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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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Sunday, April 11 — The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:12-20; Psalm 150; John 20:19-31
Sermon: "Believing is Seeing"
Music: Haviland Choir
Liturgist: Corey Kuhns

Sunday, April 18 — The 3rd Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday



Scripture: Psalm 30; John 21:1-19
Music: Cherub and Praise Choirs
Hymns: *I Danced in the Morning; Amazing Grace; In the Garden*



Dear Friends,

I offer you these words from a book by N.T. Wright, renowned New Testament scholar (and the Bishop of Durham for the Church of England). The book is entitled *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*, and here Wright offers us guidance on how to celebrate the 50 days of the Easter Season:

"If Lent is a time to give things up, Easter ought to be a time to take things up. Of course you have to weed the garden from time to time; sometimes the ground ivy may need serious digging before you can get it out. That's Lent for you. But you don't want simply to turn the garden back into a neat bed of blank earth. Easter is the time to sow new seeds and to plant out a few cuttings. If Calvary means putting to death things in your life that need killing off if you are to flourish as a Christian and as a truly human being, then Easter should mean planting, watering, and training up things in your life that ought to be blossoming, filling the garden with color and perfume, and in due course bearing fruit. . . . The Easter season ought to be a time to balance out Lent by taking something up, some new task or venture, something wholesome and fruitful and outgoing and self-giving. . . . If you really make a start on it, it might give you a sniff of new possibilities, new hopes, new ventures you never dreamed of. It might bring something of Easter into your innermost life. It might help you wake up in a whole new way. And that's what Easter is all about."

Easter Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Cleveland Clinic — Fred McNeal (*Jim McNeal's brother*); 9500 Euclid Ave, Cleveland OH 44195; Room G111-22

Others — Elvira Bass, Karen Bass (*Mary Frances Breit's sister, niece*), Ellen Becker (*family friends of Bob and Sue Merry*), Warren and Barbara Bettis, Dick Bryan, Rosann Butler, Sally Collins, Alfred Fitch at home recovering from heart surgery (*Alice Fitch's son*), Joe Gibson (*Barb Gibson's son, Nancy Fawcett's nephew*), Hayden Johnson, Lynn Johnson, 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*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Bryan and Jennifer Milheim Ramsey and Family (*overseas ministry*), Lorin Shepard, Norman Smith (*Mickey Buck's father*), Karlie Stith (*great granddaughter of Harvey and Sally Mason*)

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Tony Dominic, 116 (*Stella Dominic's husband*); Verna Stevens, 306
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 1: Juanita Starbuck, 105 (*Ray Starbuck's wife*)
Essex 3: Ibbey Dales, 211
Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234
Salem Care Center: Jason Stewart (*Jeff and Robin Stewart's son*)
Vista Center: Hazel Allison (*Wavelene Arnold's mother*); 100 Vista Dr, Lisbon OH 44432
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201 (896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601)

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 March 28, 2010	\$ 4,182.00
General Fund Balance, February 28, 2010	\$21,384.26
<u>One Great Hour of Sharing</u> (Goal: \$5,000)	\$ 2,319.03
<u>Habitat for Humanity</u> (Goal: \$5,000)	\$ 2,258.00
<u>Haiti Relief</u> (write DR000064 on check)	\$ 615.00
<u>Per Capita</u> (\$28 / Goal: \$13,328)	\$ 3,302.00
<u>2¢ a Meal for Hunger</u> (March)	\$ 3.00

† ILT Halverstadt, Jon — 858 MCT / Joint Base Balad / APO AE 09391 / (*Dave and Becky Halverstadt's son*)
jphalve@gmail.com

† PVT Hill, Zachary — C Company 1-72 ARBN, Unit 15074 Box 202, APO AP 96224-5074; (*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 and Sally Mason's grandson*)

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In Memoriam

Jean E. (Buckley) Pridon

United with First Church
 July 15, 1951

Died — March 28, 2010

"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 Sam Pridon, Nancy Eichler, and Becky Hamilton and the families on the death of wife and mother, Jean Pridon; and to Rob and Lu Ann Cole and the family on the death of Lu Ann's mother, Virginia Limestahl.

Thank You

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to our First Presbyterian family for the love and support given to us upon the passing of mother and grandmother, Virginia Limestahl. For Meta's visits and wonderful service, the luncheon provided by the Deacons, the beautiful Sheaf of Wheat sent by the Session, as well as cards, calls and goodies; we are forever grateful. God is very good!

Lu Ann, Rob, and Elizabeth Cole

Thank You

A very BIG Thank You to Team B for a great job serving the Banquet of Salem on March 29. We served 243 people with 240 pieces of chicken. I am not sure where the other 3 pieces came from. My guess is by the grace of God. The potato peeling party was a great success. There were 47 children at the Banquet and several were heard whispering, "these are real mashed potatoes". Thank you for their enjoyment. Special thanks to the 3 other cooks in the Kitchen, the cupcake makers, the 18 helpers upstairs who served, the Boy Scouts, and the men who washed the dishes.

Jody Karmazin

Many, many thanks to all for the prayers, visits, and cards that I received re: my knee replacement surgery. Physical therapy is grueling, but necessary, especially when you can walk with no pain at the end of your sessions. Special thanks to Meta and her timely prayer before surgery, to Sue Moore for delivering the chancel flowers, to Shirley Devan for the Special Snack that she brought to the hospital, to Carol Ricciardi for the Wedding Soup, and to the Haviland Choir, and I quote "The Haviland Choir Dingalings" for the great 'Goodie Basket'. Thanks again everybody. I miss you all and I'll see you in church soon.

