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# The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15 Sunday School - *Classes at 9:30 a.m.*  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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## April 26 — The 4th Sunday of Easter Earth Sunday

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31  
portions of Psalm 104  
Romans 8:18-25

Sermon: "Taking Charge, Taking Care"

Music: The Haviland Choir

Liturgist: Kirill Tonkinson



## May 3 — The 5th Sunday of Easter The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:16b-21  
Acts 8:26-40

Sermon: "On Our Way Rejoicing"

Music: The Haviland Choir

Liturgist: Mickey Buck



Dear Friends,

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." What are the implications of proclaiming that we worship a Creator God? On April 26, we will explore what it means for us humans to have been put "in charge" of this earth, our home. We will hear about why stewardship of the earth is a *spiritual* issue. And the "Time for Children" that Carol Ricciardi has planned will be great fun for God's children of *all* ages! Please note: this is very much an "Easter" theme. One of the standard post-Easter Scripture readings is the story of Noah's Ark, certainly a story about God's care for the earth and its creatures.

We are still celebrating the Season of Easter. Isn't it interesting that the somewhat solemn Season of Lent lasts for 40 days, while the joyful celebration of the Resurrection goes on for 50?

Many years ago, a teacher pronounced that the Church of Jesus Christ needed to "revive the Great Fifty days." His student, H. Boone Porter, later wrote,

*The Great Fifty Days celebrate the proclamation of the Resurrection, the hope of life eternal, the knowledge that Christ has triumphed over sin and suffering and death, the faith that the ascended Lord is our high priest ever interceding for us, and the awareness of the living presence of his Holy Spirit in the Church. All this is precisely the good news of the Gospel.*

And so, although we celebrate Jesus' resurrection every Sunday of the year, we take these 50 Days to very intentionally remember, in the words of the great hymn-writer Brian Wren, that

*Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.*

Amen and Alleluia!

Blessings, Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Tim Breit (*Mary Frances Breit's son*), Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Darby Jeffries Colian, Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law*), Rev. Dick Ferris, Berneda Fitch, Debbie Goulish (*Meta Cramer's friend*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rolin Herron, Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Jean Johnson (*now home*), Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Gary Kekel, Sue Kyser, Jean Leimbach (*15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766*), Brenda Lipp, Casey Martinez (*Colleen Chappell's niece*), Harvey Mason, Tracy Rees (*Penny Judge's daughter*), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Scot and Rory Robertson, Dr. Marilyn Roderick (*Juanita Latham's daughter*), Gene Shafer, Edison Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's step-father*), Lorin Shepard, Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Jana Stittle (*Steve and Kathy Stewart's daughter*), Bob Stroble (*Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa's daughter*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Nelson Works (*Lucy Works' brother*)

## Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum; MaryLou Timmins  
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B;  
 Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)  
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109  
Crandall: Sally Darling, 298; Betsy Johnson, 251  
Essex III: Ibby Dales, 215  
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059  
Sterling House: Pat Butler; Dorothy Gibson, 303  
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601  
Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 146; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Envelope Income received April 5	\$ 6,893.00
Envelope Income received April 12	\$ 2,830.00
General Fund Balance, February 28	\$16,473.57
March Revenues	\$36,585.60
March Expenses	\$29,128.47
General Fund Balance, March 31	\$23,930.70
One Great Hour of Sharing (Goal: \$4,000)	\$ 3,385.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 2,416.00

## Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT  
fennema33@gmail.com  
*Paul and Barb Fennema's son*

HARP, ALEX LCPL  
alex.j.harp@gmail.com  
*John and Joetta Tonti's grandson*

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Congratulations to grandmother Ann Waters on the birth of Annaliese Della Waters on February 22, 2015. Parents are George and Kitty Waters.

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To My Church Family,  
 I have many things to thank you for — cards you have sent, visits to the hospital and Sterling House, bouquets of flowers, and good wishes to me during my illness. I appreciate the flowers brought to me by Meta and Marcia and Lorin Shepard. It was nice to be back in church recently and I hope to keep improving so that I will be back with you.

Many thanks,  
*Pat Butler*

To the Luncheon Ladies,  
 Thank you so much for the delicious lunch you served after the funeral of Sam Pridon. I know it is a lot of work. Please know it is much appreciated. Sincerely,

*The Family of Sam Pridon*

Hello to my friends at Salem First! I miss you all! Keep writing — I enjoy reading about Salem.

*Joyce Smith*



Hi, just a note to thank the Deacons for the Daffodils from Easter. They are so cheerful especially now that it is raining outside. But then we need the rain for all the ones yet to bloom outside!!

*Goldie Burrier*

We want to thank Joan Ferrier for the beautiful Easter Daffodil from Easter Sunday. It was a breath of spring after a long winter.

*George and Roberta Bell*

Thank you for all your donations for our Rummage Sale. We collected \$796.40 towards our summer trip to the New Wilmington Mission Conference in PA.

*Kim Double*

I would like to thank Meta for her visit before my surgery at the Cleveland Clinic and the lovely flowers delivered this week.

Sincerely,  
*Harvey Mason*

## Pentecost Geraniums

Place orders this Sunday, April 26 in Fellowship Hall, or call the Church Office by April 30. Cost is \$2.60 for 4" pot. Plants will grace the Sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Flowers not taken will be planted on the church grounds.



# Earth Sunday

## April 26



Join us in a celebration of God's gift of the world to us!

Wear your brightest most colorful clothes in honor of the beauty in God's World. (i.e. flower hats, tropical shirts/dresses)

There will be flower seedlings for all to take home.

Following Worship, join us in a neighborhood litter clean up.

