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# The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 a.m. Worship

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## January 17 — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sermon: "Epiphany, Part 3"  
Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; John 2:1-11  
Music: Haviland Choir  
Liturgist: Teri Lou Pike

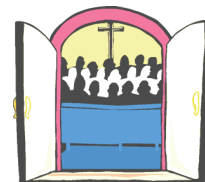
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## January 24 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Birthday Celebration for Verna Stevens during Coffee Hour



Sermon: "Mixed Reception"  
Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-12; Psalm 19; Luke 4:14-30  
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs



Congregational  
MEETING

Following  
Worship

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Dear Friends,

The last couple of weeks have certainly demonstrated that winter is here! Cold and snowy winters are part of life in Ohio, and we expect them. But bad roads and sub-zero temperatures can mean that we become isolated from one another. Already, some meetings were canceled or postponed because of snow. It becomes more challenging for many of us to get out. Some of us have already "gone south" or will be leaving soon. It is easy to lose touch with one another.

During these cold months, I hope that you will find warmth in our fellowship with one another. I also hope that you will extend the warmth of Christian love to those who find it hard to be in worship or at other events when sidewalks are icy or travel unpredictable. This is a good time to make an extra effort to stay connected by making a simple telephone call, sending a quick e-mail message, and holding one another in prayer.

During this brief season between Christmas and Lent (*which starts on February 17!*), we reflect upon Jesus' call to us to be his disciples, and we give thanks for the gifts he pours out upon his Church. As we live out our calling, let's remember to share the warmth of God's love – not only with each other, but with our neighbors, too. How? If you know someone who is struggling financially, let them know about the Salem Community Pantry, which opens on January 18. Participate as we begin our involvement in the Apostles' Build for Habitat for Humanity. And let people know what God has done *for you*. Bring a friend to worship. Bring a child to Pres-Bees. Bring a youth to LOGOS. Bring someone to Daytimers. Keep warm....and share the warmth!

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Cleveland Clinic — Rosann Butler, J622 I (9500 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44195)

Others — Elvira Bass, Karen Bass (*Mary Frances Breit's sister, niece*), Ellen Becker (*family friends of Bob and Sue Merry*), Warren and Barbara Bettis, Dick Bryan, Sally Collins, Hayden Johnson, [www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden](http://www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden), Tink Layden, Joe Lippiatt (*Sue Sinclair's brother and Penny Lippiatt's nephew*), Char McDevitt, Bill McDevitt, Nancy Mickey (*Lori Mickey's mother in law*), Mary Jo Milheim, Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Tom Smith, Melvin Wilms

## Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Tony Dominic, 116 (*Stella Dominic's husband*); Jean Pridon, 104 (*Sam Pridon's wife*); Mary Jane Stamp (*Ruth Newman's mother*)

Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601 (3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224)

Clare Bridge of Austintown — Bill Butler (*Pat Butler's husband*); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515

Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*)

Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*); Virginia Stanley (*Judi Bender's mother*)

Essex I: Juanita Starbuck, 105 (*Ray Starbuck's wife*)

Essex III: Ibbey Dales, 211

Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234

Pleasant View North: Virginia Limestahl, 17 (*Lu Ann Cole's mother*)

## Armed Forces

† SGT Conrad, Emily — 1443A Circle Dr, Fort Campbell KY 42223 (*Gloria Shafer's cousin*)

† SGT Double C — 1st MAR DIV, 3rd Amphibious Assault BN, H & S CO, MCM PLT (*Barbara Double's grandson*)

† SGT Fennema, John T — [fennma33@yahoo.com](mailto:fennma33@yahoo.com) (*Paul and Barb Fennema's son*)

† LCPL Gibbs, Jeremy B. — 5988 Tulagi Place, Tarawa Terrace NC 28543 (*Charles and Margaret Gibbs' grandson*)

† 2LT Halverstadt, Jon — 858 MCT / Joint Base Balad / APO AE 09391 / (*Dave and Becky Halverstadt's son*) [jphalve@gmail.com](mailto:jphalve@gmail.com)

