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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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Sunday, August 26 The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. in front yard if weather permits, otherwise in Chapel
This will be the last 8:30 service of this summer.

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33;
Mark 5:21-43; Psalm 30:2-5, 10-12

Theme: "Listening for the Lord...In the Interruptions"

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33;
Psalm 30:2-5, 10-12; Mark 5:21-43

Sermon: "Do You Have Just a Minute?"

Liturgist: Bill Rousseau

Sunday, September 2 The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: James 1:17-27
Psalm 32
Luke 7:36-50

Sermon: "A Taste of Raspberries" -
The Rev. Ray Banner, Guest Preacher

Liturgist: David Stephens



Dear Friends,

I continue to thank you for all that you have done to help and encourage me during my ongoing recovery from knee replacement surgery. There are some other folks who have been of tremendous assistance during this time.

Because I had expected to be elsewhere in any case for two Sundays, the Revs. Ross Jackson and Joe Hrach had been previously "booked" for one Sunday each. I am grateful that the Rev. Bill Winch agreed to fill in on fairly short notice and that Ross made himself available for an additional Sunday. Ross, and the Rev. Mark Wilds of the New Lisbon Presbyterian Church, also offered to provide pastoral care in emergency situations. I am so thankful to be part of the Presbyterian Church, a "connectional" church which gives us a larger church family to which we can turn for help!

A very special "thank you" to Elder Mark Smith for leading one of the 8:30 services! Mark frequently participates in the 8:30 service during the summer months, and brought his experience in leading devotional services for Troop 3 camping trips to our first outdoor service. I am grateful that he was willing to take on this challenge!

Our church secretary, Phyllis Garlock, has held down the fort admirably (as always!) while I've been away from the office. Praise God for Phyllis' capable hands and heart!

As I returned to preaching this past Sunday, I was so pleased that my reflections on healing were reinforced by the report given by our LOGOS leaders and youth on their work building a handicap-accessible ramp for a disabled veteran in South Carolina. "Healing" does not always involve a "cure," but it always involves staying in relationship with others. Our LOGOS representatives witnessed this during their work trip.

All of us are reminded that we are healed and helped by being part of a community of faith. We participate in God's healing work when we invite others to be in relationship with God and with God's faithful people. (That means a relationship with us!)

Blessings,
Meta

Prayer Concerns

Wavelene Arnold, Mary Frances Breit, Chris Brown (*UMC Choir Director, needs kidney transplant*), Logan Chisholm (*Dick and Eileen Shanker's great grandson*), Ryan Christian (*Nancy Fawcett's friend, child*), Steven Courtwright (*Dolly Millikin's nephew*), Rev. Meta Cramer, Dan and Audrey Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother & sister in law*), Rose Marie Crookston, Stella Dominic, Rich Eichler, Alex Evans (*Lucy Works' friend*), Ruth Garvey (*Angela Milligan's mother*), Yvonne Goll (*Missionary in LA, "Saving Innocence"*), Dustin Gorby (*Mickey Buck's friend*), Ruth Gould, Jim Hollinger, Jack and Rita Hovis, Lynne Berryman Jackson (*Sandra Arter's friend*), Hayden Johnson, Bill and Theresa Jones, Char McDevitt, Louise Murdock, Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Colleen Schneider (*friend of Janet Chumney and Jody Grubb*), Gene Shafer, Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*), Ann Theil, Scott Theil (*Ann Theil's son*), Lucy Works

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B
Clare Bridge of Austintown: Bill Butler (*Pat Butler's husband*); 1420 S Canfield Niles Rd, Austintown OH 44515
Community Care Center: Rosann Butler, 101; PO Box 2720, Alliance OH 44601
Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6-202; John and Jean Martsolf, 7-421
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109; Linda Tonti, 209 (*John Tonti's mother*)
Crandall: Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*); Polly Kendall, 280; Hank Zimmerman, 270
Essex 3: Ibbby Dales, 211
Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Pleasant View North: Helen Hum
Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson, 303
Vista Center, Lisbon: Virginia Calabrese (*Dawn Billham's grandmother*)
Weatherwood Manor: Dolores Kynett, 201; 896 Weatherwood Lane, Greensburg PA 15601
Whispering Pines Village: Rolin Herron, 317; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

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Financial Report

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Envelope Income received August 5	\$ 4,045.00
Envelope Income received August 12	\$ 2,205.00
Envelope Income received August 19	\$ 3,090.00
General Fund Balance, May 31, 2012	\$25,091.94
June Revenues	\$16,570.59
June Expenses	\$23,055.38
General Fund Balance, June 30, 2012	\$18,607.15
July Revenues	\$14,901.18
July Expenses	\$22,498.85
General Fund Balance July 31, 2012	\$11,009.48
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 2,460.00

Military

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Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson

Bulletin Donors needed for August 26, September 2, 9, 16, 23, October 28, November 25, December 2, 16, 30. Cost is \$15 a Sunday.

Please consider volunteering at Pres-Bees Youth Club starting in October.



Where do we begin — the many visits from Meta, and Ross' visit in the hospital before my surgery, cards from caring church friends, and special delivery of beautiful flowers from Joan Ferrier. We can't thank you all enough. May God bless you all.

