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# The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
10:30 a.m. Worship

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## April 28 — The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18  
Psalm 148  
Acts 11:1-18  
Sermon: *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*  
Music: Haviland Choir  
Liturgist: Mickey Buck

**Geranium  
Sale for  
Pentecost  
\$2.60 each**

## May 5 — The Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Christian Education and Haviland Choir Brunch  
at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall*

Scripture: Psalm 97, John 9:1-5

The Haviland Choir presents  
"A Tribute to the Life and Works of Fanny Crosby"



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your enthusiastic support of our children and youth on Youth Sunday! What great gifts we received from the Praise Choir, and Praise *Chime* Choir, the LOGOS Bell Choir, and the Cherub Choir! We also heard from the many young people in our church who are studying piano, and from one budding flautist. As I said at the end of the service, none of this would be possible without devoted volunteers such as Jayne Bricker and Cheryl McDevitt and staff members -- Beth Schallick, Kim Double, Sue Skiba -- committed to nurturing the faith and talents of these youth. *THANKS, all of you!*

Tragically, the week after Youth Sunday was a very trying one for our nation. The bombings at the Boston Marathon and the factory explosion in Texas saddened and angered us. We recalled the bombing in Oklahoma City 18 years ago. We continued to grapple with the question of how to respond to gun violence. Acts of terror, an horrific accident, and the natural disaster of an earthquake in China added up to scores of deaths and countless injuries.

Attempts to *explain* such terrible events are seldom helpful. Instead, we turn to God's enduring promises to be with us even in the valley of the shadow of death. We call on our experience of God's provision of grace and hope in difficult times. Hymn-writer Fanny Crosby had her own share of sorrows. She lost her sight at a very early age, and her only child died in infancy. Music Director John Krauss tells us that her hymns are based on her experience of God's presence more than on doctrine. He says, "I get a sense of her passion and love for the Lord Jesus, using her texts to illustrate her personal faith, all the while searching to convert others to her passion."

On Sunday, May 5, the Haviland Choir will present "A Tribute to the Life and Works of Fanny Crosby" at our 10:30 morning worship service. Plan to be present and to invite your friends to one of the most anticipated Sundays of the year. And expect to experience the love and presence of our Lord Jesus as Fanny Crosby's beloved hymns are presented for us by our own beloved Choir.

Blessings,  
Meta

## Prayer Concerns

Alliance Hospital — Rosann Butler

Others — Darla Allen (Kevin Chumney's sister), Chris Brown (UMC Choir Director), Ken Burrier, Dan and Audrey Crawford (Linda Crawford's brother & sister in law), Stella Dominic, Alex Evans (Lucy Works' friend), Morgan Fennema (Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter), Nicole Fennema (Paul and Barbara Fennema's daughter-in-law), Yvonne Goll (Missionary in LA, "Saving Innocence"), Ruth Gould, Bud Hays (Sue Merry's father), Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Bill and Theresa Jones, Jody Karmazin (broken arm), Lynn Kostura (Lauren Arnold's college friend's mother), Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (Phil Tetlow's cousins), Susan McCullough (Susan Merry's co-worker), Dolly Millikin, Ellie Parker, Bill Phillips (Joyce Smith's son-in-law), Sam Pridon, Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Connie Bowman Rowe (Helen Hayes' friend), Ruth and Gene Shafer, Henry Shepard (Lorin Shepard's brother), Roland and Mary Smith (Susan Smith's parents), Kaylin Stafford (Mary Frances Breit's cousin's grand-daughter), Jacob Weingart (broken arm), Lucy Works, A Friend of Jen Sarginger

## Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B

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

Community Care Center: Rosann Butler, 131; PO Box 2720, Alliance OH 44601 (currently in Alliance Community Hospital)

Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109

Crandall: Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (Tom Johnson's wife)

