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

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Amanda Craft, a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission Worker in Guatemala, will be here on Wednesday, December 12. She will visit with Pres-Bees at approximately 5:30 p.m. and will speak with any interested persons beginning promptly at 7 p.m.



Sunday, December 16 — The Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Matthew 1:18-25

The Haviland Choir and Guest Musicians present

An Advent Musical Celebration Featuring the Music of John Rutter

Sunday, December 23 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reception of a New Member

Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80:1-7,
Luke 1:39-55

Sermon: The "Real Meaning" of Christmas

Liturgist: Jeff Zacharias

Monday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: Turn Off the Dark

At 7:30 p.m. — Anthem by the Haviland Choir

At 11 p.m. — Special Music by Gary and Cheryl Kekel

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the Ritual of
Candle-lighting will take place at each service.



Dear Friends,

What a glorious morning we had on December 9 as our children and youth sang, rang, played piano and led worship for us! We are truly blessed – not only to have such talented young people in our church family – but to have parents, vocal and bell choir directors, and accompanists who nurture these precious gifts.

As we continue to wait for Christmas, please remember that Sunday, December 16 will bring the Haviland Choir's annual Advent Musical Celebration. You will want to be here to revel in the sounds of the season as presented by the Choir and their guest musicians. Do plan to stay after worship as the Congregational Care Committee hosts a reception and the Presbyterian Women holds their Basket Auction to benefit local mission.

Speaking of "waiting," we have received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by the method of intinction in recent weeks. For some of us, this is a little different. (By the way, our Book of Order says: "The people may gather about the Table to receive the bread and the cup; they may come to those serving to receive the elements [as we do with intinction]; or those serving may distribute the elements to them where they are [as we'll be doing on January 13].") Coming forward to receive the bread and the cup means "waiting" in line. In her book *The Sacred Meal*, Nora Gallagher writes: "As I get up from my seat and begin the walk toward the [Table], I begin to be somewhere else.... Communion is meant to remind us of a place we can go that may not be always visible in daily life.... Part of waiting in Communion is examining what we did last week to find the kingdom of heaven in our midst and to help others find it."

This holy season, as we await the holy birth, may all of us find God's kingdom among us!

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Community Hospital — Ruth Shafer (Skilled)

Others — Wavelene Arnold, Chris Brown (UMC Choir Director), Jean Brucker (Kay Stanga's sister), Ryan Christian (Nancy Fawcett's friend), Steven Courtwright (Dolly Millikin's nephew), 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), Yvonne Goll (Missionary in LA, "Saving Innocence"), Dustin Gorby (Mickey Buck's friend), Ruth Gould, Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Bill and Theresa Jones, Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (Phil Tetlow's cousins), Beth McDevitt, Bill Phillips (Joyce Smith's son-in-law), Sam Pridon, Charles (surgery Dec. 20) and Charity Ricciardi, Connie Bowman Rowe (Helen Hayes' friend), Gene Shafer, Brian Smith (Dan Smith's grandson), Roland and Mary Smith (Susan Smith's parents), Scott Theil (Ann Theil's son), Lucy Works (surgery Jan. 14), Lynn Zocolo

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Ellie Parker, 413B (PLEASE, NO VISITORS)
Clare Bridge of Austintown: 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
Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6-202
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109; Linda Tonti, 209 (John Tonti's mother)
Crandall: Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (Tom Johnson's wife)
Essex 3: Ibby Dales, 211
Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234
Inn at Ironwood: Char McDevitt; 6699 Ironwood Blvd, Canfield OH 44406
Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059
Parkside Health Care Center: Ann Theil; 930 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408
Pleasant View North: Helen Hum
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 December 2	\$ 3,020.00
Envelope Income received December 9	\$ 2,105.00
General Fund Balance, October 31, 2012	(-\$3,518.89)
November Revenues	\$20,309.55
November Expenses	\$24,270.53
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2012	(-\$7,479.87)
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 822.00
Per Capita (\$30 / 2012 Goal: \$12,090)	\$ 2,723.00

Military

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Chuck and Dawn Billham and the family on the death of Dawn's grandmother, Virginia Calabrese.

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Flower and Bulletin Donors are needed for 2013. Flowers are \$10 a vase; Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday. Please call to confirm standing orders.

Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by Friday, January 4.

Per Capita Apportionment for 2013 is \$31 per Active Member.

Thank You

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of kindness, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. Thank you for being that person for us. This year has been full of challenging adventures. We are thankful, and we feel extremely blessed to have you in our lives. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Love,
 Charles, Charity,
 Mariah, & Dominic Ricciardi

Thank you for all your prayers, visits, and flowers for my mother, Jo Hawkins. She will be 98 in January. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
 Carol Souders

The Salem Preservation Society would like to thank the First Presbyterian Church members for the generous gift of \$50.00 in memory of Olivia Thompson. Your donation will help us continue our efforts to build a replica of the wall and ticket booth on the west side of the stadium.

In appreciation,
 Karen Lehwald Carter,
 Vice President

2013 Calendars, compliments of Stark Memorial Funeral Home, are at Sanctuary entrances and outside the Church Office.

Presbyterian Women's Association

Basket Auction

Sunday, December 16

Proceeds Dedicated for Local Christmas Mission

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.

