

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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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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## July 5 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Ross Jackson in Pulpit



Sermon: "This Is God, Our God"  
Scripture: Psalm 48:9-14  
Music: Mike Newman, Kelly Morckel  
Liturgist: Lynne Peterson

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



## July 12 — 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: LOGOS Conference Reflections  
Music: Jayne Bricker

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

Dear Friends,

I am humbled to receive the call to remain at First Presbyterian Church as your pastor. Please take what I said on Sunday seriously: my door is always open, and I pray that my heart and ears are open too! I hope that you will always feel welcome to talk with me in my office, on the phone, or at your home.

Please hear too my comments about our being a church that discerns and follows the purposes of God. Over the past few years most of my reading and reflecting has been on the topic of spirituality...how do we experience, talk about, and share the love of God? I just finished a week of study leave which was a nice capstone to some of my previous work: it was on the topic of "Becoming the Blessed Church," taught by Graham Standish, author of a book of that title.

Here are Rev. Standish's "marks of a blessed church":

- ✠ *The blessed church sees itself as the body of Christ.*
- ✠ *The blessed church has a vibrant sense of faith, hope, and love.*
- ✠ *The blessed church is a church filled with God's purpose, presence, and power.*
- ✠ *The blessed church embraces the sacred.*
- ✠ *The blessed church is not afraid to serve God in its own way.*

What do you think? Which of these "marks" do we bear in our life together? In which ones do we need to grow?

On a slightly different subject, one place where I have felt embraced by the sacred is on the holy Scottish island of Iona. This Wednesday, at "Daytimers," I will be sharing my pictures of Iona and other spots in "Holy Britain" which I visited last October. Jane Stoffer has put them together in a very moving way complete with musical accompaniment. I hope you will be there, if you are able, so that I can share those wonderful experiences with you.

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Cleveland Clinic — Dick Ahead (mail: 1869 Wythe St., Columbus OH 43235)  
New Hanover Regional Medical Center (Wilmington NC) — Ruth Walton (*Phyllis Garlock's mother*)

Hillside Rehab — Tim Smith (*Daniel and Jeannine Smith's son*); 8747 Squires Ln NE, Warren OH 44484

Others — Elvira Bass (*Mary Frances Breit's sister*), Warren and Barbara Bettis, Dick Bryan, JBM Campers, Hayden Johnson, [www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden](http://www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden), Tink Layden, LOGOS participants (July 5-12), 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)

2LT Halverstadt, Jon / Iraq / 858 MCT / Joint Base Balad / APO AE 09391 /

[jphalve@gmail.com](mailto:jphalve@gmail.com)

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)

## FINANCES

Envelope Income received June 7	\$ 6,160.00
Envelope Income received June 14	\$ 6,515.00
Envelope Income received June 21	\$ 2,111.00
Envelope Income received June 28	\$ 4,368.00
General Fund Balance, May 31, 2009	\$ 9,409.41
<u>Pentecost</u>	\$ 1,707.00
<u>Per Capita (\$27 for 2009 / Goal: \$13,392.00)</u>	\$ 4,351.19
<u>2¢ for Hunger (June)</u>	\$ 15.86

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### In Memoriam

*Don Vincent*

United with First Church  
September 14, 1930

Died — June 14, 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 the family of Don Vincent; and to Bill and Theresa Jones and Ron and Dawn Vest and the families on the death of sister and aunt, Marlene Houghton.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Bill and Pat Butler on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They were married by Rev. Jack Ogden in our Sanctuary on June 25th, which is also Bill's birthday.

## Thank You

Thanks for the flowers delivered by Sally Mason and the cards and good wishes. Thanks also to the person who made the Banana Cream Pie. We do not know who it was. It was delicious!

*Frank Maticsk*

Thanks for the beautiful flowers delivered by Gloria Shafer.

*Al Kenreigh*

## Thank You

Dear Pastor & Church Members,  
Our family sends their sincerest thanks for the prayers to deliver our son, Tim, from a very recent, critical stage of bacterial meningitis. After 4 weeks in the Cleveland Clinic, he is now in the Hillside Rehabilitation Center in Warren, Ohio, where advanced treatment will assist his further recovery. Your kind wishes, blessings and prayers have made it possible for Tim's continuing health improvement and his family's deep, personal feeling of great relief.

*The Daniel E. Smith Family*

Thanks to the Lord and all the wonderful dedicated volunteers for the success of our swamp themed VBS *Crocodile Dock*, we reached 54 children with the word of God this year, and will reach many more children through our Kid 2 Kid Project that was presented to the Salem Police Department for children in need.

*Kim Double, DCE*

It has been confirmed by Second Harvest Food Bank that the Salem Food Pantry has received on account, \$3,512.05. THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED AT SALEM HIGH SCHOOL!