Essex III: Ibbey Dales, 211

Grace Wood: Jo Hawkins, 234

Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059

Shepherd of the Valley: Jo Hendricks, 218; 4100 N River Rd NE, Warren OH 44484

Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson, 303

Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601

Whispering Pines Village: Rolin Herron, 317; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Envelope Income received April 7	\$ 5,452.00
Envelope Income received April 14	\$ 2,765.00
Envelope Income received April 21	\$ 4,889.00
General Fund Balance, February 28, 2013	\$ 8,306.26
March Revenue	\$28,871.46
March Expenses	\$24,545.99
General Fund Balance, March 31, 2013	\$12,631.73
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 2,278.30
Per Capita (\$31 / 2013 Goal: \$11,966)	\$ 2,142.00

## Military

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 Paul and Barb Fennema's son

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 John and Joetta Tonti's grandson

Hill, Zachary J. SPC  
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 WA 98433  
[Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil](mailto:Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil)  
 Gloria Shafer's son

*It's A Boy!* Congratulations to grandparents Tom and Betsy Johnson on the birth of Luka Johnson on April 14. Parents are Daniel and Ebele Johnson of Boston, Massachusetts.

## CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 a.m.

If you can, please bring shovel, rake, and wheelbarrow.

Peace Garden  
 Volunteers Needed  
 Call Church Office

## Preschool Open House

Tuesday, April 30

\* Now Accepting Enrollments \*

## Thank You

Special thanks to the Haviland Choir for sponsoring Coffee Hour this past Sunday. Interested individuals or groups should call the Church Office to sponsor a Sunday.  
 Presbyterian Women's Association

Thank you for your donation of \$255 from your Soup Luncheon to the Christina House. Your gifts make a difference in the lives of the clients who stay with us. I hope you know how much your continued support means to all of us, especially the women and children we serve. Sincerely,  
 Beth Schmitt, Program Manager

Thank you to the kids for all their hard work for Youth Sunday. I am so proud of them! And thank you to the congregation for your support and wonderful feedback to the kids. Thank you, too, for all your donations for our Rummage Sale. We collected \$1,052.25 towards our summer mission trip!  
 Beth Schallick, DYM / LOGOS

**Bulletin Donors** needed May 26, June 2, 9, 16, July 7, 21, 28, August 4, 18, September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Cost is \$15 a Sunday

**Chancel Flowers** needed July 7, 14, 21, August 11, 25, September 1, 15, 22, October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 24; Cost is \$10 a vase

## Salem Community Pantry

The Salem Community Pantry is asking for your financial support to help it through what has been lower than expected cash donations over the first three months of this year. The Pantry's income from all sources is down and food costs have risen. Second Harvest has reduced our meat quota. Contributions of requested items help, but money enables us to buy more food for the dollar. Checks should be made out to Salem Community Pantry and mailed to PO Box 222, Salem OH 44460. For every dollar you donate, we are able to purchase 10 lbs. of food from Second Harvest. 813 families have come to the pantry at least once since the beginning of this year. More will follow. Your donation will go a long way to feed the hungry in our community. Thank you for your monetary support.

## ~ Youth News ~

### Sunday School

May 5 — Christian Education Brunch at 9 a.m.

May 12 — No Sunday School

1st Grade Book Presentation at Worship

May 19 — Final Sunday School until September

**Buckeye School "Backpack Buddies" Project** — Peanut Butter Crackers, Granola Bars, Apples, Oranges, Non Refrigerated Pudding, Jello, and Fruit Cups, Trail Mixes, Fig Newtons, Raisins, Pretzels, Yogurt Covered Snacks (place in box on stage)

**Paper Products for St. Vincent DePaul** — Paper Towels, Dish and Hand Soap, Sporks, Napkins, Paper Plates, Toilet Paper (place in box on stage)

### Vacation Bible School

June 10-14 / SonWest Roundup / Need Volunteers

Snack Wishes:

8-10 cans Chocolate Frosting

4 pans Rice Crispy Treats

2 boxes Graham Crackers

6 bags of Pretzel Rods

6 bags Gummy Worms

6 dozen Sugar Cookies

4 cans Vanilla Frosting

Sprinkles

Popcorn — old fashioned cinnamon sugar

75 Hot Dogs, Crescent Rolls, American Cheese

Plates, Napkins, Wipes



**LOGOS** / Grades 6-12 / Sunday, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

April 28 Regular LOGOS (Final until Fall)

## Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,  
meeting on April 18, 2013...

