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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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As for me and
my house, we
will serve the
Lord. -Joshua 24:15

October 11 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: "Destined to Serve"
Scriptures: Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9, 24; Mark 10:35-45
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Carol Dougherty



Peacemaking
Offering
donations
will be
accepted
through
October.

October 18 — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sermon: "Eye Exam"
Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 119:1-6, 15-18; Mark 10:46-52
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Denise Weingart

Dear Friends,

It is days like yesterday which make me so grateful to be a pastor: the joy of studying John Calvin's theology with other inquiring minds (a joy which, I understand, is not shared by everyone!); the privilege of welcoming Luke Stephens into the church of Jesus Christ by the waters of baptism; the wonder of the church universal gathered as Christ's body to share the bread and cup.

This past Saturday was fun, also, as a number of dogs and one cat gathered with their humans on the church yard. I hope that this "Blessing of the Animals" in early October can become a tradition here and that more creatures will join us each year!

My friend the Rev. Virginia Birks was present in worship yesterday, and she told me how much she enjoyed the "football story" about Gainesville State v. Grapevine Faith. Since Virginia barely knows what a football is, I take her remark seriously! If any of you would like to check out the whole story as it was reported by NBC, you can watch it on-line at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNn7SXAYuhQ>, or just go to www.youtube.com and search for "A Game of Hope." It is an extremely moving story of the hospitality to the stranger that Jesus calls all of us to offer.

Throughout this month we will continue to study the life and legacy of John Calvin each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Our observance of the 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth will conclude on October 25 when we celebrate in a big way! May his prayer be ours: "I offer my heart to you, O Lord, promptly and sincerely."

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Alliance Hospital — Rosann Butler
Others — Elvira Bass (*Mary Frances Breit's sister*), Ellen Becker (*family friends of Bob and Sue Merry*), Warren and Barbara Bettis, Dick Bryan, Hayden Johnson, www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden, Tink Layden, Joe Lippiatt (*Sue Sinclair's brother and Penny Lippiatt's nephew*), Bill McDevitt, Nancy Mickey (*Lori Mickey's mother in law*), Mrs. Oshaben (*Kathy Loudon's mother*), Rev. Tom Niccolls, Paul Rankin, Sam Ricciardi (had hip surgery; *Carol Ricciardi's husband*), Lorin Shepard, Jeanne Smith (*Mickey Buck's mother*), Tom Smith, Verna Stevens, 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 in NC: Ruth Walton (*Phyllis Garlock's*)
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: Jean Pridon, 21 (*Sam Pridon's wife*), 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 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 (*Paul and Barb Fennema's son*)
LCPL Gibbs, Jeremy B. / 5988 Tulagi Place, Tarawa Terrace NC 28543 (*Charles and Margaret Gibbs' grandson*)
2LT Halverstadt, Jon / Iraq / 858 MCT / Joint Base Balad / APO AE 09391 / jphalve@gmail.com (*Dave and Becky Halverstadt's son*)

FINANCES

Envelope Income received October 4, 2009	\$ 5,491.00
General Fund Balance, August 31, 2009	(\$347.24)
<u>Peacemaking Offering</u>	\$ 1,510.00
<u>Per Capita (\$27 for 2009 / Goal: \$13,392.00)</u>	\$ 4,544.19
<u>2¢ for Hunger</u> (September)	\$ 92.31

Armed Forces, continued...

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

United with First Church
 May 17, 1959

Died
 September 21, 2009

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth...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 Becky Ahead and Becky Stearns and the families on the death of husband and brother, Dick Ahead; and to David and Joyce Hazen and the family on the death of David's mother, Geraldine Hazen.

Congratulations to grandparents Greg and Lynn Gardner on the birth of Carter Zachary Buckshaw.

Congratulations to grandparents Sean and Carole Sutton on the birth of Madison Ranay Radman.



Thank you, Barb Marra, for the inscription in the Third Grade Bibles.

Kim Double, DCE

Dear Friends in Jesus,
 I want to sincerely thank each one of you for your thoughts, prayers, and cards. I am convinced that my recovery is doing so great because of you. God bless you all.

Love in Christ,
 Jeanne Smith



HELP! Salem Mobile Meals has been delivering meals since 1975 and has never missed a delivery in the 34 years. To date, we have delivered over 350,000 meals, however, due to many of our drivers vacationing in the South during the winter, we have now reached the point that we need help. If anyone can drive on any day between 11:00 and 1:00 and are willing to undergo an orientation program, please call Jo Anna Bosel at 330-332-2160.