## FINANCIALS

Envelope Income received January 3, 2010	\$ 4,025.85
Envelope Income received January 10, 2010	\$ 11,405.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2009	(-\$2,579.96)
December Revenues	\$60,971.05
December Expenses	\$51,236.60
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ 7,154.49
<b>Per Capita (\$28 / Goal: \$13,328)</b>	<b>\$ 1,010.00</b>

† PVT Hill, Zachary — D Company 2 -81 ARBN, 3rd Platoon Warlords, 3576 Wilson Rd, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5728; (*Gloria Shafer's son*)

[Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil](mailto:Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil)

† CPL Lee, Stacy — CLB-5 HQ CO, UNIT 42230, FPO AP 96426-2230

† SGT Stith, Ryan — Kilo Company, MCT SOI, Camp Pendleton CA 92055 (*Harvey Mason's grandson*)

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I am deeply saddened to share with you that the Rev. Tom Niccolls passed away on Sunday and celebrate that he has joined the Church Triumphant. Tom had battled leukemia for several months and was under Hospice care. I will provide you with details concerning the memorial service as soon as plans have been finalized. Please keep Betty and the Niccolls family in your prayers.

Rev. Dan Schomer, General Presbyter  
Eastminster Presbytery

The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Rich and Pat Eichler and the family on the death of Rich's mother, Evelyn Eichler.

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**Congratulations** to grandmother-Connie Clark and great grandparents Dick and Eileen Shanker on the birth of Parker Chisolm on December 21. Parents are Nick and Annie Chisolm of Toledo.

### Open Dates for Bulletins:

January 17, 24, 31, February 21, 28, March 14, 21, 28; \$15/Sunday

### Open Dates for Flowers:

January 17, 24, February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14; \$10/vase

## Thank You

Dear Deacons, I want to thank you all for my beautiful flowers delivered to me by Pat Butler for my birthday and the lovely cards I received from my church family. God bless you, *Joyce Smith*

Thank you so much for the beautiful Poinsettia delivered by Marty Hollinger. *Mary Frances Breit*

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and good wishes sent during my recent illness. Thanks to Barb Bozich for the visit and lovely flowers. I am coming along well and thank God for all my blessings and a wonderful church family. *Ellie Parker*

Thank you, Rev. Cramer, for the home visit prior during a very busy time. Thank you, church family, for the cards, visits, and thoughts during my recovery from the heart procedure on December 21; to Lorin Shepard for delivering a Poinsettia from the Deacons; and to Goldie and Ken Burrier for transporting me to the doctor and at the hospital discharge. *Pat Eichler*

My dad, Clarence Reed, and I extend our thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards and good wishes through his recent unexpected tripe bypass surgery and recovery period. My dad is doing well and has begun cardio rehab. He has told me about each card he has received and I tell him when one of you has asked about him. My dad thanks all of you, his "Ohio Church Family" for all your support. Fondly, *Sue Skiba*



**The Salem Area Pantry** will hold an Open House this Friday, January 15 from 4-7 p.m. at its new location at **794 East Third Street**. The Pantry will open for food distribution on Monday, January 18. Hours of operation will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m. Clients will be eligible for a three day supply of food weekly. Volunteers are still needed to staff the pantry. **See the Volunteer Signup Sheet included with this newsletter for information about job descriptions and hours.** We are joining with ten other churches and organizations in this community effort. Pantry members include Believer's Christian Fellowship, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, First Friends Church, Southeast Friends, St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, Salem United Methodist Church, SAFCO, and The Salvation Army.



The Preschool is very grateful for the support of you, the congregation members. At the urging of the Preschool Advisory Board, we have reinstated the "Wish List" for items needed by the Preschool for our day to day activities. The Preschool parents have responded wonderfully to our requests yet we can always use more help! The Wish List for January is: package of white copy paper (\$3.50 at Walmart), package of bright or pastel colored copy paper (single color or assorted), and paper towels. We truly appreciate the donation of any of these items.



