

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (109)  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (FH)  
**10:30 a.m. Worship**

# The Presbyterian Messenger



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No. 12

**Cancer  
Survivor  
Sunday  
Wear Pink  
(or Purple)**

**June 21 — 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Vacation Bible School Program



Relay for Life

**Luminaria  
Sale**  
In Fellow-  
ship Hall  
(last day)

A *Congregational Meeting* will be held for the purpose of extending the call to Rev. Dr. Meta Cramer as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio and to accept the Terms of Call as agreed upon.

**June 28 — 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Congregational Meeting following Worship

Sermon: "Pardon the Interruption"  
Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-33, Psalm 30, Mark 5:21-43  
Music: Nick Costa  
Liturgist: Pat Garick

Cleveland Indians  
Game (9/25)  
**Ticket Sales  
Start**  
during Coffee Hour  
Cost — \$33  
Payment due with order

Dear Friends,

As you know, I have been the "designated pastor" of this church since November 2007. Since we are now in the last six months of the original two-year term, it is time for a decision to be made about my future relationship with you. Upon the recommendation of the Session, you will be voting on June 28 on whether to call me as your pastor for an indefinite length of time. Recently, a couple of our members asked me to tell them about my family. It occurred to me that while some of you know me fairly well, others are less acquainted with my personal story. So...

I grew up just across the state line in Beaver County, PA. After high school, I was led by grace to the College of Wooster, where I realized that God wanted me to be a Presbyterian! Next, I enrolled in Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on what I assumed was a "trial basis". After seminary, I served for a year as a Volunteer in Service to America, working with an inter-faith ministry that assisted the home-bound elderly on the East End of Pittsburgh.

During this time I met and married Steve Cramer, a fellow seminary student from northern California. We moved first to Syracuse, New York, where I served as an interim pastor for almost two years. Then we were called as co-pastors to the Good News Presbyterian Parish right here in Eastminster Presbytery, where we remained for over two decades. During that time we both completed Doctor of Ministry programs. Steve was called to the Trinity Presbyterian Church in East Liverpool as the designated pastor in the fall of 2006, and is now the pastor of both Trinity and Long's Run Presbyterian Churches. Around the same time I began an interim pastorate at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Cuyahoga Falls, where I served until I began my work here.

Our daughter Rachel is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and has a Master of Social Work degree from The Ohio State University. She lives and works in the Columbus area, and will soon be starting a new job as a supervisor at a therapeutic foster care agency. Our son David has become a "Jersey Boy"; he graduated from Drew University last year and has completed his first year at Seton Hall University Law School. Steve has one sister, Terry, who lives in Juneau, Alaska. Our household includes three cats and two dogs, Penny and Polly. (You can probably figure out how our dogs' names reflect our loyalty to Pittsburgh, but rest assured that being Pirates fans keeps us very humble!)

I'm sure this is more than enough information! See you next Sunday at "Crocodile Dock"!

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Cleveland Clinic — Dick Ahead (mail: 1869 Wythe St., Columbus OH 43235); Tim Smith (*Daniel and Jeannine Smith's son*)

Cape Fear Hospital (Wilmington NC) — Ruth Walton (*Phyllis Garlock's mother*)

Others — Elvira Bass (*Mary Frances Breit's sister*), Warren and Barbara Bettis, Dick Bryan, Reina Cole (*Barbara Double's sister*), Hayden Johnson, [www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden](http://www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden), Tink Layden, Frank Maticcik, Beverly Mosher, Lorin Shepard, Tom Smith, Aniya Woodruff (*great granddaughter of Richard and Eileen Shanker*)

## Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Tony Dominic, 116 (*Stella Dominic's husband*), Evelyn Eichler, 112 (*Rich Eichler's mother*)

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

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

## Armed Forces

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)

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

Halverstadt, Jon / Iraq

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

SGT Moore, Frank (*Gloria Shafer's brother*)

CPT Pawlosky, Adam / (*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*)