- Baking** — Christian Education Committee
- Bathroom** — February Circle
- Cats** — November Circle
- Celebrate Salem** — Haviland Choir
- Christmas** — May Circle
- Discovery Toys** — LOGOS
- Dogs** — November Circle
- Entertainment** — Board of Deacons
- Kitchen** — March Circle
- Money Tree** — Congregational Care Committee
- Pamper Yourself** — Cara Stephens
- Party Time** — Jim Gibbs
- Ohio State University** — Session
- Specialty Chocolate** — September Circle
- Theater** — Geoff and Kim Goll

Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, December 6, 1942

Honor Roll "Messenger" Subscriptions — A number of those listed below gave an additional 50¢ for a subscription for some soldier or college student. Messengers go weekly to 50 soldiers and to 30 students of whom no subscription is asked. Names of subscribers will be added as they come in. Envelopes are attached to Messengers of those who have not yet subscribed.

From the Messenger, December 14, 1952

The Annual Chili Supper will be held on Sunday, December 21, at 5:30 in the Chapel. This is the festive occasion when the junior highs, senior highs, returning college students and Presbyterians get together for a Christmas celebration. Following the supper (50¢), the junior highs and senior highs will go their separate ways to carol our shut-ins. The Presbyterians will go to one of the homes for a party. Anyone having a truck or wagon for transportation for the carolers is asked to call Miss Ellenberger.

From the Messenger, December 20, 1962

Seating Changes — In the interest of providing better handling of seating of the congregation at the worship services, ushers will be reserving the last two rows of pews in the Sanctuary to be used for seating late comers. We respectfully request that those accustomed to sitting in a particular section be aware of the need for planning and efficiency in serving the best interests of the congregation at worship.

~ Youth Calendar ~

No Sunday School on December 30

Wednesday, December 12

Regular Pres-Bees at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 16

Pick up Buckeye Orders

Wednesday, December 19

Baby Jesus Birthday Party at Pres-Bees, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Please RSVP for your Family

Wednesday, December 26 — No Pres-Bees

LOGOS

Youth in Grades 6-12

We will have extra Hard Tack available this Sunday, December 16. Price is \$5 a bag for fruit or spice flavors. Pick up Hard Tack orders.

Sunday, December 16 — We are hosting a Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall with youth groups from Emmanuel Lutheran, New Lisbon, Columbiana Presbyterian, and LYFT in Lisbon. Come join us for fun, faith, and fellowship!

December 23 and 30 — No LOGOS

Holy Trinity Lutheran to Host

A Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 16

7:00 p.m.

1089 East State Street

All of us miss folks who once shared Christmas with us. Some of us are grieving, others facing difficult times. This service faces the reality that the message of Advent and Christmas is geared to us in our brokenness.

Hurricane Sandy Relief

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has already sent One Great Hour of Sharing funds and members of the National Response Team to help mid councils in affected U.S. areas in their response efforts. **Locally, the Salvation Army is collecting donations of money, clothes, food, and blankets (all to be in good condition). Please take to the Salvation Army.**

December

Happy Birthday!

Jim Gibbs (13), Rita Hovis (13),
Phyllis Lamb (25), Charles Gibbs (27),
Juanita Latham (29)

12 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
9:45 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Bible (110)
7:00 Amanda Craft, PCUSA Mission Worker

13 / Thurs 9:00-3:00 Preschool (FH) - Th/F
7:00 Finance and Administration (107)

16 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
Advent 3 9:00 Adult Sunday School (107)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - Haviland Choir Program
Choir Appreciation Reception following Worship
LOGOS Christmas Party (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



17 / Mon 9:00-2:00 Preschool Christmas
Parties (FH, 107) - M/Tu
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)

19 / Weds 5:00-6:00 Pres-Bees Baby Jesus
Birthday Meal (FH)

20 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**

23 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
Advent 4 9:00 Adult Sunday School (107)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)

24 / Mon Church Office closes at Noon
7:30 and 11:00
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Services



25 / Tues

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

30 / Sun No Sunday School
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)

31 / Mon Church Office closes at Noon

January

Happy Birthday!

Jo Hawkins (8)

1 / Tues *Happy New Year!*
Church Office Closed

2 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)
*Hope Cemetery Facts, Trivia, and Stories
with Lou Raymond*
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

3 / Thurs 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)

4 / Fri Annual Reports due in Church Office

6 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)
9:00 Adult Sunday School (107)
10:00 Fellowship/Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Communion*
LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

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

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

9 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
9:45 March Circle (110)
5:00 Pres-Bees Epiphany Party
7:00 Haviland Choir (S) / Men's Study (110)

Salem Community Pantry

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

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

'NEW' Worship Schedule on TV

Sunday — 1 & 9 a.m.; Tuesday — 12 & 3 p.m.;
Wednesday — 1 a.m., 4 & 9 p.m.;
Friday — 1 a.m., 4 p.m.; / Saturday — 3 a.m., 12 & 4 p.m.
Cable TV Channel 9 / Schedule Subject to Change