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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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The Sacrament of the
Lord's Supper



November 22 — Christ the King Sunday

Sermon: "Eating with the King"
Scriptures: 2 Samuel 9:1-13, Psalm 23, Acts 10:34-42
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

November 29 — The First Sunday of Advent



Sermon: "What Have We Gotten Into?"
Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-5, 8-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Joan Ferrier

Dear Friends,

As you read this, Consecration Sunday will be behind us. If you were not able to be here, you will be contacted soon for your 2010 Estimate of Giving. It is sometimes asked why we spend the money on a Consecration Sunday dinner. Dan Schomer, our General Presbyter and yesterday's preacher, reminded the Consecration Sunday team that our meal together was not a fund-raiser! Rather, it is a *Thanksgiving Dinner* at which our church family gathers to give thanks for God's abundant blessings. Let us remember to thank Sis Winch for coordinating this dinner and to thank Barbara Bozich for leading the entire Consecration Sunday process. I have learned that Barbara and Sis are two articulate people when it comes to nurturing hearts of gratitude to God! We are also grateful, of course, to have a concerned and caring General Presbyter such as Dan Schomer to help us with this process.

Next Sunday we will share another Thanksgiving meal: the Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion or the *Eucharist* – "Eucharist" coming from the Greek word for "Thanksgiving." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper includes a "Great Prayer of *Thanksgiving*" during which we participate in "thankful praise to God for God's work in creation and providence, and in covenant history" and "thankful recalling of the acts of salvation in Jesus Christ." On this *particular* Sunday, we will also be giving thanks for the children who will have completed "Communion Class" by that time, and rejoice as they come to the Table with us on this Christ the King Sunday. Please extend thanks to Kim Double for her efforts with this group of children and their parents!

Finally, many of us will gather on November 26 around family tables groaning under the abundance of God's gifts. Happy Thanksgiving! And may we always remember that everything we have, and everything we are, comes to us from the hand of our gracious and generous God.

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Hospital — Mary Jo Milheim
(surgery 11/17)

Northside — Rosann Butler

Boston — Hayden Johnson, 175 Blossom
St #203, Boston MA 02114;
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, Jim Harrison, 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, Jean Pridon, Paul Rankin, Clarence Reed (*Sue Skiba's father*), Jeanne Smith (*Mickey Buck's mother*), 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)

Convallarium at Indian Run — Lois Herron (*Bud Herron's mother*); 6430 Post Rd, Dublin OH 43016

Clare Bridge of Austintown — Bill Butler (*Pat Butler's husband*); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515

Courtyard: 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 (*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 November 1	\$ 3,728.00
Envelope Income received November 8	\$ 4,569.00
Envelope Income received November 15	\$ 5,823.00
General Fund Balance, September 30, 2009	(-\$2,070.58)
October Revenues	\$25,551.48
October Expenses	\$26,936.73
General Fund Balance, October 31, 2009	(-\$3,455.83)
<u>Peacemaking Offering</u>	\$ 2,073.00
<u>Soup and Dessert Lunch</u> (Salvation Army)	\$ 183.00
<u>Per Capita (\$27 for 2009 / Goal: \$13,392.00)</u>	\$ 4,679.19
<u>2¢ for Hunger</u> (November)	\$ 35.00

Armed Forces, continued...

† 2LT Halverstadt, Jon / Iraq / 858 MCT / Joint Base Balad / APO AE 09391 / (*Dave and Becky Halverstadt's son*) 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

† 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
Bill Davis

United with First Church
February 16, 1941

Died — November 8, 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 Bill Davis; to Dannie and Sandi Hendricks and Rosemary Bryant and the families on the death of son-in-law's father and husband, Paul E. Bryant; and to Tom and Betty Niccolls and the family on the death of Tom's sister, Mary Rose Raufer.



Words cannot express the feeling in our hearts. Thank you for being with us during this difficult time. Your thoughts, prayers, flowers, and words of sympathy will always be remembered.

Cheryl Green and Family
Phyllis Garlock and Family

Special thanks to Jess Fitch for washing the dishes after Coffee Hour.

November Circle



Christmas Poinsettias

Next Sunday is the Last Time to place your Order
\$7.00 each in Red, White, Pink

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.

