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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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## November 8 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sermon: "Never Ending, Never Failing"  
Scriptures: 1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 127, Mark 12:41-44  
Music: Cherub and Haviland Choirs  
Liturgist: Kim Double

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## November 15

Celebration Luncheon following Worship

Sermon: "Filled to Overflowing" — Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer  
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 24:1-6, Matthew 22:34-40  
Music: Praise and Haviland Choirs

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## Heart and Mind

Our intellect, our will, our feelings are all engaged when we are grateful. Gratefulness is always whole-hearted. Our whole person is engaged in it. And this is precisely what the symbol of the heart stands for — the whole person. What stirs us so deeply? Often a surprisingly small matter, an everyday occurrence, something done a hundred times before. It is almost impossible to capture such high points of aliveness in words. It gives rise to thanksgiving, but it lies deeper...one is responding from the heart, from that center where all is together. It is our meeting place with God in prayer. When our heart rests in the Source of all meaning, it can encompass all meaning...like a light in which we see things. When we find meaning, we know it because our heart finds rest. Suddenly questions aren't that important anymore. In prayer, the heart drinks from the fountain of meaning.

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

## Prayer Concerns

**Boston** — Hayden Johnson, 175 Blossom St #203, Boston MA 02114; [www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden](http://www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden)

**Others** — Elvira Bass, Karen Bass (Mary Frances Breit's sister, niece), Ellen Becker (family friends of Bob and Sue Merry), Judi Bender, Warren and Barbara Bettis, Dick Bryan, Rosann Butler, Tink Layden, Joe Lippiatt (Sue Sinclair's brother and Penny Lippiatt's nephew), Bill McDevitt, Nancy Mickey (Lori Mickey's mother in law), Mary Jo Milheim, Mrs. Oshaben (Kathy Loudon's mother), Rev. Tom Niccolls, Jean Pridon, Paul Rankin, Sam Ricciardi (Carol Ricciardi's husband), Gloria Shafer, Lorin Shepard, Jeanne Smith (Mickey Buck's mother), Tom Smith, Gail Tetlow, 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:** 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](mailto: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)

## FINANCES

Envelope Income received October 4, 2009	\$ 5,491.00
Envelope Income received October 11, 2009	\$ 4,357.00
Envelope Income received October 18, 2009	\$ 4,285.00
Envelope Income received October 25, 2009	\$ 4,490.00
General Fund Balance, September 30, 2009	(-\$2,070.58)
<b>Peacemaking Offering</b>	\$ 2,033.00
<b>Per Capita (\$27 for 2009 / Goal: \$13,392.00)</b>	\$ 4,544.19
<b>2¢ for Hunger (October)</b>	\$ 6.30

### Armed Forces, continued...

† **2LT Halverstadt, Jon** / Iraq / 858 MCT / Joint Base Balad / APO AE 09391 / (Dave and Becky Halverstadt's son) [jphalve@gmail.com](mailto:jphalve@gmail.com)

† **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](mailto: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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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Nancy McNeal and her family on the death of her aunt, Ruth Lindman; and to Phyllis Garlock and her family on the death of her mother, Ruth Walton.

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Congratulations to Jessica Lodge and Mark Schuette who were married on October 17. Jessica is the granddaughter of Jim Mohr; Congratulations also to Kimberly Whitman and Joseph Colian who were married on October 24 in our Sanctuary by Rev. Cramer.

Our own Mike Newman will be performing in a *Medieval Celebration of Christmastyme* at Christ Episcopal Church in Warren on Dec. 4, 5, 11, and 12. A brochure is in Fellowship Hall.



Dear Presbyterian Church, The family of Dick Ahead Sr. thanks you all for the many kind words, prayers, cards, and well wishes and remembrances received during Dick's recent illnesses and his untimely death. Words cannot express enough how deeply it was appreciated; not only by Dick himself, but also his family. Thank you.

Becky and Butch Stearns

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards; and special thanks to Cheryl McDevitt, Lorin Shepard, and Dick Dougherty for stopping in to visit, to Meta for her visits and prayers, and to Phyllis Garlock for delivering the flowers. Thanks a lot!

Rosann Butler



## Christmas Poinsettias

Place Orders in Fellowship Hall  
Sundays: November 8, 15, 22  
\$7.00 each in Red, White, Pink

**Important!**

Reservations for the Consecration Sunday Celebration Luncheon on November 15 can be made by calling Sis Winch, 330-332-5669.

The Step Chart below contains a breakdown of the giving ranges for the families in our church. This chart is *not* the stairway to heaven nor is it directed at any individual giving level. Every gift is very valuable.

It is, however, a reflection of how our church can grow and how each of us can participate in that growth.

The gifts we give the church each week are used to operate our church, pay our staff, maintain our building, and most importantly, support the mission of our church.

This congregation has always been passionate about supporting mission and in fact is the number one contributor to Eastminster Presbytery General Mission Fund. We also support the local food pantry, special offerings, Peacemaking, AID, 2 cents for Hunger and many more. Our desire to put our teachings into action (“walk the talk” so to speak) as a reflection of our faith is why I believe this congregation is so committed to mission.

In addition, we share the teachings of our faith with all ages and have tremendous opportunities for fellowship. The strength of our church family is truly incredible. We see this again and again in *Messenger* notes from those who have felt that love and support.

