



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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December 18 — The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Proclamation of the Word: A Choir of Angels by the Cherub and Praise Choirs

Scripture: Isaiah 1:2-3; Micah 5:2-5; Isaiah 61:1, 10-11; Isaiah 52:7-9; Luke 2:1-14

Congregational
Meeting
following
Worship to
Elect Officers



December 24 — Christmas Eve

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be shared at both services.

7:30 p.m. Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-14 / Homily: *One of Us*
Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

11:00 p.m. Scripture: Isaiah 62:6-12; Luke 2:1-20 / Homily: *Making Christmas Happen*
Liturgist: Marilyn Ward



December 25 — Christmas Day

Continental Potluck Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

Scripture: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; John 1:1-14
Liturgist: Lynne Peterson
Sermon: *Today and Every Day*

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Dear Friends,

First of all, a big "THANK YOU" to the Haviland Choir, John Krauss, Nancy McNeal, and our host of guest musicians for a glorious worship service on December 11. A second big "THANK YOU" to the Congregational Care Committee for providing a lovely reception after worship. A third big "THANK YOU" to the Presbyterian Women for coordinating the Basket Party, which is such an enjoyable way to support a number of mission causes. What a great morning it was!

Please remember that you are invited to come to my home at 781 S. Lincoln next Sunday (December 18) between 4 and 7 p.m. for some food, friendship, and perhaps a cup of wassail. We look forward to welcoming you!

Another opportunity for food and fellowship will take place on Christmas morning in our Library. A Continental Potluck Breakfast will begin at 10 a.m. The table will be set; coffee and juice will be provided. Bring some breakfast fare to share and welcome Christmas Day with your friends in Christ.

May the remaining days of Advent – and the Twelve Days of Christmas – be happy and bright for you and yours! "God Bless Us Everyone."

Meta

Prayer Concerns

Wavelene Arnold, Rosann Butler, Terry Carman (*Wavelene Arnold's brother-in-law*), Dan Crawford (*Linda Crawford's brother*), Stella Dominic (4830 Hickory Hollow, Middletown OH 45042), Barbara Double 0 (*Ken Double's mother*), Nancy Fawcett, Morgan Fennema (*Paul and Barb Fennema's granddaughter*), David George (*Mary Frances Breit's son-in-law*), Ruth Gould, Alberta Herron (627 Kimberly Ln NE, Atlanta GA 30306), Hayden Johnson:

www.caringbridge.org/visit/haydenjohnson,

Amanda Karmazin, Jean Martsof, Char McDevitt, Pat Milligan (*Jim Milligan's mother*), Janie Mowery (*Marilyn Ward's friend*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Joan Reed (*Sue Skiba's mother*), Gene Shafer, Dick Shanker, Brian Smith (*Dan Smith's grandson*), Roland Smith (*Susan Smith's father*), Karlie Stith (*Harvey and Sally Mason's great granddaughter*), Teresa Turney (*Dolly Millikin's daughter*)

Missionary Yvonne Goll and newly formed non-profit "Saving Innocence", addressing the issue of sex trafficking, ages 11-17, in Los Angeles (Compton). The website, www.savinginnocence.org will be ready by the end of December.

Special Care Facilities

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B

Briarwood: Norman Pim, 601;

3700 Englewood Dr., Stow OH 44224

Canterbury Place: Tom Smith, 508;

310 Fisk St., Pittsburgh PA 15201-1708

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

Copeland Oaks: Chet Roof, 6202

Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109; Betty Potter, 202 (*Helen Hayes' mother*); Linda Tonti, 209 (*John Tonti's mother*)

Crandall: Marilyn Clark, 185; Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*); Polly Kendall, 272

Essex 3: Ibby Dales, 211

Grace Woods Village: Jo Hawkins, 234

Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson

Vista Center, Lisbon: Virginia Calabrese (*Dawn Billham's grandmother*)

