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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 12 — The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 133

Colossians 3:1-14



Sermon: "God and the Rolling Stones"

Please welcome the Rev. Dr. Nancy Kahaian,
Interim General Presbyter of Eastminster
Presbytery.

Music: The Haviland Choir

Liturgist: Alice Jackson

April 19 — The 3rd Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday

Scripture: Selections from
1 Samuel, and
John 1:43-51



Our Cherub and Praise Choirs will
be singing,
and our LOGOS Youth will be leading worship
and sharing their reflections on 1 Samuel
and what it means to be called by God.

Dear Friends,

Steve and I are taking 2½ weeks of vacation right after Easter Sunday, and so I will be out of the pulpit for the next two Sundays and back in the office on April 24. Please take advantage of two great opportunities: on April 12, we will welcome the Rev. Dr. Nancy Kahaian, Interim General Presbyter of Eastminster Presbytery, to our pulpit. Nancy is a dynamic leader who will, I'm sure, present an interesting and challenging message. On April 19, the children and youth of our congregation will take their turn at leading worship for our annual Youth Sunday.

The Sundays immediately following Easter Sunday are notoriously "low" Sundays. Remember, though, that we celebrate Easter Season for seven Sundays! Please welcome our guest Nancy enthusiastically, and please support our own children and youth as they share their gifts, faith, and reflections with us.

Within these pages you will find news of "Lunch and Learn" -- three Monday events in April intended to inspire a renewed spirit of learning, collegiality, and a shared common life in Eastminster Presbytery. I am able to attend the April 27 event on "Missional Church" and would be glad for some of you to come along for the ride. Please send your own registration to the Presbytery Office. (The address is on the form.)

Wishing you all the joy and hope of Easter! "He is risen; he is risen, indeed!"

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 (*The Brennity at Vero Beach, Room E125, 7975 17th Lane, Vero Beach FL 32966*), 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 Stitle (*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: Ibbey 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 March 1	\$ 3,080.00
Envelope Income received March 8	\$ 6,083.00
Envelope Income received March 15	\$ 3,480.00
Envelope Income received March 22	\$ 2,015.00
Envelope Income received March 29	\$ 3,531.00
Envelope Income received March 29	\$12,240.00
General Fund Balance, February 28	\$16,473.57
One Great Hour of Sharing (Goal: \$4,000)	\$ 1,794.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 2,384.00

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
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Paul and Barb Fennema's son

HARP, ALEX LCPL
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John and Joetta Tonti's grandson



In Memoriam

Thomas B. Johnson

United with First Church
 December 8, 1968

Died — April 1, 2015

In Memoriam

Sam Z. Pridon

United with First Church
 March 21, 1977

Died — April 1, 2015

"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



The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Betsy Johnson and the family on the death of husband, Tom; to the family of Sam Pridon; to Jim and Angie Milligan and the family on the death of Angie's mother, Ruth Garvey; and to Mark and Lynn Zocolo and the family on the death of Mark's brother, William A. Zocolo, Jr.



Mom is doing great and walking a mile every day. I am very thankful to the entire church for all your concerns and kind words over the past year. It is a comfort to know that others are caring for you and your loved ones with your prayers.

*To God be the Glory,
 Debbie Blair*

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for all the calls, cards, flowers, thoughts, and prayers during my surgery and continued recovery. It is greatly appreciated.

*God Bless,
 Brenda Lipp*

To My Church Family,
 Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and support throughout my father's illness and death. I am truly touched by the outpouring of concern and sympathy. I feel fortunate to be part of this church family. Thank you!

*Blessings,
 Deb McCulloch*

Dear Meta and the First Presbyterian Family,
 Thank you for your hospitality in making it possible for us to connect with you and the other Presbytery churches. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to share what Christ's Spirit is doing in the Middle East. We look forward to keeping in contact as the journey unfolds.

*In Christ's Joy,
 Scott and Elmarie Parker*



Pentecost Geraniums



Place Orders on Sundays,
April 12, 19, and 26 in
Fellowship Hall or in the
Church Office during the week.