Children are welcome to join us but must be accompanied by a parent/adult.

A light lunch will be served for the clean up volunteers.

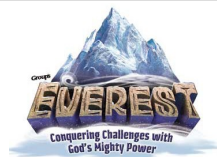
**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY IF YOU PLAN TO STAY FOR LUNCH AND THE CLEAN UP.**

## RECYCLING BITS AND PIECES

- Debbie at the CCH Solid Waste has informed me that the coffee creamers we use during Coffee Hour ARE NOT RECYCLABLE! They should not be placed in the recycle bins.
- K-cups are also NOT RECYCLABLE. It is suggested that you use reusable inserts for your coffee machines that are available at Marc's and Wal-Mart.
- **BREAKING NEWS** — There will be another electronics drive at the Habitat ReStore on May 28 from 3-6. More information will be forthcoming.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER** — The **BLUE** recycle bins located around the church are NOT for trash. Place only recyclable materials in them.
- Check out the CCH website for additional information concerning recycling in Columbiana County. [www.carrollcountyohio.us/solidwaste.html](http://www.carrollcountyohio.us/solidwaste.html)

## Vacation Bible School:

*Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power*



VBS will be held June 15-19 for ages 4 through Grade 5 with the program held during morning Worship on Sunday, June 21. If you would like to help, please call Jayne Bricker.

## From Youth Sunday...


*"Being Called by God"*  
*1 Samuel 3:1-10*  
*by Cody Tonkinson*

Being called by God may not always be the easiest thing to realize. Although we may not realize it, we continue to follow God's word every day. No matter what your age, 16 or 86, God is always calling on you. Only being 16 you don't really know what God's fullest purpose for you is, this is the first step. And by 86, you've realized what God's purpose truly is. Throughout life it becomes more and more clearer as you experience the world; this is the step that defines who you are as a follower of God's word. Being called by God is like solving a puzzle; eventually you will solve the puzzle and get the full picture. God may call on you to help somebody carry bags or God may call on you to save someone's life. The fact of the matter is that you have to know it's God calling on you to do the best for others along with yourself. There will be days when you just sit and think about why and who you are. Those are the days where God is calling on you the most and challenges you the most to overcome the feeling of confusion and misunderstanding. God always does what's best for others and yourself. So no matter the challenge, you should know that it's for the best. To be called by God means to devote yourself and serve as a servant of his word. During the story of Samuel and Eli, Samuel is asked to relay God's message to Eli. Although Samuel does not want to tell Eli, he does and follows what God called him to do. People in the world today can relate to this, I'm sure, but I think the real value is finding it in yourself without knowing it. Going out and living to be the best you can be and help others accomplish the same goal. By doing this, you are simply being called by God and that's what Samuel and Eli teach us in their story. So the next time you carry someone's bags, think to yourself that God is calling on you and live by that.

*"Being Called by God"*  
*1 Samuel 16:1-13*  
*by Trey Double*


Some people are big, or tall, and some are not. It's not about size or how you look on the outside. God knows your heart. People tend to only see the outside appearance and judge others. But God sees more. He knows our hearts, who we really are. We should all try harder to look at more than people's appearance.




# April

- 22 / Weds 6:15 Carillon Ringers (S) - *last rehearsal*  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 26 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Carillon Ringers*  
6:00 Blue and Gold Scout Banquet (FH)
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- 27 / Mon 6:00 April Circle (AngeNetta's Cafe)  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 28 / Tues 9:15-11:00 Preschool Open House (109)  
10:00 C.O.M. of Eastminster Presbytery (110)
- 29 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 30 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**

# May

*Happy Birthday!*  
Russell Loudon (24)  
Margaret Sheets (24)

- 1 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)  
**12:30-4:30 Church Office Closed**
- 2 / Sat 9:00 Lois Frost Scholarship Auditions (S)
- 3 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Lord's Supper*  
2:00-4:00 Celebration of Life Open House  
for Bill Jones (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
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- 4 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 5 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**

- 6 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - *Preschool Program*  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 7 / Thurs **Committee Night: Christian Ed (106),  
Mission I & S (FH), Property (107),  
Worship (110)**
- 10 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 11 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Congregational Care (107)**
- 12 / Tues 9-11 Preschool Program Rehearsal (FH)  
Eastminster Presbytery at Warren First PC
- 13 / Weds 9-11 Preschool Program Rehearsal (FH)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 14 / Thurs 9-11 Preschool Spring Program (FH/KI)  
**7:00 Finance and Administration (110)**
- 15 / Fri 9-11 Preschool Spring Program (FH/K)  
9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (107/109)
- 17 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Christian Education Brunch (FH)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Tribute to Moses Hogan by  
The Haviland Choir and Guests*
- 18 / Mon 6:30 Quilt Show Meeting (107)
- 21 / Thurs 10:00-12:00 American Red Cross (FH)  
12:00 Preschool Advisory Board (110)  
**7:00 Session (107)**
- 24 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
**Pentecost** 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
Recycling Interest Group — *tentative*
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- 25 / Mon *Memorial Day —  
Church Office Closed*
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## Salem Community Pantry

Mon., Fri., 9-11:30 a.m. / Tues., 5-7:30 p.m.

**Items needed — canned soup, small jars of peanut butter, personal hygiene items, and plastic bags. Place items at north entrance.**

## Worship Schedule on Cable TV Channel 9

Sunday — 1 & 9 am / Monday — 1am  
Tuesday — 3 am, 12 & 4 pm / Wednesday — 1 am, 4 & 9 pm  
Friday — 1 am / Saturday — 3 am, 12 & 4 pm  
*Schedule Subject to Change*