Bill and Theresa Jones

I want to thank you for the thoughts and prayers, cards, and to Gloria Shafer for delivering the flowers from worship. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I recover.

Lucy Works

A special note of thanks to Julie Mackall and Cara Stephens who are returning in the fall to teach Sunday School!

Kim Double



Congratulations to Jennifer (Merry) Hardy on the birth of Jaxson Edward Hardy on August 7. Grandparents are Bob and Sue Merry.



Congratulations to Dick and Carol Dougherty on the celebration of their 50th Anniversary on August 25.



THE BANQUET in Salem

DAYTIMERS

Wednesday, September 5
12 Noon — Fellowship Hall

PROGRAM: *The Banquet of Salem*
with Rev. Connie Sassanella and Bev Henderson



HAVILAND CHOIR REHEARSALS START

Wednesday, September 5
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Advantages of joining the choir:

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
3. From your advantageous seat, you can smile at, gawk at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.
4. The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
5. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
6. The cost for all these benefits? Just one evening a week.
7. Oh, yes, one more reason to join the choir: You're a leader in the worship experience.



Special Project — September 11, 2012

Since 2009, September 11 has been marked as a National Day of Service and Remembrance. Paying tribute through service was inspired by the remarkable spirit of unity, compassion and service that arose in America immediately following the attacks. This year, Habitat invites the community to participate in a day of building, which will also include ceremonies and moments of silence to honor the fallen and recognize first responders and armed service members.

Habitat welcomes people of all skill levels to serve as builders, registrars and food service volunteers. There will be two volunteer shifts available, the first from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and the second from 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Lunch will be available to all volunteers at noon.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Habitat for Humanity office at 330-337-1003 or volunteerhabitatncc@yahoo.com in order to RSVP.

“THE OLYMPICS”



Sunday School Start-up

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Come join us and bring a friend!

Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, August 2, 1962:

Boy Choir Concert

Nine Salem boys have been singing three mornings a week for two months with the Alliance Boy Choir which is directed each summer at Mt. Union College by Professor David McIntosh. The choir is composed of fifty-two boys, four of whom come from our church, and they will present a concert in our Fellowship Hall next Thursday, August 9th at 7:30 p.m. Everybody is welcome and invited to attend. There is no charge.

From the Messenger, August 9, 1962:

Those Trading Stamps!

Take them when they are available — and when you have an accumulation, leave them at the church office. Many needed articles for the church kitchen or dining room can be gotten in exchange. Any of the three popular varieties are acceptable.

From the Messenger, August 6, 1972:

The Summer Volunteer Choir has provided strategic worship leadership in these weeks and we trust that participation will continue during the month of August. We encourage any who would like to share in this ministry to come a little early Sunday mornings and rehearse with the choir at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. During Mr. Snyder's vacation in August, Mrs. Walter Hofmeister will direct the choir.

From the Messenger, August 19, 1992:

Grace Smith picks up C.E. Reins Right Away!

As this MESSENGER goes to print, Grace Smith, our new D.C.E., is already taking on her new responsibilities replacing Judy Herron. As in the past, this part-time position is for 10 months, from mid-August through mid-June, and Judy Herron has graciously agreed to help get Grace acquainted with “the ropes” and under way.

August

Happy Birthday!

Ona Mae Erath (25), Margaret Gibbs (31)

- 23 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**
- 26 / Sun 8:30 Morning Worship (Chapel) - last
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)

September

Happy Birthday!

Gene Shafer (15), Bruno Stanga (17),
Margaret Stewart (21), Barbara Bozich (27),
Kay Stanga (28)

Committee Night in September — TBA

- 2 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) — Rev. Ray Banner
- 3 / Mon *Labor Day*
Church Office Closed 
- 4 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 5 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)
Program: *The Banquet of Salem* with
Rev. Connie Sassanella, Bev Henderson
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) 
- 6 / Thurs 6:45 Preschool Orientation
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 9 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School (FH) — *The Olympics*
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) — Rev. Ray Banner
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B) 

- 10 / Mon Preschool Visitation
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 11 / Tues Preschool Visitation / 5 Day starts
- 12 / Weds Preschool 3 Day starts
9:00 February Circle
9:15 March Circle (110)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 13 / Thurs Preschool 2 Day starts
7:00 Finance Committee (110)
- 16 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
11:30 Christmas Program Meeting (107)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 17 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 18 / Tues 9:00-5:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 19 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 20 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**
- 23 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 24 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 26 / Weds 7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
- 27 / Thurs 6:30 A.I.D. Board Meeting (107)
- 28 / Fri Rezenom/Esbenshade Rehearsal
- 29 / Sat 9:00-1:30 United Quilt Guild (FH)
2:30 Rezenom/Esbenshade Wedding (S)
- 30 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3

Salem Community Pantry

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

Urgent Needs — canned soup, small jars of peanut butter, and personal hygiene items. Place items in box on stage. Thank you!

Worship Service Schedule

Cable TV Channel 9 / *Schedule subject to change
Sunday – 2 a.m.* / Tuesday – 12:00 and 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday – 4:00 a.m.*, 4:00 and 9:00 p.m.
Friday – 4:00 a.m.*, 4:00 p.m.* / Saturday – 2:00 a.m.*