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The Presbyterian Messenger



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

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No. 16



August 16 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: "A Few Simple Rules"
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 4:1-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27
Music: Mike Newman, Andrew Skiba
Liturgist: Barbara Bozich

Family Movie Night
8:30 p.m.

Bring Blanket / Friends
on the Church Lawn
Refreshments



August 23 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: "Hearing is Believing"
Scriptures: Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146; Mark 7:31-37
Music: Cheryl McDevitt, Jayne Bricker, Ruth Newman
Liturgist: Carol Ricciardi

Dear Friends,

I just got back from Louisville, Kentucky and a meeting of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission. (The Commission, known as the GAPJC, is the highest appeals court within the Presbyterian Church's judicial system.) I want to share with you some thoughts – not so much about the work I did, but about the people with whom I worked.

Over the course of 5 days, I worked not only with the other volunteer members of the GAPJC, but with staff members of the Office of the General Assembly. Laurie Griffith, the Manager of Judicial Process, is an elder and attorney who serves as our resource person. Diane Minter is the administrative assistant who puts together the case histories and briefs which are the basis of our deliberations. While Laurie and Diane do not participate in the GAPJC's work, they provide research assistance, clerical help, and moral support.

My husband Steve accompanied me to Louisville for his annual week of "spiritual renewal". While he was there, he met with two staff members of the General Assembly Mission Council about the possibility of creating an annual day of prayer for healing. He was quite impressed with their responsiveness, graciousness, and desire to support and strengthen the ministry of local congregations.

It is always easy to find fault with those who serve in the fishbowl of General Assembly ministries, and there are many in our denomination who seem to enjoy doing just that. However, I need to share with you that, in my experience, the "folks in Louisville" are extraordinarily competent, helpful people who deeply love and devotedly serve our church. Please keep them in your prayers!

And...I am also so impressed by and thankful for the other members of the GAPJC — 8 elders (all attorneys) and 7 other ministers -- one commissioner from each of the Synods within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). All of them are fair-minded and thoughtful people; they are colleagues who have become friends. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with them. (Just as I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with you!)

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Alliance Hospital — Bill McDevitt
Cleveland Clinic — Dick Ahead (mail: 1869 Wythe St., Columbus OH 43235)
Mercy Medical — Rev. Tom Niccolls (1320 Mercy Dr NW, Canton OH 44708; if visiting, call Betty first, 330-938-7644)
Hillside Rehabilitation — Tim Smith (Daniel and Jeannine Smith's son)
Others — Elvira Bass (Mary Frances Breit's sister), Warren and Barbara Bettis, Dick Bryan, Jean Hannay, Hayden Johnson, www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden, Tink Layden, Verna Stevens, 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)
Brunswick Cove: Ruth Walton (Phyllis Garlock's mother; North Carolina)
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
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
SGT Konrad, Emily / 320 Pioneer Dr, Oak Grove KY 42262 (Gloria Shafer's cousin)
SGT Moore, Frank (Gloria Shafer's brother)
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 August 2	\$ 6003.00
Envelope Income received August 9	\$ 15,035.00
General Fund Balance, June 30, 2009	\$ 2,543.98
July Revenue	\$ 29,872.97
July Expenses	\$ 26,043.96
General Fund Balance, July 31, 2009	\$ 6,372.99
<u>Per Capita (\$27 for 2009 / Goal: \$13,392.00)</u>	\$ 4,408.19
<u>Church Women United School Project</u>	\$ 410.00
<u>2¢ for Hunger (July)</u>	\$ 21.02



Congratulations to Dr. Heidi Auman and Jason Chitwood of San Francisco, California on the birth of Tabitha Jo Chitwood, born July 26. Grandparents are Sammye and Harold Auman

✝ The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Kevin and Renee Garlock and family (Phyllis Garlock's son) on the death of Renee's mother, Pam Rickel.



Banquet of Salem

First Presbyterian's Team A will serve the Banquet in Salem on August 31 at 5 p.m. at the Memorial Building. Call Sharlene Harrison, 330-222-2078, or Berneda Fitch, 330-337-9429, to donate food and/or help serve.

Flowers & Bulletins

The following dates are available on the church calendar. To reserve a date, call the Church Office or e-mail Phyllis@fpcsaalem.org.

Bulletins — \$15 a Sunday
 Sept. 6, 13; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 13

Chancel Flowers — \$10 a Vase
 Sept. 6, 20; Oct. 4, 11; Nov. 1, 22, 29; Dec. 6



A BIG thank you to our precious church family for all the prayers, concern and calls.