Lorin Shepard

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian, We, at the Banquet of Salem, are so grateful for the wonderful support you have given. Your gift of \$182 helps feed some 200 persons each week. God's Blessings,

Bill Wilkins



Church Pictorial Directory

Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! **We are producing a Pictorial Family Album!**

There is no cost to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after photography. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. If you wish to place an order on Photo Day, please bring a canned good for the Salem Community Pantry and receive \$5 off your order. We look forward to seeing you on the following **Photography Sessions:**

April 27-28-29-30 from 3:00-9:00 p.m.

May 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please stop in Fellowship Hall on Sundays during Coffee Hour or after Worship to schedule a time to be photographed, or call the Church Office during the week.

Photograph Sessions for our college students and those unable to come April 27-May 1 will be held on June 28 from 3:00-9:00 p.m.

To make our directory a success, we need volunteers. If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, telephoning members, or serving as a host or hostess during the actual photography sessions, contact the Church Office.

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.*

Habitat for Humanity

by Lauren Arnold



This Easter season, we are reminded of all that spring brings: new life, new lessons, and for us, a new building season. Here's how you can help this week.

Construction: Lots are being prepared. Look for outdoor construction volunteer opportunities to resume in a few weeks time.

ReStore: Are you spring cleaning? Do you have gently used building supplies, furniture or other household items? Donate them to the ReStore--we even do pick-ups! The ReStore is open for sales Thursdays from 12 pm-6 pm, and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 am-4 pm.

Sprite Promotion: Collect Green Sprite tabs for Habitat! Visit spritetabsforhabitat.com to learn more.

Apostles Build: Thanks to all those who attended or helped out with First Presbyterian's Pancake Breakfast and Emmanuel Lutheran and Holy Trinity Lutheran's Chili Cook-Off.

P.S. from Rev. Cramer — We are exploring the option of holding a Public Auction at which other hand-crafted, collectible items might be offered for sale, in addition to the Quilt donated by Lois Dunn and hand-made by her late mother, Leila Weirick. If you have an item to donate of salable quality to benefit our pledge to Habitat for Humanity, call the Church Office, 330-337-9555.

Eastminster PW Spring Gathering Monday, April 26 — 9:00 a.m.

Park Vista Retirement Community in Youngstown
Guest Speaker: Martha Pool – *Where is God Leading?*

Come to the gathering to find out what plans God has for our Presbyterian Women and how we can work with God to bring about transformation in our Presbytery. Registration Form is available in the Church Office and is due by April 19.


Salem Community Pantry

Presbyterians' food item to collect for the pantry is a canned meat-based product such as stew, chili, or sloppy joe mix (please leave in box on stage in Fellowship Hall). Monetary donations may also be made. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and write 'Salem Community Pantry' in the memo line.

April

Happy Birthday!


Jeanne Smith (16), Georgiana Costa (20),
Lois Herron (21), Norman Pim (29),

- 5 / Mon No Preschool — Spring Break, April 5-9
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 6 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 7 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) —
“Salem Trivia” by *Judy White* 
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men’s Bible Study (109)
- 8 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night:**
Christian Education (106)
Finance and Administration (110),
Mission I and S (109)
Property and Maintenance (107),
Worship, Music, and the Arts (FH)
- 11 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
4:30 LOGOS (Youth Sunday Practice)
6:00 Scout Blue/Gold Banquet (FH)
- 12 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — M/Tu/Th/F
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) — M/Tu
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 13 / Tues 5:00 Eastminster Presbytery
Committee Night / Canfield PC
- 14 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)
9:00 February Circle (Hot Dog Shoppe)
9:15 March Circle (110)
12:00 October Circle (Salem Golf Club)
4:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club —
“Candy Land” — A Family Ministry Event
(see Youth Page Insert in this newsletter)



JBM Camp Work Day — April 15 (3rd Thursday)
For Details, call Camp Office, 330-772-3931

- 15 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**
- 17 / Sat 2:00-4:00 Shower (FH)

- 18 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship — *Youth Sunday*
4:30 LOGOS (107)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (FH)
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19 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — M/Tu/Th/F
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) — M/Tu
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 20 / Tues **8:30 Investment (107)**
9:15-11:00 Preschool Open House (109)
- 21 / Weds Preschool Bike Parades
9:00-3:00 Preschool Conferences (109)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men’s Bible Study (109)
- 22 / Thurs Preschool Bike Parades
9:00-3:00 Preschool Conferences (109)
- 23 / Fri Preschool Bike Parades
5:00 Klink/Patterson Rehearsal (S)
- 24 / Sat 10:00-2:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
3:00 Klink/Patterson Wedding (S)
- 25 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship
12:00-4:30 Eagle Scout Ceremony for
George Smith (FH/K)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
- 26 / Mon 8:30-3:00 Preschool (FH) — M/Tu/Th/F
9:30-10:30 Preschool (109) — M/Tu
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 27 / Tues **3:00-9:00 Portrait Sessions (107/109)**
- 28 / Weds 9:00-10:30 Preschool (109)
3:00-9:00 Portrait Sessions (107/109)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men’s Bible Study (FH)
- 29 / Thurs **3:00-9:00 Portrait Sessions (107/109)**
- 30 / Fri **3:00-9:00 Portrait Sessions (107/109)**
Set Up for Rummage Sale (FH)

May

- 1 / Sat 8:00-2:00 LOGOS Rummage Sale (FH)
10:00-4:00 Portrait Sessions (107/109)