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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School for all Ages
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

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**Sunday, March 12 —
The 2nd Sunday in Lent —
Boy Scout Sunday**



Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 16-25
John 3:1-8
Sermon: *Things That Do Not Exist*
Music: Haviland Choir - *Upon This Rock*

**Sunday, March 19 —
The 3rd Sunday in Lent
Soup and Bread Luncheon following Worship**

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-8
John 4:5-26, 39-42
Sermon: *Got Water?*
Liturgist: Cheryl Kekel
Music: Praise Choir
Haviland Choir - *God So Loved the World*



Dear Friends,

We have begun the Season of Lent, traditionally known as a season of being “more fervent in prayer, more generous in works of charity, more eager in celebrating the mysteries by which we are reborn.” Prayer, generosity, worship. All of these are worthy words to live by during the 40 days of Lent and every other day as well.

In the Presbyterian Church, our “works of charity” during Lent focus on the One Great Hour of Sharing. Our gifts are distributed as follows:

- 32% of the funds go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), which works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters. PDA has ministered recently in communities devastated by flooding (including in West Virginia), by wildfires (the West and Tennessee), and by Hurricane Matthew.
- 36% of the funds go to the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), which takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
- 32% of the funds go to Self-Development of People (SDOP), which invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

Please contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing prayerfully and generously. You will be hearing more about how your gifts help others from members of our Mission Interpretation Committee throughout Lent.

And, the Guatemala Travelers are planning to make a presentation during worship in the near future. We are very grateful for your support of our trip, and hope that you’ll be able to see and hear what we learned and experienced.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Ariel (*Dollie Millikin's relative*), The Beck Family, Sandy Byers (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Carol Dougherty, Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Berneda Fitch, Dwight Guthrie (*Meta Cramer's cousin*), Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Dolores Kynett, Sue Kyser, Hannah Lanza-Roth (*granddaughter of Cheryl and Gary Kekel*), Brenda Lipp, Ricki Looser (*Jan Jones' friend*), Russell Loudon, Larry Lozier, Mary Luecke (*Barb Loudon's mother*), Anne Lutz (*Jan Jones' friend*), Don Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), John (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Clarence and Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's parents*), Charity Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's daughter-in-law*), Maria Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's mother-in-law*), Gary Richards, Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Dr. Marilyn Roderick (*Juanita Latham's daughter*), Steve Rozeski (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Leroy Sanor (*Beverly Mosher's neighbor*), Maxine Sanor (*Ellie Parker's friend*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer and Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's husband, mother*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Jerry Toot (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Ronald White, Ruth Wright (*Ann Sandrock's friend*), Kristina Yonker (*Barbara Yonker's daughter-in-law*)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: MaryLou Timmins
Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 124; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840
Brookdale Salem: Pat Butler, 305
Brookdale Austintown: Henry and Dottie Zimmerman; 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd 44515
Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251
Inn at Ironwood: Norman and Jeanne Smith, 106; 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406

Envelope Income received February 5	\$ 4,560.00
Envelope Income received February 12	\$ 4,470.00
Envelope Income received February 19	\$ 2,439.00
Envelope Income received February 26	\$ 6,291.40
General Fund Balance, January 31, 2017	\$ 593.81
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 1,556.00

Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221; Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059

Lake Vista at Cortland: Margaret Sheets, Apt 105; 303 North Mecca St, Cortland OH 44410

Village at Westerville: Bruno and Kay Stanga; 215 Huber Village Blvd, C100, Westerville OH 43081

Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601

Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 126; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

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In Memoriam

Dorothy Nichols Gibson

United with First Church:
April 12, 1984

Died:
February 27, 2017

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord hence forth...that they may rest from their labors for their deeds follow them." ~ Revelation 14:13

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to the family of Dorothy Gibson.

Upper Room devotionals in small and large print for March-April are available at Sanctuary entrances.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Loose the bonds of injustice, let the oppressed go free. Isaiah 58
Envelopes in Sanctuary Pew Racks.

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Norman and Jeanne Smith on the celebration of their 68th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on March 5, 1949 in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Salem.

Thank You

Big Thank You to Tricia Jackson for delivering flowers from the church this past Sunday.

Ken and Goldie Burrier



Daffodils & Tulips - \$6.00 each
 Lilies - \$7.00 each
No Color Choice
 Order on Sundays,
 March 12, 19, 26 or
 through Church Office.

Coffee Hour Reminder

Thanks to all our ladies and gentlemen who are so willing to help with Coffee Hour. Please remember to check ahead of time for creamer and punch in the refrigerator. Thanks again for serving. Any questions, please call me.

March 12 - Grace and Mark Smith
 March 19 - April Circle
 March 26 - April Circle

THANK YOU BREAKFAST

Scout Sunday
March 12
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.



To thank the church for your support of the Scouting program, the Scouts will serve Breakfast Casserole, juice, and coffee at no cost.

Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio, meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017...