Dick and Jeanne Dale



**Tickets Sold Out
 for
 Cleveland Indians'
 Bus Trip**

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.*)

If anyone would like to receive Home Communion, please call the Church Office.

Please note that our website, www.fpcsaalem.org has up to date information on activities and events. Check it out!

Family Movie Night



Sunday, August 16
8:30 p.m.

Bring Your Blanket
Bring Your Friends

on the Church Lawn

Refreshments Available



Position Announcement

First Presbyterian, Salem
Director of Youth Ministries
part-time 15-20 hours/week

The Director of Youth Ministries focuses on expanding the educational ministry for the Junior and Senior High School youth of the church. In cooperation with the Pastor/Head of Staff, this position is responsible for planning and organizing activities for youth, teaching Sunday school, reviewing and selecting curriculum materials, communicating with parents, and planning/coordinating mission trips and other special activities. The ideal candidate will have education/experience in Christian education, a working knowledge/willingness to learn of PC(U.S.A.) curriculum and resources, enthusiasm, ability to relate to youth, and a willingness to work with staff and church committees.

A letter of interest and resume should be sent to the church via email at Phyllis@fpcsaalem.org. Preference will be given to applications received by August 14, 2009.

The R.O.C. of Salem

Director of a non-denominational Christian Youth Outreach Ministr

Part-time 10 hours/week

(\$10.00 per hour)

The individual must be of solid Christian faith and witness with a heart for unchurched youth (ages 14-20). A mature individual with the vision for reaching lost youth and posses the creativity and energy to fulfill that vision. Must be able to exercise discretion, maintain confidentiality and discern the leading of the holy Spirit. This individual must have a record of volunteering or serving in a local Church and be willing to be an active part of the community. A resident of northern Columbiana or southern Mahoning counties is strongly preferred. Return resume and letter of reference from your Pastor no later than noon on Monday, August 24 to: The ROC, P.O. Box 1070, Salem OH 44460 or (Preferred) email: pdgeorge56@Hotmail.com. Contact Pastor Doug George, Salem Methodist Church for more information. 330-337-9531.

August

Happy Birthday!

Chet Roof (12), Hank Zimmerman (14),
Margaret Gibbs (31)

- 11/Tues 5:00 Eastminster Presbytery Committee Night / Westminster PC in Akron
- 13 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (109)
- 15 / Sat 11:00 Memorial Service (*Florence McCarthy*) followed by Luncheon (FH)
- 16 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Parenting: The Early Years (209) #4
9:00 Children's Class (100)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) — Session
10:30 Worship
8:30 **Family Movie Night** / Church Lawn
Bring Blanket / Bring Friends
Refreshments Available
- 17 / Mon 6:30 Alzheimer Support Group (110)
- 18 / Tues 6:00 November Circle (DeRienzos)
6:00 Finance Committee (110)
7:00 Finance / Mission I and S (FH)
- 20 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
7:00 Session (107)
- 23 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Parenting: The Early Years (209) #5
9:00 Children's Class (100)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) — Session
10:30 Worship
- 24 / Mon Salem City Schools Start
- 27 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting
- 30 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Parenting: The Early Years (109) #6
9:00 Children's Class (100)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) — Session
10:30 Worship — *Rev. Ray Banner in Pulpit*

September

Happy Birthday!

Helen Hildenbiddle (7), Betty Potter (10),
Bruno Stanga (17), Margaret Stewart (21),
Bill Davis (24), Barbara Bozich (27), Kay Stanga (28)

- 2 / Wed 12:00 Daytimers (FH) Bring Covered Dish
Program: *Roxine's Humorous Take on Old Age*
- 3 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
6:30 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
7:00 Committee Night: CE (106), MI&S (109), P&M (107), WMA (FH)
- 6 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship — *Rev. Ray Banner in Pulpit*
- 7 / Mon Labor Day — Church Office Closed
- 8 / Tues 5:00 Eastminster Presbytery
Westminster, Boardman
- 9 / Wed 9:15 February/March Circles (110)
12:00 October Circle (Salem Golf Club)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 10 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
6:45 Preschool Orientation (S)
7:00 Finance (107)
- 13 / Sun **9:00 Sunday School Rally Day**
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
- 14 / Mon Preschool Visitation Day
6:30 Congregational Care (107)
- 15 / Tues Preschool Visitation Day
Preschool Starts (5 Day)
- 16 / Weds Preschool Starts (3 Day)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 17 / Thurs Preschool Starts (2 Day)
9:00 Quilting (110)
9:30 History Committee (202)
7:00 Session (107)