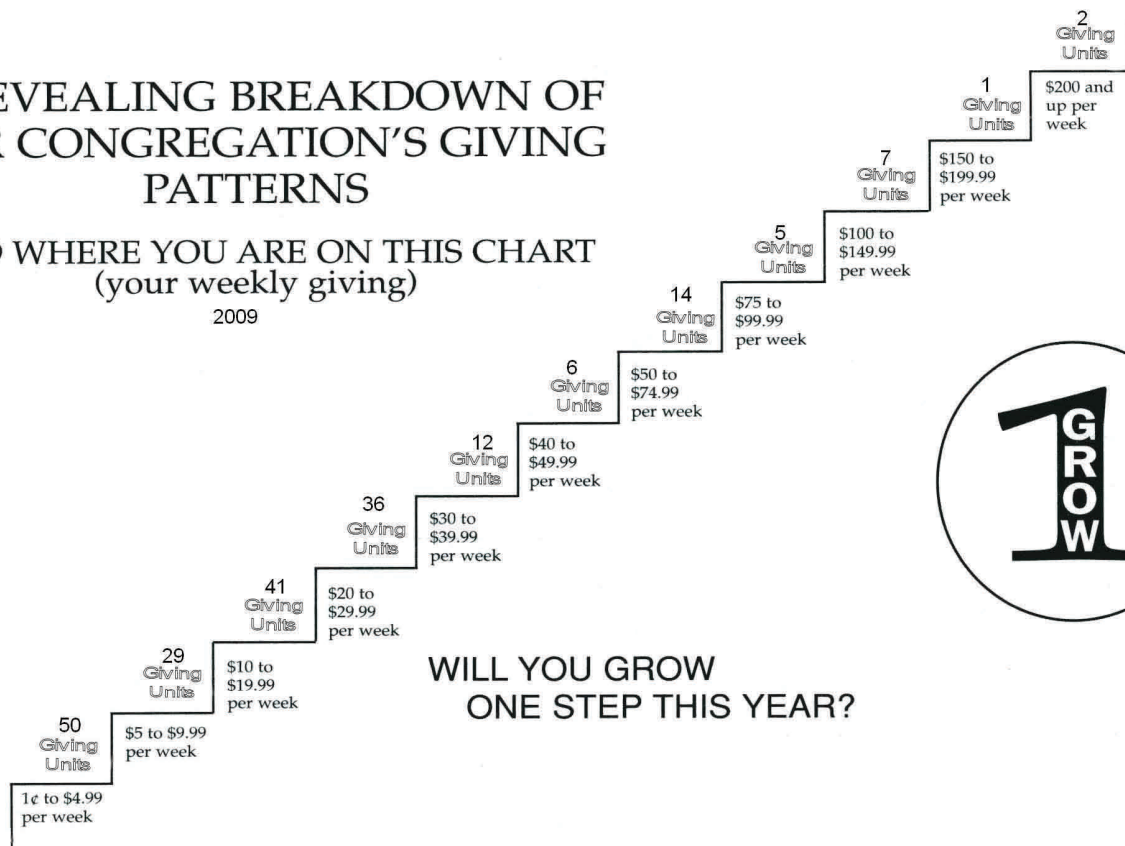
Our congregation knows the joy of sharing our blessings with others and sees this as a demonstration of what we believe.

As you ponder your individual position for the upcoming year, consider your commitment to this church. What are you called to do as a disciple of Jesus, as a member of First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio and as a child of God? Help us take a step up to continued growth, helping others, sharing our love, our faith and our hope. Not because you have to, but because you want to.

## A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS CHART  
(your weekly giving)

2009




WILL YOU GROW  
ONE STEP THIS YEAR?






# November

*Happy Birthday!*

*Dolores Kynett (14), Ibbey Dales (22),  
Minnie Rhea Carter (25), Barbara Bettis (27)*

- 2 / Mon      6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**
- 3 / Tues      8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F  
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)
- 4 / Weds  
 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
12:00 Daytimers (FH)  
Program by Erma Eaton  
**4:30 Pres-Bees — Bowling  
Tournament with Adults**  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 5 / Thurs      9:00 Quilting (110)  
**9:30 History Committee (209)**  
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)  
**7:00 Committee Night:  
Christian Education (106)  
Mission I and S (109)  
Property and Maintenance (107)  
Worship, Music, and the Arts (FH)**
- 6 / Fri      No Preschool
- 8 / Sun      9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Communion Class: Grades 1-2  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship — *Cherub Choir*  
6:00 Dinner (FH) — *Consecration  
Sunday Board Members*  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
- 9 / 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)**
- 10 / Tues      9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)  
Eastminster Presbytery Meeting at  
First Presbyterian Church, Columbiana  
Elder Phil Tetlow, Delegate

- 11 / Weds  
 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
9:00 Feb Cir (Hot Dog Shoppe/107)  
9:15 March Circle (110)  
12:00 October Circle (Salem Golf Club)  
**4:30 Pres-Bees — Bowling  
Tournament with Adults**  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 12 / Thurs      **Reservations due for  
Consecration Sunday Luncheon**  
9:00 Quilting (110)  
**9:30 History Committee (209)**
- 15 / Sun      9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Communion Class: Grades 1-2  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship — *Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer*  
**Celebration Luncheon (FH)**  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
- 16 / 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)
- 17 / Tues      9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)  
**7:00 Finance (107)**
- 18 / Weds  
 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)  
**4:30 Pres-Bees — Bowling  
Tournament with Adults**  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 19 / Thurs      9:00-3:00 Preschool (K)  
9:00 Quilting (110)  
1:00 Food Pantry Set Up / FUMC  
6:00 Communion Training Meal (FH)  
**7:00 Session (107)**
- 20 / Fri      9:00-3:00 Preschool (K)  
1:00 Food Pantry Distribution / FUMC  

- 22 / Sun      9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship — *Communion*  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
- 23 / Mon      Preschool Feast Day (FH/K)  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 24 / Tues      Preschool Feast Day (FH/K)