

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor

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

# The Presbyterian Messenger



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No. 6



Westminster College  
Gospel Choir  
6:30 pm - Sanctuary  
Cookie Reception

## March 29 — The Fifth Sunday in Lent Westminster College Gospel Choir Program at 6:30 p.m.

Sermon: "Handwriting on the Heart"  
Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5:5-10  
Music: Haviland Choir  
Liturgist: Cathy Hofmeister

One Great Hour  
of Sharing  
Goal — \$6000



## April 5 — Passion/Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt following Worship



Sermon: "Emptied and Exalted"  
Scripture: Mark 11:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a,  
Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11  
Music: Cherub, Praise, and Haviland Choirs  
Liturgist: Jim Harrison

1  = \$12

"Where your  
treasure is, there  
your heart will be  
also."  
Matt. 6:21

We are entering the "home stretch" of the season of Lent. Before we know it, Holy Week will be here, beginning on Passion/Palm Sunday and extending through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday before we arrive at the joy of Easter morning. I invite you to several special worship opportunities that will be taking place *before* Holy Week arrives:

- \* On the evening of Wednesday, March 25, we will hold our final Lenten Evening Prayer service in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m.
- \* On the evening of Sunday, March 29, we will be hosting the Westminster College Gospel Choir for a 6:30 p.m. concert. Bring your friends! Our own Sarah Bender is a member of this Choir and it should be a great evening.
- \* On Wednesday, April 1, we will take part in a 7 p.m. Lenten service at St. Paul's Catholic Church; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Emmanuel Lutheran Church will also be participating. Please "extend the right hand of fellowship" as we worship with our brothers and sisters in faith.

Turning to another subject, I am aware that some of you have been reading the best-selling book "The Shack" by William Paul Young. (And if you haven't, these last days of Lent would be an excellent time to do so.) I've now read it too and would be delighted to have an opportunity to discuss it with anyone who's interested. If you would like to be part of a group discussion on "The Shack," please call the office and we will try to find a time that works.

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Cleveland Clinic — Dick Ahead (J18-Room 2; 9500 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44195)

Others — Elvira Bass (*Mary Frances Breit's sister*), Lucina Blackburn (*Berneda Fitch's mother*), Hayden Johnson, [www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden](http://www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden), Bill McDevitt, Beverly Mosher (213 N Heron Dr, Briny Breezes FL 33435), Aniya Woodruff (*infant daughter of Bryan and Aubrey Jackson Woodruff and great granddaughter of Richard and Eileen Shanker*)

## Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Miriam Bricker, 201 (*Sue Kyser's mother*), Tony Dominic, 116 (*Stella Dominic's husband*), Evelyn Eichler, 112 (*Dick Eichler's mother*), Florence Murdock, 106

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

Courtyard: Bill Davis; 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

Holander House: Virginia Limestahl (*Lu Ann Cole's mother*)

## Shut-Ins at Home

Warren and Barbara Bettis, Dick Bryan, Billy Crookston, Tink Layden, Leila Weirick

## Armed Forces

SGT Double K / 1st MAR DIV, 3rd Amphibious Assault BN, H & S CO, MCM PLT (Barbara Double's grandson)  
SGT Fennema, John T / 2D BN 9th MAR, H & S CO, UNIT 74115, FPO AE 09509-4115 / [fenna33@yahoo.com](mailto:fenna33@yahoo.com)

LCPL Gibbs, Jeremy B. / 2nd BN, 9th MAR, F CO, UNIT 74125, FPO AE 09509-4125(grandson of Charles and Margaret Gibbs)

Halverstadt, Jon

SGT Konrad, Emily / 320 Pioneer Dr, Oak Grove KY 42262 (Gloria Shafer's cousin)

