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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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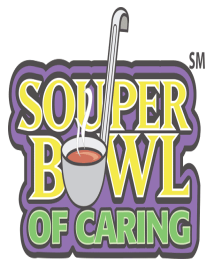
January 31 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Sacrament of Baptism for Maxwell Paul Zacharias



Sermon: "Touched with Love"
Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs
Liturgist: Sue Skiba
Acolyte: Cody

February 7 — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sermon: "Here We Are, Lord"
Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:3-14; Luke 5:1-11
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Todd Brown
Acolyte: Cole

Dear Friends,

As I left our congregational meeting yesterday, I thought of all the things I should have said. (I'm sure none of you has ever had that experience!) I realized that – although I had called attention to the reports of our committees, organizations, and staff members – I had not expressed my personal gratitude to them for the work they did in 2009 for our congregation, for our community, and, above all, for our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I wrote in the last *Messenger*, these first weeks of the year are a time when we reflect upon Jesus' call to us to follow him and serve him. Each of you has heard that call in your own way. Every Elder, Deacon, and committee member – not to mention each member of our church staff – has heard that call and does his or her best, every day and at each meeting and event, to build up this church as the Body of Christ. Please know that all of us are grateful the time, commitment, and prayers you bring to your tasks.

However, the call to be Jesus' disciples is not limited to those called to be church officers or staff members. Each and every one of us is called to bring our gifts to God's service. And what we find is that we are given gifts in abundance with which to do what God asks us to do.

This is a "gifted" congregation. Many thanks to each of you for sharing your gifts. In this new year, may we continue to discover gifts we didn't even know we had, as we hear the call of Jesus to follow where he leads us.

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Hospital — Carolene Watkins, 334-2

Northside — Verna Stevens, 1501B

Others — Evelyn Babb (*friend of Janice Bethel*), 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, Joe Gibson (*Barb Gibson's son, Nancy Fawcett's nephew*), Hayden Johnson, 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*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Eleanor Robertson, Melvin Wilms

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Rosann Butler, 111A; Tony Dominic, 116 (*Stella Dominic's husband*); Jean Pridon, 112 (*Sam Pridon's wife*); Mary Jane Stamp, 108 (*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: Ibby 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 — fennema33@yahoo.com (*Paul and Barb Fennema's son*)

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

FINANCES

Envelope Income received January 3, 2010	\$ 4,025.85
Envelope Income received January 10, 2010	\$ 11,405.00
Envelope Income received January 17, 2010	\$ 2,943.00
Envelope Income received January 24, 2010	\$ 5,517.00
General Fund Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ 7,154.49
<u>Haiti</u>	\$ 210.00
<u>Per Capita (\$28 / Goal: \$13,328)</u>	\$ 1,824.00
<u>2¢ for Hunger</u>	\$ 25.50

† 2LT Halverstadt, Jon — 858 MCT / Joint Base Balad / APO AE 09391 / (*Dave and Becky Halverstadt's son*)

jphalve@gmail.com

† 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

† 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*)



We appreciated all the visits, cards, and prayers during Mom's illness and passing.

Rich and Pat Eichler

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.

Sue Skiba, Director

Open Dates for Bulletins:

Jan 31, Feb 21, 28, Mar 21, 28, Apr 4, 11, 18, 25; \$15/Sunday



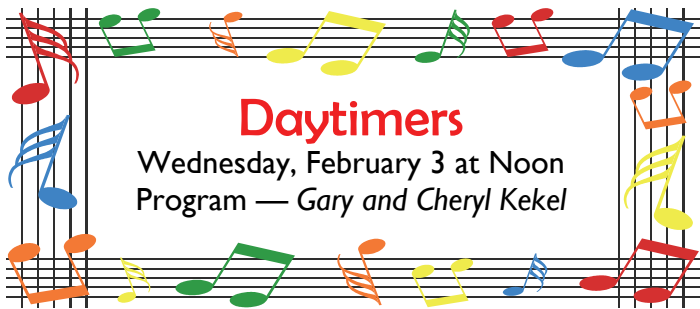
The new Community Food Pantry is located at 794 East Third Street and is open for food distribution on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. Clients are eligible for a three day supply of food weekly. Volunteers are still needed to staff the pantry (Signup Sheets are at Sanctuary entrances).