Geoff Goll
 President



Friday, October 16

Gratefulness

Ordinary happiness depends on happenstance. Joy is that extra-ordinary happiness that is independent of what happens to us. Good luck can make us happy, but it cannot give us lasting joy. The root of joy is gratefulness. We tend to misunderstand the link between joy and gratefulness. We notice that joyful people are grateful and suppose that they are grateful for their joy. But the reverse is true: their joy springs from gratefulness. If one has all the good luck in the world, but takes it for granted, it will not give one joy. Yet even bad luck will give joy to those who manage to be grateful for it. We hold the key to lasting happiness in our own hands. For it is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.

from *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer*
by Brother David Steindle-Rast

Presbyterian Women

Fall Gathering — Monday, October 26

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, Akron — 9 a.m.

Speaker for the day will be George Sleigh, who was in the World Trade Center when it was first bombed in 1993 and then again on 9/11. Anyone is welcome to come and hear his story (around 10 a.m.) Registration form and \$5 (if you plan to stay for lunch) should be sent to Margie Laria, 1426 Tewksbury Cir, Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221.



Boy Scout Troop 3 is conducting its annual Popcorn Sale during the month of October. Scouts and leaders will be in Fellowship Hall on Sundays before and after the service to take orders. Also, order forms and information will be available on the Bulletin Board next to the popcorn poster. Please contact Mark Smith at 330-332-8312 with any questions.

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.*)

Operation Christmas Child

The Board of Deacons has decided it would like our church to participate in “Operation Christmas Child,” sponsored by Samaritan’s Purse. This is a nondenominational program designed to give Christian children in distressed areas around the world a little bit of Christmas. We would like all age groups to be represented in this project. If you are not familiar with this program, there will be brochures at church in the next few weeks that should answer your questions. The basic idea is to purchase small items that would appeal to children ages 2 – 14. These items will be used to fill shoeboxes, one per child. The brochures give a list of suggested items, and other helpful information. The pick-up dates for the boxes are November 16 – 23, so it isn’t too early to start shopping!

Gift Suggestions

School Supplies – pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Toys – small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

Hygiene Items – toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other – hard candy and lollipops, mints, gum (please place all candy in ziploc bag), T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A Personal Note – You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out of date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

October

Happy Birthday!

Jack Hovis (8), Jean Hannay (10),
Norman Smith (17), Warren Bettis (24),
Jo Hendricks (25)

5 / Mon	6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B) 7:00 Board of Deacons (107)	16 / Fri	No Preschool
6 / Tues	8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F 9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)	18 / Sun	9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110) 9:00 Class on John Calvin (107) 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) 10:30 Worship 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
7 / Weds	9:00-10:30 Preschool (109) 12:00 Daytimers (FH) — Program: <i>China Trip</i> by Jan Bethel 7:00 Haviland Choir (S) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)	19 / Mon	8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F 10:00-10:45; 1:30-2:15 Preschool (109) 6:30 Alzheimer Support Group (107) 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
8 / Thurs	9:00 Quilting (110)	20 / Tues	9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) Preschool Pictures (107)
10 / Sat	8:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild Fall Workshop (FH)	21 / 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)
11 / Sun	9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110) 9:00 Class on John Calvin (107) 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) 10:30 Worship 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)	22 / Thurs	9:00 Quilting (110)
12 / Mon	8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F 10:00-10:45; 1:30-2:15 Preschool (109) 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B) 7:00 Congregational Care (107)	23 / Fri	Whitman/Colian Rehearsal (S)
13 / Tues	9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) Eastminster Presbytery Committee Night at Pleasant Grove PC, Boardman 7:00 Finance/Administration (107)	24 / Sat	4:30 Whitman/Colian Wedding (S)
14 / Weds	9:00-10:30 Preschool (109) 9:00 <u>Feb Circle</u> (Hot Dog Shoppe/110) 9:15 <u>March Circle</u> (110); <i>Joshua 1:1-9, 23</i> 12:00 <u>October Circle</u> (Salem Golf Club) 4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club 7:00 Haviland Choir (S) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)	25 / Sun	9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110) 9:00 Class on John Calvin (107) 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) 10:30 Worship 2:00-4:00 Ben Karmazin and Angela Cavalier Shower (FH) 6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
15 / Thurs	9:00 Quilting (110) 7:00 Joint Mtg Elders/Deacons (FH) 7:30 Session (107)	26 / Mon	8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F 10:00-10:45; 1:30-2:15 Preschool (109) 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 Court of Honor (FH)
		27 / Tues	9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) 4:30-7:30 Preschool Dad's Pumpkin Carving (FH/K)
		28 / Weds	9:00-10:30 Preschool (109) Preschool Costume Parties 4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club Trunk or Treat 7:00 Haviland Choir (S) 7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)