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## FINANCES

Envelope Income received March 1	\$ 3,975.00
Envelope Income received March 8	\$ 4,656.00
Envelope Income received March 15	\$ 3,670.00
Envelope Income received March 23	\$ 7,561.00
General Fund Balance, February 28, 2009	\$22,616.98
<b>One Great Hour of Sharing (Goal—\$6000)</b>	\$ 1,469.00
<b>Per Capita (\$27.00 for 2009 / Goal: \$13,392.00)</b>	\$ 3,893.10
<b>2¢ for Hunger (February)</b>	\$ 50.24

SGT Moore, Frank (Gloria Shafer's brother)

CPT Pawlosky, Adam / home from Iraq (Katie Newman's husband)

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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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Ibbey Dales and the family on the death of her cousin, Dr. Roger L. Buehler, D.P.M.; and to Brad and Cara Stephens and the family on the death of Cara's aunt, Helen Butch.

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Thank you so much for all the cards for my birthday and the visits at the party. I really appreciated your kind words and thoughtfulness.

Jim Mohr

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that Becky Halverstadt brought me. I am blessed to be a part of a loving and caring church family.

Leila Weirick



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Guess What?!?! It's SPRING! The LOGOS kids are counting on your "treasures" to help them raise money for their annual LOGOS Conference in Virginia. **This year, we are asking you to hold on to your Garage Sale items until April 16th because of activities taking place in Fellowship Hall. We do not want to clutter up the stage for it will be in use.** If this is absolutely not convenient for you, we can make arrangements for some items to be placed in the garage or shed. The SALE will take place on Saturday, April 25.



Our website, [www.fpcsalem.org](http://www.fpcsalem.org) has current information of activities and events.




If you would like to receive *The Presbyterian Messenger* via e-mail, send your address to [Phyllis@fpcsalem.org](mailto:Phyllis@fpcsalem.org) or call the Church Office, 330-337-9555.



# March

Happy Birthday!  
 Suzanne Cain (24), Ethel Helm (27)

- 23 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 24 / Tues 12:00 & 4:00 Worship Service on CATV 9  
7:00 Celtic Christianity (107)
- 25 / Weds 4:00 & 9:00 Worship Service on CATV 9  
4:30 Pres-Bees — *Mission Project*  
**7:00 Lenten Service (S)**  
7:30 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:30 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 26 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
- 29 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (109); Prayer Listening (110); Celtic Christianity (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship  
5:00 LOGOS (Dinner; FH)   
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)  
6:30 Westminster College Gospel Choir followed by Cookie Reception (FH)
- 30 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — M/Tu/Th/F  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 31 / Tues 12:00 & 4:00 Worship Service on CATV 9  
7:00 Celtic Christianity (107)



# April

Happy Birthday!  
 Don Vincent (5), Georgiana Costa (20, 90th),  
 Lois Herron (21), Norman Pim (29)

- 1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH); Bring Dish to Share Program: *Up, Up, and Away* by Jan Bethel  
4:00 & 9:00 Worship Service on CATV 9  
4:30 Pres-Bees — *Whacky Wednesday*  
**7:00 Joint Lenten Service at St. Paul Roman Catholic Church with Holy Trinity and Emmanuel Lutheran Churches, and FPC**  
7:30 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:30 Men's Bible Study (109)



- 2 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)  
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)  
**7:00 Devotions (S) followed by Christian Education (106) Mission I and S (FH) Property and Maintenance (107) Worship, Music, and the Arts (109)**
- 5 / Palm Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (109); Prayer Listening (110); Celtic Christianity (107)  
  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship — *Cherub/Praise Choirs*  
5:00 LOGOS (FH)
- 6 / Mon **9:30 Presbyterian Women (107)**  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**
- 7 / Tues 12:00 & 4:00 Worship Service on CATV 9
- 8 / Weds 9:00 February Circle  
9:15 March Circle (110)  
12:00 October Circle (Copeland Oaks)  
4:00 & 9:00 Worship Service on CATV 9  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 9 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)  
**7:00 Maundy Thursday Service (S)**
- 10 / Fri **12:00 Good Friday Service (S)**  
Church Office Closes at Noon
- 12 / Easter 8:00 Worship — *Communion*  
9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship — *Communion*  

