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# The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor  
9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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**Sunday, September 1 —**  
**The 15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will  
be shared at both services.*



8:30 — Morning Prayer in the Chapel  
*This will be the last 8:30 a.m. service for the summer.*  
Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-10, Luke 24:36-43  
Theme: "...the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting..."

10:30 — Worship in the Sanctuary  
Scripture: Psalm 112, Philemon 1-21  
Sermon: *No Longer a Slave*  
Liturgist: Brad Stephens  
Music: Nancy McNeal

**Sunday, September 8 —**  
**The 16th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rally Day**



Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1  
Luke 14:25-33  
Sermon: *Let's Do It!*  
Liturgist: Carol Dougherty  
Music: Haviland Choir

*Youth Serving Meal at St. Vincent DePaul at 4:00 p.m.  
See Donation Request List on page 3.  
For questions, please call Kim Double.*

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, it will be about a week since a gunman walked into the Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy in Decatur, Georgia and was greeted by a woman named Antoinette Tuff. If you have a computer and a few minutes, I urge you to search for an interview with her; you will hear a remarkable testimony. Antoinette says that she started to pray as soon as the intruder walked into her office. (And, she says, she prayed for him.) She managed to stay calm by remembering that her pastor had been speaking recently about our need "to be anchored in the Lord." Antoinette not only "talked the talk" but "walked the walk." Learning that the intruder had not taken his medication, she told him about her own serious problems and witnessed to him that this did not need to be the last day of his life. The mother of a multiply-handicapped son, Antoinette even told this "troubled young man" (as she called him) that she loved him. She said to him repeatedly, "I'm going to sit right here, so the police can see that you haven't harmed me." When told that she is a hero, her quiet response is "I give it all to God. I'm not the hero. I was terrified." "But," the interviewer says, "you kept it together." Antoinette replies, "I don't know how. Through His grace and mercy, I did." And because she did, more than 800 children were evacuated from the school and no one was hurt.

Loving God, loving neighbors, loving enemies. Antoinette Tuff is more than a hero; she is a disciple and a witness. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,  
Meta



## Prayer Concerns

Salem Hospital — Jim Mohr (337)

Others — Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*), Sandra Arter, John Beebe (*Debbie McCulloch's father*), 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*), Ruth Gould, Melissa Griffith (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Bud Hays (*Sue Merry's father*), Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Bill and Theresa Jones, 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*), Helen Newman (*Jim Newman's mother*), Lynne Peterson, Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Sam Pridon, Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Joan Schomer (*Rev. Dan Schomer's wife*), Ruth and Gene Shafer, Edison Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's stepfather*), Henry Shepard (*Lorin Shepard's brother*), Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*), Jane Wilson, friend of Sue and Bob Merry and Cheryl and Bill McDevitt), Lucy Works, A Friend of Jen Sarginger

## Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*)

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

Community Care: Rosann Butler, 131; PO Box 2720, Alliance OH 44601

Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109

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

Essex III: Ibbey Dales, 211

Grace Woods: 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: Rolin Herron, 317; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

Envelope Income received August 4	\$ 4,724.00
Envelope Income received August 11	\$ 3,886.00
Envelope Income received August 18	\$ 1,943.00
General Fund Balance, June 30, 2013	\$ 2,846.81
July Revenues	\$26,714.63
July Expenses	\$24,016.85
General Fund Balance, July 31, 2013	\$ 5,544.59
Per Capita (\$31 / 2013 Goal: \$11,966)	\$ 2,234.00
2¢ a Meal for Hunger	\$ 32.00

## Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT  
[fennema33@yahoo.com](mailto:fennema33@yahoo.com)  
Paul and Barb Fennema's son

HARP, ALEX LCPL  
[alex.j.harp@gmail.com](mailto:alex.j.harp@gmail.com)  
John and Joetta Tonti's grandson



Congratulations to Everett and Karen Dennison on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 29.



Job Opportunities in the area of youth Christian education will be forthcoming. If you have an interest in this area, please contact the Church Office for additional information.

**Bulletin Donors** needed August 18, September 15, October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, December 29; \$15 per Sunday

**Pres-Bees Youth Club** starts on Wednesday, October 9.  
Volunteers are Needed.  
Call Church Office if interested.

## Thank You

Thank you for your donation of \$183 to the Church Women United Back to School Project for children in the Salem school district. It is through the generosity of compassionate and concerned people like you that we are able to continue to assist the children and families in need in our community. Many children in Salem will start to school with new outfits because of this program. May God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Laurel Todd  
Social Concerns Chairperson  
Church Women United

Many thanks for the visits and prayers for my mom, Jo Hawkins.

Sincerely,  
Carol Souders

To My Church Family,  
Thank you so much for your care and concern during my recovery, not to mention the beautiful flowers!

Sincerely,  
Wavelene Arnold

**Next Newsletter — September 10**  
Articles due in Church Office  
by Friday, September 6

If anyone would like to receive the newsletter via E-mail, please call the Church Office or send your address to [phyllis@fpcsaalem.org](mailto:phyllis@fpcsaalem.org).

