foster, accompanist _____	25.00
Marla Davis, accompanist _____	20.00
Joyce Morris _____	20.00
Jeannie Summersett _____	15.00
Triangle Market _____	48.48
McCoy's Flowers _____	30.00
Howard Richards, tape _____	10.00
Salem Women's Association, Gymanfa supper _____	101.52
Hope Publishing Co., song books _____	314.28
Turner Music (black folders) _____	31.80
Total expenses _____	\$ 806.97

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1979 _____ \$ 997.63

Check book _____	\$ 46.67
Savings _____	950.96
Total _____	\$997.63

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Williams, Secretary

Savings account:

Amount on hand January 1, 1978 _____	\$87.67
Interest received during 1978 _____	4.49
Total on hand January 1, 1979 _____	\$92.16

There were no financial transactions during 1978.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Davis.

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Florence Jones Michael Owens

SALEM CONTRIBUTORS — 1978

	Gen.	Benov.
Alpha Kappa Class _____	25.00	25.00
Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul _____		
Bassett, Linda _____		
Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas _____		
Beerman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert _____		
Bolton, Chris _____		
Dolton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. _____		
Bolton, Stephen _____		
Breese, J. Alford _____		
Davis, Alfred _____		
Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Earl _____		
Davis, Marla _____		
Deal, Janice Bolton _____		
Diss, T. Dewey _____		
Dolbey, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert _____		
Dustman, E. L. _____		
Eutsler, Bruce _____		
Eutsler, Larry _____		
Eutsler, Rosemary _____		
Eutsler, Mr. and Mrs. William _____		
Evans, D. Harries _____		
Evans, Mrs. Daniel J. _____		
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David Hugh _____		
Evans, Mrs. Eugene _____		
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin _____		
Evans, Mary M. _____		
Evans, Owen _____		
Fissel, Ann Louise _____		
Fissel, Donald Brent _____		
Fissel, Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. _____		
George, Mary _____		
George, S. Dorothy _____		
Giessler, Rev. and Mrs. Von _____		
Gorman, Ruth _____		
Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Robert _____		
Holscher, Elizabeth _____		
Hoverman, Mr. and Mrs. Archie _____		
Hux, Alice Bolton _____		
Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Layton _____		
Jones, David H. _____		
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. _____		
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh William _____		
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul _____		
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. James Elliot _____		

CONTRIBUTIONS—CONT.

Gen. Benov.

Jones, Myrtle _____
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Osborn _____
Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. _____
Jones, Thomas L. _____
Kennedy, Thurma _____
Koenig, Mr. and Mrs. Everett _____
Koenig, Jerry _____
Koenig, Karen _____
Lare, Mr. and Mrs. Lee _____
Lloyd, Connie _____
Lloyd, Danny _____
Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Haydn _____
Lloyd, James R. _____
Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. John R. _____
Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Larry _____
Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Rex _____
Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. William _____
Louth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert _____
McGee, Mrs. William _____
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. _____
Monroe, Beryle _____
Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn _____
Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Alan _____
Morris, Ava and Ruth Evelyn _____
Morris, David and Diane _____
Morris, Edith and David _____
Morris, Henry _____
Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. _____
Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John C. _____
Morris, Mrs. John J. _____
Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd _____
Morris, Mrs. Margaret E. _____
Morris, Mrs. Rufus _____
Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. _____
Owens, Mr. and Mrs. David William _____
Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Haydn _____
Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Michael _____
Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Richard _____
Pugh, Eric Lynn _____
Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Owen _____
Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. John Owen _____
Pugh, John Robert _____
Rees, E. Clarence _____
Rees, Evelyn _____
Richards, Rev. Joe _____
Thatcher, Mrs. Stanley _____

CONTRIBUTIONS—CONT.

Gen. Benov.

Van Eman, Mr. and Mrs. David	_____	
Van Eman, Mr. and Mrs. Steven	_____	
Waltz, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth	_____	
Wienken, Nell Jean	_____	
Williams, Mrs. Ed	_____	
Williams, Mrs. G. P.	_____	
Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Haydn	_____	
Williams, Mrs. Robert	_____	
Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell	_____	
No Name	_____	487.69 337.50