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

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Financial Report

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Envelope Income received December 4	\$ 9,515.00
Envelope Income received December 11	\$ 6,857.00
General Fund Balance, October 31, 2011	(\$29,813.43)
November Revenues	\$29,575.92
November Expenses	\$24,157.48
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2011	(\$24,394.99)
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 1,365.00
Per Capita (\$29 / 2011 Goal: \$12,963)	\$ 2,449.00

Armed Forces

† **SGT Fennema, John T** (*Paul and Barb Fennema's son*);
2209 Timberbrook Ln
Midway Park NC 28544
fennema33@yahoo.com
to Afghanistan mid-December

† **SPC Hill, Zachary** (*Gloria Shafer's son*); Zachary.J.Hill@us.army.mil
1-17 IN PO Box 339554
Joint Base Lewis & McChord
Washington 98433

† **SSGT Stith, Ryan** (*Harvey and Sally Mason's grandson*)
Kilo Company / MCT SOI
Camp Pendleton CA 92055

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to Ellen Tetlow, Phil and Gail Tetlow, and Jon and Cari Tetlow and the families on the death of sister and aunt, Florence Lindsay Haskins; to Phil and Gail Tetlow and the family on the death of Gail's aunt; to Jim and Nancy McNeal and the family on the death of Jim's brother, Fred McNeal; and to Jess and Berneda Fitch and the family on the death of Jess' sister.

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Congratulations to Eric and Jana (Stewart) Stitle on the birth of Tenley Jo Stitle on December 12. Proud grandparents are Steve and Kathy Stewart.



Thank You

On behalf of the Congregational Care Committee, I would like to thank everyone who took a tag from the Angel Tree. Because of your generosity, there will be 40 very happy children on Christmas Day.

Carol Ricciardi

Thank you so much for all the supplies donated for making Buckeyes (JBM Fundraiser). Your support is appreciated.

Kim Double

We thank you for all the supplies for making Hard Tack, and for the orders for the Evergreen Wreaths and Crosses. We appreciate your support.

Beth Schallick and LOGOS Youth

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful chancel flowers. I am enjoying them so very much. I really appreciate the prayers and support of our church family. Fondly,

Nancy Fawcett

Special thanks to The Tonkinson Family for raking my leaves (I heard it took 18 bags!).

Mary Frances Breit

Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet that was delivered to me by Pat Butler for my birthday. I am very, very blessed.

Joyce Smith

Basket Winners

A special Thank You to all who participated in making our Basket Party a success. This will support our continuous giving to benefit The Salvation Army, A.I.D., SAFCO, Salem Community Pantry, and Banquet of Salem, as well as other local gifts throughout the year. A total of \$898.00 was collected for 16 themed baskets.

Presbyterian Women's Association

A Child's Birthday — Sue Simon

Angels — Sue Skiba

Baking — Cole Chumney

Bird — Ethel Clark

Breakfast — Sandi Flake

Celebrate Salem — Sue Kyser

Christmas Baking — Meta Cramer

Desk Supplies — Meta Cramer

Family Game Night — Margaret Winch

Greetings — Wavelene Arnold

Party Time — Ross Jackson

Pasta, Pasta, Pasta — Mary Ann Pollock

Reading — Ruth Newman

Sewing — Phyllis Lamb

Specialty Chocolate — Sue Skiba

Toys — Elena Mackall

Our Church History ...

From the Messenger, December 13, 1931:

Sunday evening, Dec. 20, a Christmas entertainment will be given by the Sunday School. An interesting program is being planned. Classes will give a white gift to spread Christmas cheer among needy families. Opportunity will be given any others desiring to contribute. This will be handled by the board of deacons.

From the Messenger, December 7, 1941:

Messenger Subscribers — Here are the names of those who have paid their fifty cents. If you have not yet handed yours in, we will greatly appreciate your using the envelopes in the pews.

From the Messenger, December 16, 1951:

A Christmas Gift for Your Church — As we get to the end of the year and get started for the year ahead, we feel it would be nice if many of us made a special gift at this season of the year to the work of the church.

