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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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No. 25

December 20 — The Fourth Sunday of Advent

“A Presentation of Carols” by Pres-Bees Youth Club
Congregational Meeting following Worship



Homily: “Done Deal”
Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-55
Liturgist: Amy Cannon

A Congregational Meeting will be held following Worship to elect Elders and Deacons, Class of 2012, and Members at Large for the 2010 Nominating Committee.

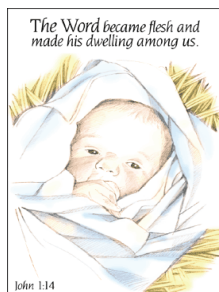


December 24 — Christmas Eve

Candlelight and Communion Service
Childcare at 7:30 p.m. Service



Sermon: 7:30 — “Light One Candle”; 11:00 — “Come to the Manger”
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20
Liturgists: 7:30 — Mickey Buck; 11:00 — Judi Bender



December 27 — The First Sunday after Christmas

Sermon: “The Word Became...”
Scripture: I Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Luke 2:41-52; John 1:1-14
Liturgist: Cassidy Polen

An envelope for the **Christmas Joy Offering** is enclosed with this *Messenger*. This is indeed a season of “joy”; however, it is also a season of seemingly incessant requests for contributions to a vast array of very worthy causes. Please take a moment, however, to consider the unique purposes of the Christmas Joy Offering. One insert appearing in our bulletins this month tells us of a 104-year-old woman who served in the mission field for over 40 years and who now needs some assistance in meeting her basic needs. Another is the story of a young man who opted out of gang violence, in part because of his education at the Menaul School, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Still another is about a woman who lost most of her lung function because of mold in the manse in which she lived while her husband served a small frontier congregation; she too needs supplemental assistance.



The Christmas Joy Offering makes real differences in the lives of real people. Please give prayerfully and generously to meet the needs of those who have served selflessly and those who will serve God’s church in the future.

Prayer Concerns

Salem Hospital Skilled — Jean Pridon (157-2)

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, Sally Collins, Hayden Johnson, www.caringbridge.org/oh/hayden, Tink Layden, Joe Lippiatt (*Sue Sinclair's brother and Penny Lippiatt's nephew*), Char McDevitt, Bill McDevitt, Nancy Mickey (*Lori Mickey's mother in law*), Mary Jo Milheim, Rev. Tom Niccolls, Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Clarence Reed (*Sue Skiba's father*), 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*); Mary Jane Stamp (*Ruth Newman's mother*)

Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601 (3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224)

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: Ibbey Dales, 211

Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234

Pleasant View North: Virginia Limestahl, 17 (*Lu Ann Cole's mother*)

Armed Forces

† SGT Conrad, Emily — 1443A Circle Dr, Fort Campbell KY 42223 (*Gloria Shafer's cousin*)

† 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*)

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Envelope Income received December 6	\$ 7,719.00
Envelope Income received December 13	\$13,476.00
General Fund Balance, October 31, 2009	(-\$3,455.83)
November Revenues	\$27,781.72
November Expenses	\$26,905.85
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2009	(-\$2,579.96)
Loan to General Fund	-\$20,000.00
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2009	(-\$22,579.96)
<u>Per Capita (\$27 for 2009 / Goal: \$13,392.00)</u>	\$ 4,707.19
<u>2¢ for Hunger</u> (November)	\$ 35.00
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 322.00

Armed Forces, continued...

† LCPL Gibbs, Jeremy B. — 5988 Tulagi Place, Tarawa Terrace NC 28543 (*Charles and Margaret Gibbs' grandson*)

† 2LT Halverstadt, Jon — 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

† 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 Larry Lozier and the family on the death of Kim Oriole Bor-tree.



On behalf of the Congregational Care Committee, I would like to thank everyone who took a tag from the Angel Tree. Because of your generosity, there will be 40 very happy children on Christmas Day. Also, I would like to thank those members of the Congregational Care Committee who took time out of their busy schedules to ring bells for the Salvation Army on December 5th. God Bless and Merry Christmas.

Wavelene Arnold, Moderator



To My Church Family,
Please accept my heartfelt thank you for all the prayers offered up on my behalf. Also, for Meta's support and visits. I have received flowers twice during this past two months. They were beautiful and certainly uplifting. Thanks to the Deacons and all the members who sent cards and good wishes.

Mary Jo Milheim

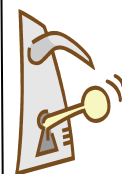
Thank you so much for all the supplies donated for making Buckeyes (JBM Fundraiser).