## Financials

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|---|-------------|
| Envelope Income received June 7                       | \$ 6,160.00 |
| Envelope Income received June 14                      | \$ 6,515.00 |
| General Fund Balance, April 30, 2009                  | \$16,500.21 |
| May Revenues  | \$24,356.23 |
| May Expenses  | \$31,447.03 |
| General Fund Balance, May 31, 2009                    | \$ 9,409.41 |
| <u>Pentecost</u>                                      | \$ 1,701.00 |
| <u>Per Capita</u> (\$27 for 2009 / Goal: \$13,392.00) | \$ 4,351.19 |
| <u>2¢ for Hunger</u> (May)                            | \$ 53.12    |

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In Memoriam  
Billy Crookston

United with First Church  
April 11, 1954

Died  
June 5, 2009

"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 Rose Marie Crookston and Debbie Kyser and the families on the death of husband and father, Billy Crookston; and to Ray and Juanita Starbuck and the family on the death of their Son-in-Law, Carroll Hieronimus.

## High School Seniors

Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Requests should be sent to the Church Office stating the name of the college, university, or college attending, and course of study, if known. Deadline to apply is June 30.

## Thank You

Thank you so much for the cards, thoughts, and prayers; and for the flowers delivered by Debbie McCulloch.

Sue Kyser

My "thanks" to Deb McCulloch for the beautiful flower arrangement she delivered to Billy. Being remembered by our church family means so much.

Rose Marie Crookston

Sorry to be so late in thanking you for the flowers delivered some time ago. My surgery was June 11th and I appreciate all your concerns and prayers. Hope this is the answer to my past hospital stays. I told my new Doctor I had prayers from all over being said for me, and he said that is good, prayers help. Thanks again,

Bev Mosher

Thanks to my church family for the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, and flowers that were delivered by Ellen and Frank Maticcik during my recent 'surprise' gall bladder surgery. I am getting stronger every day and I now am anxiously looking forward to knee replacement surgery in August...I'll need your prayers then too.

Blessings to you all,

Lorin (*Marcia, too*) Shepard

Thanks be to God; our prayers were answered! My sister Reina was released from the hospital to her daughter's home and is doing well!

Barb Double

## JBM Campers

The following youth will be attending Joseph Badger Meadows Camp this summer (7266 Hayes Orangeville Road, Burghill OH 44404).

**June 21-26** (Express Yourself)  
Paige Johnson

**June 21-26** (Adventure)  
Joshua Cannon

**June 28-July 3** (Adventure)  
Cole Chumney, Mary Double, Trey Double, Emma Minamyer, Andre Tonkinson, Cody Tonkinson, Kirill Tonkinson

**July 19-24** (Night Owl I)  
Anna Sinclair, Rachel Sinclair



### Christian Education Director (Full time with benefits)

Poland Presbyterian Church is seeking a Christian Education Director to manage and direct a comprehensive program that serves all age groups. Experience in the field is desired. Please submit a letter of interest and resume to Poland Presbyterian Church, 2 Poland Manor, Poland, Ohio 44514.



### Assistant to the Director of Office Services (30 Hours Weekly)

Poland Presbyterian Church is seeking an Assistant to the Director of Office Services to work with the Director of Office Services. The employee will serve to support the Program Ministry Staff and other organizations of the church, attend to routine secretarial duties, maintain the webpage, and coordinate between pastor and staff. Experience in the field is desired. Submit a letter of interest and resume to Poland Presbyterian Church, 2 Poland Manor, Poland, Ohio 44514.

### 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 p.m., 9 p.m.);  
Friday (4 a.m.\*, 4 p.m.\*); Saturday (2 a.m.\*)

## Church Women United

### Back to School New Shoe and Clothing Voucher Project

Monetary donations for this project will be collected during the month of July.