~ Youth Calendar ~

No Creative Time / Children's Church

December 18, 25, January 1

Wednesday, December 14

Pres-Bees Dress Rehearsal for A Carol of Angels

Sunday, December 18

A Carol of Angels presented during Worship
Cherub and Praise Choirs

Wednesday, December 21

Baby Jesus Birthday Party at Pres-Bees, 5-6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 28 — No Pres-Bees

LOGOS

December 18 — Open House at Pastor Meta's home

December 25 and January 1 — No LOGOS

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN TO HOST BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Not everyone has a merry little Christmas.

For people coping with illness, a loved one's death, job loss or other disturbing circumstances, the cheery atmosphere of the holiday season can be alienating and depressing. The holiday season itself can trigger depression for some people, whether it's the long nights and gray weather or being far away from friends and family.

The idealistic view of Christmas filled with loving family members, Hallmark scenes and romance fill holiday advertising but are often far from the reality that many people experience. A Blue Christmas service addresses the somber notes of the season and lives which embrace them. Such services have grown in popularity around the country in recent years recognizing that Advent and Christmas have a quieter side and a powerful message in difficult days.

In conjunction with St Paul's Roman Catholic, First Presbyterian, and Emmanuel Lutheran, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will host a Blue Christmas service on Sunday evening, December 18th at 7 p.m. The mood will be set by musicians Sue Deutschlandler, Butch Hallewell and Doug Falk. In addition to the music during the service, they will provide pre-service music beginning at 6:45 p.m. Congregants will be invited to light candles around the sanctuary in remembrance as Christ the light of the world shines to alleviate all darkness. Scriptures will be read and prayers offered. Following the service, a time of fellowship will be held.

All are invited to experience a "Blue Christmas". Holy Trinity is located at 1089 E. State St in Salem.

December

Happy Birthday!

Jim Gibbs (13), Rita Hovis (13), Phyllis Lamb (25), Charles Gibbs (27), Robert McCulloch Jr. (27), Polly Kendall (28), Juanita Latham (29)

- 13 / Tues 12:00 November Circle (Salem Golf Club)
7:00 Book Study (107)
- 14 / Weds 9:00 February Circle
9:15 March Cir (Sally Collins, 636 S Lincoln)
5:00 Pres-Bees Dress Rehearsal
NO Haviland Choir
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 15 / Thurs Preschool Christmas Parties (FH/107) - Th/F
7:00 Session (110)
- 18 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Advent Workshop (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:30 Big Back Yard Meeting (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - Children's Program
Congregational Meeting following Worship
4:00-7:00 Open House at home of Revs.
Meta and Steve Cramer, 781 S Lincoln Ave
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3
Blue and Gold Banquet (FH)
- 19 / Mon 5:00 Book Study (107)
6:00 April Circle (Ricky's English Pub)
RSVP Grace Smith
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 20 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107)
- 21 / Weds 5:00 Baby Jesus Birthday Party at Pres-Bees
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Study (110)



23 / Fri 12:00 Church Office closes for Holiday

24 / Sat 7:30 and 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Services



Salem Community Pantry

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

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Monetary donations should be made out to:

Salem Community Pantry / PO Box 222, Salem OH 44460

25 / Sun No Sunday School
10:00 Continental Potluck Breakfast (107)
10:30 Worship (S)
No Creative Time, Children's Church

26 / Mon Church Office closed for Holiday

30 / Fri 12:00 Church Office closes for Holiday

January

Happy Birthday!

Alberta Herron (6), Jo Hawkins (8)

- 1 / Sun No Sunday School
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
No Creative Time, Children's Church
- 2 / Mon Church Office closed for Holiday
- 3 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107)
- 4 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH)
5:00 Pres-Bees
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 5 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night:**
Christian Education (106)
Mission I and S (FH)
Property and Maintenance (107)
Worship, Music, Arts (109)
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 8 / Sun 8:55-9:00 Sunday School Sign In / Prayer (FH)
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30 LOGOS (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 9 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
6:30 Board of Deacons (107)
7:30 Congregational Care (107)
- 10 / Tues 7:00 Book Study (107)



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.*