Eastminster Presbytery wants your congregation to know that we, as the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have already responded to the crisis in Haiti following the devastating earthquake. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is rushing an initial \$100,000 from the One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds to help provide immediate emergency relief to the affected people in Haiti. Funds are being sent through our ecumenical and local partners working in Haiti. If you would like to respond with a monetary gift, send your contribution to your church and add the notation "Haiti – DR000064".

Open Dates for Flowers:

Feb 21, Mar 7, 14, Apr 11; \$10/ vase



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

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 7. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2009, over 13,000 groups participated in this event generating over \$10 million. All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant. None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$60 million has gone to help people in need. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to “love our neighbors” by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 7th.



Valentine Dinner



Sunday, February 14
 5:30 p.m. — Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite casserole to share

Program — “Kekel Kabaret”
 with Gary and Cheryl Kekel



Bring non-perishable
 food items for new
 Community Food Pantry

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.*

Your Session at Work

At the January 21 Session meeting:

- ✓ Approved purchase of Vacation Bible School program, *High Seas Expedition*
- ✓ Approved sending Andrew Skiba to Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University, July 20-24, 2010
- ✓ Approved collection of food items by Pres-Bees Youth Club for Community Food Pantry
- ✓ Approved Pasta Fundraiser for JBM kids
- ✓ Approved Bus Trip to Cleveland Indians Game in September
- ✓ Approved holding a Pancake Breakfast and announcing a “matching gift” to fund the Apostles Build of Habitat for Humanity.
- ✓ Approved Baptism on January 31, 2010 of Maxwell Paul Zacharias, son of Jeff and Kerri (Johnson) Zacharias.
- ✓ Approved vacation and study leave for Meta Cramer.

“To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who struggle and desire the victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whomsoever will, this Church opens wide her doors in the name of Jesus Christ, her Lord, bids you WELCOME. We are united for the worship of God and the services of mankind.”

...1930 Bulletin Cover
 First Presbyterian Church, Salem

Martin Luther called music “a fair and gift of God”. He went on to elaborate when he wrote...“Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart.”

...Eileen Guenther
 President of American Guild of Organists

(Ms. Guenther will present a Concert on
 Sunday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m. at the
 First Presbyterian Church in Youngstown.)

January



- 25 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 26 / Tues 6:00 April Circle (Hickory Rib)
RSVP Grace Smith, 330-332-8312
- 27 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 31 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School Together Time for
Kinderkids through Grade 4
"Bible Bonanza Movie" (209)
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 Preschool Conferences (107)
10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 3 / Weds Preschool Conferences (107)
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)
- 4 / Thurs 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
7:00 Committee Night:
Christian Education (106)
Mission I and S (109)
Property and Maintenance (107)
Worship, Music and the Arts (FH)



- 7 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
4:30 LOGOS (107)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3
Pinewood Derby (FH)



- 8 / 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)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 9 / Tues 5:00 Eastminster Presbytery
Committee Night
- 10 / Weds Preschool Valentine Parties
9:00 February Circle (Hot Dog Shoppe)
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)
- 11 / Thurs Preschool Valentine Parties
7:00 Finance (107)
- 12 / Fri No Preschool
- 14 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship — *Cherub Choir*
5:30 Valentine Potluck Dinner (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 15 / Mon No Preschool
- 17 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)
12:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
7:30 Men's Bible Study (109)
7:30 Haviland Choir (S)
- 18 / Thurs 12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (109)
7:00 Session (107)
- 21 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship — *Praise Choir*
4:30 LOGOS (107)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 Meeting (FH)