- Approved moving Pres-Bees to Sunday evenings beginning in the fall in an attempt to avoid some of the conflicts our children have on Wednesdays.
- Approved replacing the Peace Pole, which was destroyed by a car jumping the curb.
- Heard that the Valentine Potluck Dinner was a success, with at least 60 people attending.
- Approved the use of the Library and Fellowship Hall on Saturday mornings (subject to the church's schedule) for prayer and Bible study led by Pastor Manuel Lux, who is being sponsored by the Upper Room Fellowship in Columbiana to minister to the Guatemalan community in Salem. An agreement was approved which includes a provision that a member of this Church will always be present during these times.
- Approved using the local portion of the Pentecost Offering for the Shoe Voucher Program conducted by Buckeye Elementary School and funded by the Rotary Club and the Salem Ministerial Association.
- Authorized the Property Committee to spend up to \$3000 to purchase an adequate projector, an adequate size screen, and room darkening curtains all of which would be a temporary installation for presentations by our youth, the annual Vacation Bible School worship service, and other special programs.
- Elected Ruling Elder Karen Dennison as the Elder Commissioner to the March 7 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery.
- Approved August 11 and 12 as vacation days for Meta Cramer.
- Engaged in prayers of intercession for members and friends of this congregation.

Youth News

Sunday School: 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Teachers - Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens

Pres-Bees Youth Club: 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 / Choir, Lesson, Craft, Dinner

March 8 Regular Gathering - Nuggets, Fries, Applesauce
March 15 Regular Gathering - Pasta, Garlic Bread, Salad
March 19 Praise Choir sings during Worship
March 22 Regular Gathering - Tacos, Corn, Fruit Cocktail
March 29 Regular Gathering - Sausage, Eggs, Fr. Toast, Fruit
April 5 Final Pres-Bees - Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit
April 9 Youth Sunday

LOGOS: LOGOS at 5:00 p.m. / Youth in Grades 6-12
LOGOS Bell Choir at 4:15 in Room 109.

March 12 Regular Meeting
March 19 Regular Gathering
March 24 Lock-In

Fundraiser: Celestial Candles (\$14 each)
Fellowship Hall on Sundays or call
Kim Double, 234-567-1752.



Help Us Fill an Easter Basket for a Family in Need!
Our LOGOS are collecting: Canned Ham, Canned Vegetable and Fruit, FF Onions, Cream Soups, Boxed Stuffing, and Potatoes, as well as Jello and Pudding Mixes. We will deliver the basket to Buckeye School on April 3.

The annual meeting of the Salem Community Pantry will be held this Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Education Building, 251 South Broadway.



The Salem Community Pantry is seeking volunteers:

- Tuesday evening supervisor (4-5 hours Tuesday Evenings, distribution from 5-7:30)
- Friday morning supervisor (4-5 hours Friday mornings; distribution from 9-11:30)

These individuals would oversee and help with the food distribution process from beginning to end on these shifts.

- Someone to pick up food from Walmart 3 times a week (can use Pantry van)
- Someone to place food orders and keep statistical reports (ideally done by either the Tuesday evening or Friday morning supervisor, but could be done by another individual)
- Someone to oversee warehouse operations (10 hrs/wk)

March

Happy Birthday!

Rolin Herron (8), Marty Hollinger (9), Shirley Devan (14),
Joe Marra (21), Suzanne Cain (24),
Dick Shanker (24), Dick Dougherty (26)

8 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (109)
6:45 Finance/Administration (107)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

11 / Sat **Turn Clocks Ahead ONE HOUR**

12 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
9:15 Five Guys Handbell Ensemble (109)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship - *Scout Sunday*
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (109)
5:00 LOGOS (FH)

13 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)

14 / Tues 12:00 November Circle (Annabell's)

15 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (109)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

16 / Thurs **7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)**

17 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)

19 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
11:30 Soup and Bread Lunch (FH)
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (109)
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

20 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

22 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (109)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

25 / Sat 9:00 Making Soup to Go (K)

26 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
Following Worship — Soup to Go
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (109)
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

27 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

28 / Tues 9:15 Preschool 2017-2018 Registration (FH)

29 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (109)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

31 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107)

April

Happy Birthday!

George Bell (5), Jeanne Smith (16), Beverly Mosher (18)

2 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

3 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)

4 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)

5 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club - *final till fall*
6:15 Carillon Ringers (109)



Salem Community Pantry

Mon., Fri., 9-11:30 a.m. / Tues., 5-7:30 p.m.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Peanut Butter, Plastic Grocery Bags, Empty Egg Cartons. Place items in Fellowship Hall.

Worship Schedule on Cable TV Channel 9

Sunday – 1 and 9 am / Monday – 1am
Tuesday – 3 am, 12 & 4 pm / Wednesday – 1 am, 4 & 9 pm
Friday – 1 am / Saturday – 3 am, 12 & 4 pm

Services can also be seen on You Tube: FPCSALEM