- 13 / Mon **7:00 Congregational Care (107)**
- 14 / Tues No Preschool  
**5:00 Eastminster Presbytery Committee Night Here**
- 15 / Weds 4:00 & 9:00 Worship Service on CATV 9  
5:00 Pres-Bees Talent Show followed by Cookout — Parents are invited!  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 16 / Thurs Start Date for Bringing Garage Sale Items  
9:00 Quilting (110)  
**6:00 Financial Prioritization Task Force (110)**  
**7:00 Session (107)**

## Your Session at Work

The following items were approved March 19, 2009.

1. Malone College Chancel Players performing at LOGOS on Sunday, April 19
2. LOGOS serving a meal at St. Vincent de Paul in Youngstown on Sunday, May 3 at 5 pm
3. Vacation Bible School, June 15-19, "Crocodile Dock"
4. JBM Fundraiser, "Floyd the Flamingo"
5. Selling Hot Dogs and Soda at LOGOS Garage Sale on Saturday, April 25
6. Jay and Le'Nel Johnson joining by Profession of Faith and Baptism on Easter Sunday, April 12, and the Baptism of their daughter, Ashley
7. Eleanor (Rohr) Robertson joining by Letter of Transfer
8. Record Retention, Counting, and Voucher Policies
9. Special Worship Service and/or celebration for John Calvin's 500th Birthday in October
10. Joint Lenten Service with St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, Emmanuel and Holy Trinity Lutheran Churches, and First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, April 1 at 7 pm at St. Paul Church
11. Prayer Chain Clarification — "Names submitted for the Prayer Chain or Prayer Concerns listed in the bulletin and newsletter will be kept on those lists for 4 weeks unless otherwise notified. If you have submitted a name for the Prayer Chain and the person has improved, please call the Church Office."



## Perennial Palooza

featuring Lynn Zocolo of  
Fellowship Riverside Gardens,  
Mill Creek Park  
**April 8 from 2:00-3:30 pm**  
Quaker Room  
Salem Public Library

## Job Message Board

- **PART-TIME DIRECTOR FOR ACTIVE, CHRIST-CENTERED YOUTH PROGRAM (15 hrs/wk)** — Poland Presbyterian Church, a PCUSA congregation of about 900 members, located near Youngstown, Ohio, is looking for someone who is eager to continue the mission of our youth programs and share his or her Christian faith and wisdom with the youth of our church and community. Interested individuals may send resume to the attention of Patti Morris at Poland Presbyterian Church, 2 Poland Manor, Poland, OH 44514 or email to [info@polandpresbyterian.org](mailto:info@polandpresbyterian.org).
- **JBM CAMP SUMMER SUPPORT STAFF, COUNSELORS, PROGRAM ASSISTANT** — kitchen, maintenance, and lifeguards; minimum age requirement is 15 years old. Counselors must be at least 18 years old or a high school graduate. Previous experience at either JBM or another camp is required to be the program assistant. Contact the Presbytery office if you would like more information or an application at 1-800-215-2416.
- The Canfield Presbyterian Church is hosting a **JOB TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUP** for those who are out of work in our area. It meets in the Fellowship Hall of the Canfield Church, 140 W. Main St. Canfield, on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:15 am. The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 24 at 9:15 am. The purpose of the group is to help with networking, idea sharing and resources for those who have been laid off or are otherwise facing job transition issues. There will also be an emphasis upon the emotional and spiritual aspects of unemployment. The meeting is free and open to anyone.

## JBM Camp Needs Volunteers

Work Days: April 18 and May 2  
9:00 am — 3:00 pm  
Lunch provided if you call ahead  
No rainout dates — Inside / Outside Work  
Contact Gary Hoskins, 330-883-3124