## Your Session at Work

The Session of First Presbyterian Church,  
meeting on August 15, 2013...

- heard that the "Trolley Tour" planned by the Congregational Care Committee was a success even without the Trolley!
- approved a number of building requests for the coming program year.
- approved the creation of a new Confirmation Class.
- approve the wedding of Mary Lynn Maticik and Terry Jackson on May 16, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- heard the Personnel Committee's plans to address the vacancy created by the resignation of Beth Schallick.
- commended Cara Stephens and Julie and Jeremy Mackall for painting Room 200, making it a much more cheerful place for children.
- heard the Property and Maintenance Committee's recommendation for a new brick, computerized sign for the church, and authorized that Committee, in cooperation with others, to begin fund-raising projects to raise the needed money, with the progress of the fund-raising to be evaluated in February 2014.
- heard about the opportunity of Ruling Elders to be elected from Eastminster Presbytery as Commissioners to the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA that will convene in Detroit, MI on June 14, 2014 and last through June 21, 2014. Applications are available.



### HAVILAND CHOIR REHEARSALS START

Wednesday, September 4  
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.

## Rally Day — Sunday, September 8 Discovering Sunday School

**Prayer Stations** — for adults and children to reflect on past Sunday School experiences and share those thoughts as well as hopes for this year.

**Worship** — Matthew 13. There will be a collection plate passed.

**Crafts/Games** — Memory Game, I Spy Books; Dirt Cups (Snack), Coloring Pages and More

**Kitchen** — The Kitchen will be open for help with preparations for serving a meal at St. Vincent DePaul Meal later in the day (See Donation Request List Below)

### Donation Request for St Vincent DePaul Meal

Please place items on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

Ground Beef (20 lbs); Manwich Mix (3-5 lb cans)

Boxed Au Gratin Potatoes (20 boxes)

Green Beans, cut (4-5 lb cans)

Salad Mix (25 bags)

Ranch Dressing (3 large bottles)

Italian Dressing (3 large bottles)

Buns (150)

Desserts:

(40 cupcakes, 2 pans brownies, 6 dozen cookies)

Milk (1 gallon)

Butter (1 lb)

Lemonade (6 gallons)

Plastic Silverware

Napkins



## Our Church History. . .

### From August 2, 1953. . .

**AFRICAN SAFARI** — Preparations are under way to present a program to the church membership August 28th, focusing on the work of the Mission in Africa. If you are approached for a contribution of time and/or talent, please think twice before you give your decision. The wonders of our Lord are the most evident in this glorious summer season. Our spirit should acknowledge. Sam Wald, General Chairman / **The Armistice**

### From August 4, 2003. . .


\$10,000 is on its way for storm relief to Hubbard city and township thanks to a call to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by Rev. Larry Stewart of the First Presbyterian Church of Hubbard. PDA is one of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing. Storm relief donations for the purchase of bleach to decontaminate the wells in the Hubbard area can be remitted to Eastminster Presbytery clearly marked for this purpose. Funds will be turned over to the local relief office as soon as it is established.

# August

**Happy Birthday!**  
Margaret Gibbs (31)


# September

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

1 / Sun  8:30 Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Lord's Supper*

2 / Mon *Labor Day*   
Church Office Closed

3 / Tues 1:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**

4 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) —   
*Postcard Display —*  
*Rev. Connie Sassanella*  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

5 / Thurs 6:45 Preschool Orientation  
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)  
**7:00 Committee Night:**  
**Christian Education (106)**  
**Mission I and S (FH)**  
**Property and Maintenance (107)**  
**Worship, Music, and the Arts (109)**

6 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (FH)

8 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School Rally Day (FH)  
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
4:00 Youth Serving Meal St. Vincent DePaul



9 / Mon Preschool Visitation  
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
**7:00 Congregational Care (107)**

10 / Tues Preschool Visitation  
12:00 November Circle (Annabell's)  
6:00 Eastminster Presbytery meeting at  
First Presbyterian Church in Mineral Ridge  
with Rev. Neal Pesa, Moderator of 220th  
General Assembly

11 / Weds Day 1 for Preschool 3 Day Classes  
9:15 February Circle (Salem Hills)  
9:30 March Circle (110)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)


12 / Thurs Day 1 for Preschool 2 Day Classes  
**7:00 Finance and Administration (110)**

15 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

16 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

18 / Weds 7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

20 / Fri 9:00-4:00 Quilt Group (110)

22 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Acolyte Training (S)   
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

23 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

25 / Weds 7:00 Men's Bible Study (110) / Choir (S)

26 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107) - Note Date Change**

29 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

30 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 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, and personal hygiene items.  
Place items in box on stage. Thank you!**

## Worship Schedule on TV

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  
*Cable TV Channel 9 / Schedule Subject to Change*