*Pat Mosley*

Special thanks to the Salem Junior Mother's Club for the gift of \$300 for us to use at the Banquet of Salem. We are so blessed!

*Shar Harrison*

## JBM Campers

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



### June 28-July 3 (Adventure)

Joshua Cannon, Cole Chumney, Mary Double, Trey Double, Emma Minamyler, Andre Tonkinson, Cody Tonkinson, Kirill Tonkinson

### July 19-24 (Night Owl I)

Anna Sinclair, Rachel Sinclair

## LOGOS Conference



The following youth and adults will be attending the LOGOS Conference East at Virginia Tech in Radford, Virginia, July 5-12 — Zach Hill, Joe Karmazin, Jon Karmazin, Mallory McCorkhill, Sam Sinclair, Allison Ward, Meta Cramer, and Marilyn Ward.

## 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

## Your Session at Work

The following items were noted and/or approved on June 18, 2009.

1. 54 children attended Vacation Bible School.
2. 129 Geraniums were planted and are being watered over the summer by volunteers
3. Consecration Sunday on November 15 with Rev. Dan Schomer in the Pulpit
4. Church Women United Back-to-School New Shoe and Clothing Voucher Project
5. Summer Communion on Sunday, August 2
6. Personnel Committee working on a job description for the Director of Youth Ministries
7. Renovation of the Library and Chapel (carpet, drapes, and paint) at a cost of \$4,500
8. Paul Fennema will be the liaison from Property and Maintenance Committee on the Stained Glass Subcommittee
9. Change of Fee Schedule for cleaning tablecloths will be Long Linen Tablecloth at \$3.00 each, and Round Linen Tablecloth for \$11.00 each
10. Melissa Tonkinson will be subbing for Custodian Bob Caldwell's vacation, June 29-July 10

## Adult Class Opportunity

### Parenting: The Early Years

Sundays, July 26 — August 30

A lot of times parents need help, but nobody likes to ask for help. This new video-driven study takes a Biblical approach into the traits parents want their children to have and what traits they want their children to see modeled in them. Sessions are 1) Time; 2) Affirming; 3) Defiance; 4) Authenticity; 5) Worry; and 6) Legacy.

The class will meet at 9 a.m. in the Church Library. If interested, please call the Church Office.

## 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.\*)

# June

*Happy Birthday!*  
 Jean Pridon (30), Jeanne Dale (30)



# July

*Happy Birthday!*  
 Dick McDevitt (3), Alice Fitch (7),  
 Mary Lou Jones (12), Al Kenreigh (13),  
 Dick Bryan (21), Dorothy Gibson (24),  
 Ann Theil (25)

- 1 / Weds      9:30 History Committee (110)  
 12:00 Daytimers (FH)  
 Bring Covered Dish to Share  
 Program:  
 "Holy Britain" with Rev. Meta Cramer
- 3 / Fri      Church Office Closed for July 4th Holiday
- 5 / Sun      7:45 LOGOS Participants leave for Conference  
 9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)  
**10:00 Property Committee (107)**  
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) — Deacons  
 Cleveland Indians Ticket Sales for  
 Friday, September 25 (FH)  
 10:30 Worship — Rev. Ross Jackson
- 8 / Weds      9:30 History Committee (110)
- 9 / Thurs      9:00 Quilting (110)  
**7:00 Finance Committee (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 (FH) — Deacons  
 Cleveland Indians Ticket Sales for  
 Friday, September 25 (FH)  
 10:30 Worship — LOGOS Reflections
- 15 / Weds      9:30 History Committee (110)
- 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)
- 21 / Tues      6:00 November Circle (Mark's Landing)
- 22 / Weds      9:30 History Committee (110)
- 23 / Thurs      9:00 Quilting (110)
- 24 / Fri      6:00 Kari Kyser and Lance Newburn  
 Wedding Rehearsal
- 25 / Sat      4:30 Kari Kyser and Lance Newburn  
 Wedding
- 26 / Sun      9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)  
 9:00 Parenting: The Early Years (107)  
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
 Cleveland Indians Ticket Sales for  
 Friday, September 25 (FH)  
 10:30 Worship
- 29 / Weds      9:30 History Committee (110)
- 30 / Thurs      9:00 Quilting (110)

# August

*Happy Birthday!*  
 Tink Layden (5), Marjorie Broomall (6),  
 Chet Roof (12), Hank Zimmerman (14),  
 Margaret Gibbs (31)

- 2 / Sun      9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)  
 9:00 Parenting: The Early Years (107)  
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) — 90th Birthday  
 Celebration for Tink Layden  
 10:30 Worship — Communion
- 5 / Weds      12:00 Daytimers (FH) — Program TBA  
 Bring Covered Dish to Share
- 6 / Thurs      9:00 Quilting (110)  
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106),  
 MI&S (FH), WM&A (110),  
 P&M (107)**