Missing — cream colored raincoat left in Kitchen hallway on Sunday, November 15.

Welcome!

I am happy to introduce you to Beth Schallick, who has just begun work as our new Director of Youth Ministries. In this position, Beth will be leading our LOGOS program for Middle School and High School students. And, beginning December 6, she will also serve as the Sunday School teacher for the High School class. Please note that the Session has expanded this position to 15-20 hours per week.

Beth is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbiana and is an ordained Elder. She is a member of the Evangelism and Church Growth Commission of Eastminster Presbytery, and the mother of two teenagers. Most importantly, Beth has considerable experience in teaching High School students, leading Bible studies, and facilitating small groups.

Please join me in welcoming Beth to the First Presbyterian Church of Salem. I'm sure you will be impressed by her enthusiasm and ideas. I hope that you will help her in any way possible as we begin our LOGOS program this fall.

Rev. Meta Cramer

News from the Presbytery

At the November 10 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery:

- Elder Dick Ahead and "Honorary Elder" Leila Weirick were remembered in the "Celebration of Saints" during worship, and candles were lit in their memory.
- Elder Robert Moore was elected to the Presbytery Trustees;
- Rev. Ross Jackson, having resigned as Stated Clerk, was elected to the Committee on Ministry; and
- Rev. Tom Niccolls was elected to the Personnel Committee.
- Alice and Ross Jackson, Betty and Tom Niccolls, and Carmen and Dick Ferris reported on their summer mission trip to Spain.
- The Mission Visioning Council announced that they will be visiting the Sessions of the Presbytery, "not to evaluate, quiz, test or challenge," but rather to listen and to offer assistance.

Presbyterian Women



Candy and Bake Sale Sunday, December 13

We will be selling Candy, Candy Gift Dishes/Baskets, and delicious baked goods. A sample will be on display. Orders for the Candy Gift Dishes will be taken during Coffee Hour or may be placed by calling the Church Office during the week. Cost is \$6.00 per dish. They are excellent gifts for family, neighbors, friends, teachers, office workers, etc. PLEASE ORDER EARLY, and help support our Christmas Giving Project used to help the Salvation Army, SAFCO, AID, etc. Thank you!

The following informational brochures from the "Area Agency on Aging" serving Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties were shared at the last PW Executive Board Meeting and are available through the Church Office:

Long Term Care Ombudsman — A voice for long term care consumers; 1-800-589-5826; 330-505-2300

Medicaid Assisted Living Waiver Program — 1-800-686-7367; 330-740-8455

Passport — Long term care...more than just nursing home care! 1-800-686-7367; 330-740-8455

Thanksgiving Dinner ~ FREE ~

Thursday, November 26
11 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Salem Memorial Building
Call 330-337-3728 for Reservations



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 & 9 p.m.
Friday — 4 a.m.*, 4 p.m.*



November

Happy Birthday!

*Ibby Dales (22), Minnie Rhea Carter (25),
Barbara Bettis (27)*

16 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
17 / Tues 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F
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)
12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (109)
1:00 Food Pantry Set Up / FUMC
**6:00 Communion Training Meal
for Grades 1-2 (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*
4:30 LOGOS for Grades 6-12 (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



23 / Mon Preschool Feast Day (FH/K)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

24 / Tues Preschool Feast Day (FH/K)

26 / Thurs



27 / Fri Church Office closed for Holiday

28 / Sat 9:00 Set up Christmas Decorations

29 / Sun 9:00 Advent Workshop (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
No LOGOS

30 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

December



Happy Birthday!

*Joyce Smith (10), Jim Gibbs (13),
Rita Hovis (13), Phyllis Lamb (25),
Charles Gibbs (27), Robert McCulloch Jr (27),
Polly Kendall (28), Juanita Latham (29)*

1 / Tues 9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)
9:30 Salem Ministerial Association (107)

2 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)
12:00 Daytimers (FH)
Program — *Rev. Ray Banner*
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)

3 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
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)**

5 / Sat LOGOS making Hard Tack Candy (K)

6 / Sun 9:00 Advent Workshop (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
4:30 LOGOS for Grades 6-12 (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

7 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) - M/Tu/Th/F
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109)
9:30 Presbyterian Women (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)