- Heard that Souper Bowl of Caring donations were in excess of the amount needed to serve a meal at St. Vincent de Paul in March, and approved the surplus being used to support the Banquet in Salem and an additional meal to be served at St. Vincent de Paul in September
- Approved receiving the Pentecost Offering, and designated 40% of the offerings received to this summer's Big Backyard ministry
- Heard that May 4 will be the Spring Work Day at the Church, beginning at 9 a.m.
- Heard an update by the Property and Maintenance Committee on their efforts to resolve problems with the roof over Fellowship Hall
- Discussed at length a proposal for a new restaurant with alcohol service at the former "Center" on Second Street and voted *not* to oppose this new business
- Expressed thanks to Jayne Bricker and Cheryl McDevitt for their volunteer work in teaching music to our children and youth
- Elected Elder Lynne Peterson as our commissioner to the May meeting of Eastminster Presbytery
- Offered prayers of intercession for members and friends of the Church, and for the people of Boston, MA and West, TX

## Our Church History . . .

**From The Presbyterian Messenger, April 14, 1983**

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET will be held Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available from Circle Chairpersons or in the Church Office. The cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 10.

**From The Presbyterian Messenger, April 21, 1983**

**DRIVERS NEEDED** — Our Church has been asked to help deliver the cheese and butter distribution in the Salem area during the month of May. These deliveries are made to those homebound persons identified by the Salvation Army as qualifying for the free butter and cheese distribution. Sue Votaw and our Deacons will be coordinating our drivers and distribution. We will have only 2 to 3 days notification, so many drivers are needed to be available. There may be separate distributions of butter and cheese depending on the times of delivery. Any persons willing to commit their time and/or automobiles for this project are urged to contact Sue Votaw, the Church Office, or any Deacon. Please call to offer your assistance as soon as possible, so we can "be prepared".



# April

- 24 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I10)
- 26 / Fri 1:30 Eastminster Presbytery C.O.M. (I10)
- 28 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I10)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
- 29 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 30 / Tues Preschool Open House  
6:00 Academic Challenge Tea (FH)




# May

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

- 1 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) - Preschool Program  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I10)
- 2 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night:**  
**Christian Education (I06)**  
**Mission I and S (FH)**  
**Property and Maintenance (I07)**  
**Worship, Music, Arts (I09)**
- 3 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (I10)
- 4 / Sat 9:00 Outside Work Day at the Church  
Lois Frost Scholarship Auditions (S)
- 5 / Sun 9:00 Christian Education Brunch (FH)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (I10)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - Haviland Choir Program  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 6 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 7 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (I07)**



- 8 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)  
March Circle — meet in church lot at 9:15,  
carpooling to home of Marty Hollinger  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (I10)
- 9 / Thurs **7:00 Finance and Administration (I07)**
- 10 / Fri 11:00-2:00 Preschool (FH)
- 11 / Sat 12:00-5:00 Baby Shower (FH)
- 12 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I10)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
6:00 Cub Scouts (B)
- 13 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Congregational Care (I07)**
- 14 / Tues 12:15 November Circle (Annabell's)
- 15 / Weds 9:00-3:00 Preschool Programs (FH/K)
- 16 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool Programs (FH/K)  
**7:00 Session (I07)**
- 17 / Fri 9:00-3:00 Preschool Programs (FH/K)  
9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (I10)  
Wilson/Simmons Wedding Rehearsal (S)
- 18 / Sat 3:30 Brooke Wilson/Matthew Simmons  
Wedding (S)
- 19 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (I10)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Communion*  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 20 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 21 / Tues 9:00-4:00 Quilt Guild Workshop (FH)
- 26 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (I10)  
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)
- 27 / Mon *Memorial Day*  
Church Office Closed 



## 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, and personal hygiene items. Place items in box on stage. Thank you!**

## Worship Schedule on TV

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  
Cable TV Channel 9 / Schedule Subject to Change