Kim Double, DCE

Boy Scout Troop 3 wishes to thank all the members of the congregation who purchased Scout popcorn. The support of the congregation has always been generous and is greatly appreciated.



Congratulations to Philip Smith who graduated from Akron University, and to Corey Kuhns who graduated from Youngstown State University.



For security purposes, the Kitchen Door is locked at all times. Please use north entrance. Thank you.



“Oh Lord, What a Morning!” - as the Haviland Choir, Nancy McNeal and our guest musicians presented “The Mystery and the Majesty”. Many, many thanks!

Although our instrumentalists were all listed by name in the bulletin, the names of the vocalists were not. So...our most profound thanks to the Haviland Choir, without whom none of this would be possible:

Brenda Bradley, Jayne Bricker, Mickey Buck, Bob Domencetti, Carol Dougherty, Dick Dougherty, Carol Jeckavitch, Jennifer Hardy, Harry Hofmeister, Kirk Hofmeister, Cheryl Kekel, Gary Kekel, Andy Kuthy, Cheryl McDevitt, Mike Newman, Carol Ricciardi, Ruth Shafer, Lorin Shepard, Sue Skiba, Karl Wright, Lynn Zocolo...

God Bless You, Every One!

~ Youth News ~

Sunday School:

December 20 — Advent Workshop, *God is With Us*

No Sunday School on December 27 and January 3

Pres-Bees:

December 16 — Dress Rehearsal for “A Presentation of Carols”; Baby Jesus’ Birthday; M & M tubes of coins for the “Create A Smile” service project are due.



December 20 — We will be doing a special Christmas Presentation singing some familiar Christmas carols arranged by Gary Kekel with readings from scripture and some Christmas carol fun facts. Parents — please have your child(ren) here by 9 a.m. for a quick run through.

No Pres-Bees on December 23 and 30

January 4 — regular gathering

Children's Choir Schedule

Cherub — Jan 24, Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 25

Praise — Jan 31, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 25



No LOGOS on December 20, December 27, January 3



The **Per Capita Apportionment due for the year 2010** for the First Presbyterian Church in Salem is based upon reported **active membership** at the end of the year 2008, which was 476.

Governing Body	Apportionment	Amount Due
Eastminster Presbytery	\$ 18.67	\$ 8,886.92
Synod of the Covenant	\$ 3.18	\$ 1,513.68
General Assembly	\$ 6.15	\$ 2,927.40
Total	\$ 28.00	\$13,328.00

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.*

Saturday — 2 a.m.*



December

Happy Birthday!

Charles Gibbs (27), Robert McCulloch Jr (27),
Polly Kendall (28), Juanita Latham (29)


- 14 / Mon Preschool Christmas Party (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Finance (110)
- 15 / Tues Preschool Christmas Party (107)
- 16 / Weds Preschool Christmas Break thru Jan 3
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 17 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
7:00 Session (107)
- 18 / Fri 12:00 Carpet Cleaned in Fellowship Hall
2:45 Delivery of Poinsettias (S)
4:00 Piano Get Together (S) —
 Students of Nancy McNeal
- 19 / Sat 12:00 October Circle (Salem Golf Club)
- 20 / Sun 9:00 Advent Workshop (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) — LOGOS`
10:30 Worship — "A Presentation of Carols"
 by Pres-Bees Youth Club
Congregational Meeting following Worship
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 24 / Thurs 12:00 Church Office closes for Holiday
7:30 and 11:00 Christmas Eve Services
 Candlelight and Communion
- 25 / Fri 
Merry Christmas
- 27 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour — April, May Circles
10:30 Worship
- 31 / Thu 12:00 Church Office closes for Holiday



January

Happy Birthday!

Alberta Herron (6), Josephine Hawkins (8)
Verna Stevens (23 — 90th)

- 1 / Fri *Happy New Year!*

- 3 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (109)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
- 4 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — M/Tu/Th/F
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) — M/Tu
9:30 Presbyterian Women (107)
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 5 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild
 UFO Night (FH)
- 6 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)
12:00 Daytimers (FH) — *The Message*
 of "The Presbyterian Messenger"...
 A Retrospective
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (109)
- 7 / Thurs 9:00 Quilting (110)
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
7:00 Committees —
Christian Education (106)
Mission I and S (109)
Property and Maintenance (107)
Worship, Music and the Arts (FH)
- 10 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship — *Ordination/Installation*
 of Newly Elected Elders and Deacons
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 11 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)