*Plants will grace the Sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday,
May 24. Flowers not taken will be planted
on the church grounds.*



LOGOS Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 18
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Refreshments

Items (no clothing) must be on the stage in Fellowship Hall by Wednesday, April 15. Please bring a non-perishable item to the Rummage Sale for the Salem Community Pantry. Money from the sale will be used to help fund the LOGOS summer mission trip. Questions? Call Kim Double at 234-567-1752.

RECYCLING NOTES

As recently reported by the Recycling Interest Group, Styrofoam is a serious threat to wildlife, the environment, and personal health. Here are a few reminders concerning its negative impact on our society.

- Styrofoam is the main pollutant in oceans, bays, and other United States water sources. It causes choking and starvation in wildlife.
- It is composed of Benzene and Styrene, both of which are known carcinogens, which have been linked to Parkinson's disease and leukemia.
- Microwaving Styrofoam causes the release of toxic chemicals, which pose a threat to human health.

It is a primary source of urban litter and is the 5th largest source of hazardous waste in the United States.

In response to this critical information, the Session has approved a resolution that First Presbyterian Church will not use Styrofoam in the future due to its negative impact on human health, wildlife, and the environment. (Styrofoam currently in storage at the church may be used for the storage of cold food or for other non-food uses.)

Church members are encouraged to consider this serious information in their personal usage as well.

Youth News

Sunday School:

9:15 a.m. — Gathering Time / 9:30-10:15 a.m. — Classes

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Youth age 4 through Grade 5 / Wednesdays, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

April 8	Regular Gathering Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, and Corn
April 15	Final Gathering Hot Dogs, Chips, and Fruit
April 19	Youth Sunday Spring Fling at Salem Community Center



LOGOS:

Youth in Grades 6-12 on Sundays, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

April 12	4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir Regular Gathering
April 17	Set Up for Rummage Sale
April 18	Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
April 19	Youth Sunday — Special Music by Youth; LOGOS Bell Choir Rummage Sale after Worship Spring Fling at Salem Community Center



Nationwide Bell-Ringing Celebration of 150th Anniversary of the end of American Civil War

The Salem Historical Society is supporting a nationwide bell-ringing celebration marking the 150th anniversary of the symbolic end of the American Civil War. After four years of fighting and the loss of thousands of brave men and women, the end was in sight as General Grant accepted General Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. Salem's diarist Daniel Howell Hise wrote of a "great day of rejoicing in Salem" when it was evident in April 1865 that the fighting had ceased.

On April 9, 2015, bells will be rung at 3:00 p.m. at Appomattox. As was reported in last week's SALEM NEWS and MORNING JOURNAL, local communities are encouraged to ring bells or church chimes beginning at 3:15 p.m. and lasting for four minutes, one minute for each year of the war.

Only five days after the "great rejoicing," April 14 was reported "a SAD DAY" on the announcement that Abraham Lincoln had been assassinated. In commemoration of this "sad day," the Salem Historical Society will drape the columns of the Dale Shaffer Library in black. If you have questions or plans about participating in these events on either day, contact the Salem Historical Society, 330-337-8514.

Happy Birthday!
 Roberta Bell (12), Beverly Mosher (18),
 Georgiana Costa (20), Jeanne Smith (16)

April

8 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
 6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
 7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

9 / Thurs 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
 9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
7:00
Committee
Night:
 10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
 10:30 Worship - *Dr. Nancy Kahaian preaching,*
Interim General Presbyter
 4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
 4:30 LOGOS (FH)
 6:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting (B)

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(106), Mis-
sion I and S
(FH)

Property (107), Worship (109)
7:00 Finance and Administration (110)

11 / Sat 2:00 Funeral Service for Tom Johnson (S)

12 / Sun

13 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)

14 / Tues **8:30** **a.m. Investment**
Committee (107)  **Member Circle**
 12:00 No-
 (Annabell's)

19 / 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) - *Youth Sunday*
 2:00-5:00 Spring Fling for Pres-Bees/LOGOS
 at Salem Community Center
 6:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting (B)

20 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
 6:30 United Quilt Guild Meeting (107)

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 Scout Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)



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
 10:00 C.O.M. of Eastminster Presbytery (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)

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)



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 — 1 am
 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