### Back-to-School Clothing Sign Up

When: Wednesday, July 29 (9-12 and 1-3)  
Thursday, July 30 (9-12 and 1-3)  
Friday, July 31 (9-12 and 3-6)  
Wednesday, August 5 (9-12 and 3-6)

Where: Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
251 S Broadway Ave (Education Building)

Who: Children of low income families -  
**Salem School District Only**  
Entering Grades: Headstart thru Grade 8

**Very Important:** Please bring two (2) proofs of income and residency. **Also need:** Child's Name ~ Age ~ Birth Date ~ School grade going into this fall



Dear Friends of Habitat,

Early one Monday morning in May, 32 Honor Society members from Southern Local High School stepped off the school bus in front of Bill Barnhart's new Habitat house. Bill and his daughter Listy had moved into the house in March with the promise that the landscaping would be completed when the weather broke. With terrific volunteer leadership — including the group's enthusiastic advisor — soil was prepared, bushes were planted, and decorative rock was installed by this energetic, hard-working group. With house #23 complete, we turn our attention to Stoy Street in Leetonia.

Two houses will be built, side by side, on Stoy Street this year. After a winter of building walls in our warehouse, a "Blitz" was held last weekend for another simple decent house for a single mother and her daughter.

Your past support of Habitat has allowed us to continue building, even in this tough economic time. We are so very blessed to have the help of people like you who believe that a *hand-up* is better than a *hand-out*.

Sincerely,

Barbara Loudon, Executive Director



# June

Happy Birthday!

Bill Butler (25), Margaret McQuilkin (27),  
Juanita Starbuck (27), Jean Pridon (30),  
Jeanne Dale (30)

15 / Mon **9-12 Vacation Bible School**  
6:30 Alzheimer's Support Group (107)

16 / Tues **9-12 Vacation Bible School**  
6:00 November Circle (Salem Golf Club)

17 / Weds **9-12 Vacation Bible School**



18 / Thurs **9-12 Vacation Bible School**  
9:00 Quilting (110)  
**7:00 Session (107)**



19 / Fri **9-12 Vacation Bible School**

21 / Sun **Cancer Survivor Sunday**



Wear Pink (or Purple)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) — VBS Volunteers  
Luminaria Sale (FH) — Relay for Life  
10:30 Worship — VBS Program

25 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)

28 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) — May Circle  
Cleveland Indians Ticket Sales for  
Friday, September 25 (FH)  
10:30 Worship followed by  
Congregational Meeting



# July

Happy Birthday!

Dick McDevitt (3), Alice Fitch (7),  
Mary Lou Jones (12), Dick Bryan (21),  
Dorothy Gibson (24), Ann Theil (25)

1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)  
Bring Covered Dish to Share  
Program:  
"Holy Britain" with Rev. Meta Cramer

2 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)  
**7:00 Property / Maintenance (107)**  
**7:00 Worship / Music / Arts (FH)**

3 / Fri Church Office Closed  
for July 4th Holiday



5 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) — Deacons  
Cleveland Indians Ticket Sales for  
Friday, September 25 (FH)  
10:30 Worship — Rev. Ross Jackson

9 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)  
7:00 Piano Recital by students of  
Nancy McNeal's (S/FH)

12 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)  
10:00 Coffee Hour — Deacons  
Cleveland Indians Ticket Sales for  
Friday, September 25 (FH)  
10:30 Worship — LOGOS Program

16 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)  
12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (109)  
Food Pantry Set Up at FUMC

17 / Fri Food Pantry Distribution at FUMC



19 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) — Deacons  
Cleveland Indians Ticket Sales for  
Friday, September 25 (FH)  
10:30 Worship

20 / Mon 6:30 Alzheimer Support Group (107)

23 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)

24 / Fri Kari Kyser and Lance Newburn  
Wedding Rehearsal

25 / Sat 6:00 Kari Kyser and Lance Newburn  
Wedding

26 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)  
9:00 Parenting: Early Years (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
Cleveland Indians Ticket Sales for  
Friday, September 25 (FH)  
10:30 Worship

30 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)