**Salem native, Dr. Vicki J. Schaeffer**, daughter of the late Jean and Charles "Mutt" Schaeffer, will present an organ recital on Sunday, January 17 at 3:00 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Salem. The concert, free and open to the public, will include works by Bach, Handel, Vierne, and others. A graduate of Salem High School, Dr. Schaeffer holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Mount Union College, a Master of Music degree from Kent State University, and a Doctor of Music degree, with a double major in organ performance and church music from Indiana University – Bloomington. She is currently an assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma.

## 2010 Committees



You are invited to be a Member-at-Large on one of the following committees: Christian Education, Finance and Administration, Mission Interpretation and Stewardship, Property and Maintenance, and Worship, Music and the Arts. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month beginning with Devotions in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. (Finance meets on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.)

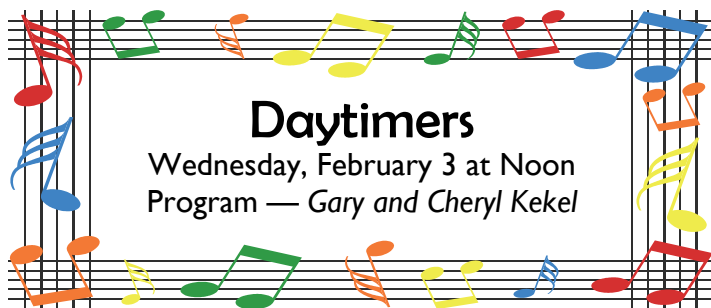
**Please note that Committee Night was cancelled last Thursday due to the weather and has been rescheduled for this Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.**



## "From Snowflakes to Gardens"



Gather to make Plans for  
Peace/Prayer/Meditation Garden  
Open to all interested persons  
Sunday, January 24, 2010  
9:00 a.m. — Library



## Daytimers

Wednesday, February 3 at Noon  
Program — Gary and Cheryl Kekel

## Annual POTLUCK Supper

Sunday, February 14  
6 p.m. — Fellowship Hall  
Bring your favorite casserole to share

## Worship Service Schedule

Cable TV Channel 9 / \*Schedule subject to change  
Sunday – 2 a.m.\* / Tuesday – 12 p.m., 4 p.m.  
Wednesday – 4 a.m.\*, 4 & 9 p.m.  
Friday – 4 a.m.\*, 4 p.m.\* / Saturday – 2 a.m.\*

# January



*Happy Birthday!*

*Verna Stevens (23 — 90th)*

- 13 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
9:15 March Circle (110)  
12:00 October Circle (Salem Golf Club)  
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 14 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)  
**7:00 Committees —  
Christian Education (106)  
Finance and Administration (110)  
Mission I and S (109)  
Property and Maintenance (107)  
Worship, Music and the Arts (FH)**
- 15 / Fri 4:00-7:00 Open House:  
Community Food Pantry, 794 E 3rd St
- 17 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 18 / Mon No Preschool  
9:00-1:00 Community Food Pantry  
Distribution, 794 E 3rd St — M/W/F
- 19 / Tues **8:30 Investment (107)**  
5:00-8:00 Community Food Pantry  
Distribution, 794 E 3rd St
- 20 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 21 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)  
**7:00 Session (107)**
- 23 / Sat 10:00-2:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)

- 24 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 "From Snowflakes to Gardens" (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) —  
*Birthday Celebration for Verna Stevens*  
10:30 Worship — *Cherub Choir*  
**11:30 Annual Congregational /  
Corporation Meeting**  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
- 25 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — M/Tu/Th/F  
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) — M/Tu  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 26 / Tues 6:00 April Circle (Hickory Rib)  
RSVP Grace Smith, 330-332-8312
- 27 / Weds 9:00-3:00 Preschool Conferences (109)  
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 28 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool Conferences (109)  
9:00 Quilting (110)
- 31 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship — *Praise Choir*  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

# February

*Happy Birthday!*

*Mary Frances Breit (2)*

- 1 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — M/Tu/Th/F  
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) — M/Tu  
**9:30 Presbyterian Women (107)**  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**
- 2 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 3 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
12:00 Daytimers (FH)  
Program by *Gary and Cheryl Kekel*  
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)