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The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School for all Ages
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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Sunday, December 20 — The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-45,
Luke 1:46b-55

*Music by the Cherub Choir, the Praise Choir,
the Praise Chime Choir, LOGOS Bell Choir,
combined Choirs, and several solo musicians.*

Thursday, December 24 — Christmas Eve - 7:30 and 11:00 p.m.

*The Ritual of Candlelighting and the Sacrament of
the Lord's Supper will be shared at both services.*

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20
Homily: *Showing Up*
Music: 7:30 Haviland Choir
Liturgists: 7:30 Lynn Zocolo; 11:00 Lynne Peterson



Sunday, December 27 — The Third Day of Christmas



Scripture: Psalm 96:1-4, 9-13; John 1:1-18; Luke 2:41-52
Sermon: *Who Is This, Anyway?*
Liturgist: Amy Cannon

Dear Friends,

We have enjoyed some exceptional events over the course of these weekends of Advent. Yesterday a visitor to our home asked to meet “the lady who put on the Nativity Set display.” (That would be Penny Lippiatt, in case you didn’t know!) We hadn’t stopped talking about the array of gifts shared at “Tinsel and Talents” before the Haviland Choir presented us with an absolutely wonderful musical celebration. Thanks again to Cheryl McDevitt, Barb Yonker, John Krauss, Nancy McNeal, and the Haviland Choir. We are so blessed!

In this final “home stretch” before Christmas arrives, please do remember that we are collecting the Christmas Joy Offering. This 80-year-old Offering has two foci: (1) Support of the Menaul School in Albuquerque, NM; the Presbyterian Pan-American School in Kingsville, TX; and Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, AL. Each of these institutions has a history of providing first-rate education to racial-ethnic students, many of whom are the first in their families to enroll in higher education. (2) Support of the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. This does not fund pensions for retirees, but provides emergency assistance to PCUSA church workers and their families in need, as well as Housing and Income Supplements to certain retirees who served for very low pay during their ministries. The Christmas Joy Offering supports our leaders – past, present, and *future*. Please give prayerfully and generously.

Christmas Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Regional Medical Center - Mary Lou Timmins

Others - Denny Amelung (*Gloria Shafer's uncle*), Eddie Broome (*Sally Collins' brother-in-law*), Kristina Cicoria-Yonker (*Barbara Yonker's daughter-in-law*), Darby Jeffries Colian, Gary and Sandy Colian (*Kim Colian's in-laws*), Lynn Coon (*Mary Frances Breit's niece*), Matthew Drake (*Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson*), Nancy Fawcett, Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (*Paul and Barbara Fennema's grand-daughter, daughter-in-law*), Rev. Dick Ferris, Charles Hamilton (*Rich and Pat Eichler's nephew*), Joyce Harrell (*Grace Smith's friend*), Collin Helmick (*Tim Stephens' friend*), Tom Henry (*Susan Merry's brother in law*), Rita Hovis, Ilona (*Kathie Baker's friend*), Hayden Johnson, Jan Joan Jones (*Sally Collins' mother*), Linda Koshinsky (*Meta Cramer's friend*), Ron Krauss (*John Krauss' cousin*), Russell Loudon, Casey Martinez (*Colleen Chappell's niece*), Frank Maticsik (*Ellen's husband*), Jim Munholland (*Carol Ricciardi's friend*), Mike Murphy, Dan Palmer (*Rich Eichler's uncle*), Presbytery Mission Design Team, Maria Ricciardi (*Carol Ricciardi's mother-in-law*), Lee Schrum (*Carol Ricciardi's brother-in-law*), Gene Shafer, Tom Shafer (*Gloria's husband*), Carol Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's mother*), Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Bob Stroble (*Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry*), Lana Tonkinson (*Ed and Melissa Tonkinson's daughter*), Robert Wheatley (*Gloria Shafer's co-worker*), Nelson Works (*Lucy Works' brother*)

Special Care Facilities

Birchaven Village: Jean Leimbach, 129; 15100 Birchaven Ln, Findlay OH 45840

Blossom: Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's mother*)

Brookdale: Pat Butler, 502; Dorothy Gibson, 303

Courtyard: Janice Olmstead, 301

Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251

Essex III: Ibbey Dales, 215

Lake Huron Woods: Joyce Smith; 5221 Lakeshore Rd, Fort Gratiot MI 48059

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 December 6, 2015	\$ 9,431.00
General Fund Balance, October 31, 2015	\$(15,453.52)
November Revenues	21,653.22
November Transfer In	22,300.00
November Expenses	(24,662.84)
General Fund Balance, November 30, 2015	\$ 3,836.86
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 895.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 2,670.00

Military

FENNEMA, JOHN T. SGT
fennema33@gmail.com
Paul and Barb Fennema's son

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In Memoriam

Georgiana Chiticia Costa

United with First Church:
 April 19, 1935

Died:
 December 4, 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

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The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of Our Congregation are extended to the family of Georgiana Costa; to Curt and Beverly Mosher and the family on the death of Beverly's brother, Robert Bruce Bayless, and to Kevin and Janet Chumney and the family on the death of Kevin's father, Eugene Chumney.

Happy 'Belated' Birthday to Elizabeth Thatcher, sister of Jim Gibbs.

By action of the Session, a Congregational meeting for the sole purpose of electing Church Officers will be held this Sunday, December 20, immediately following worship.



We will be creating a new Church Photo Directory very soon. Photography sessions will be held on Monday, December 28 and Tuesday, December 29 from 2:30-9:00 p.m., and a make-up date will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016. It is essential for us to have a high level of participation. **Sign-up sheets for appointments will be available in Fellowship Hall before and after worship this Sunday, December 20.** You will also be receiving reminders by telephone from the Directory Company - Re:MEMBER.

Thank You

LOGOS thanks you for the supplies and donations for the Bake Sale, and to those who purchased Evergreen Wreaths and Crosses. We appreciate your support.

Kim Double
 DCE/Youth Ministries

I would like to thank my church family for all the love and concern, and for the flowers on my birthday.

Ruth Varkonda

Giving to the **Christmas Joy Offering** doesn't provide the fun of buying gifts for children, but it does provide for tomorrow's and yesterday's leaders. Please give prayerfully and generously. Envelopes are available in the Sanctuary Pew Racks.

Recycling at Christmas Time!

Please keep these thoughts in mind this Christmas season.

(Disclaimer statement! In the previous Messenger, I recycled an article from last year. Unfortunately, there are statements concerning bubble wrap and packing pellets that are no longer correct. Please read carefully the information in this article for the correct information concerning the recycling of these 2 items.)

- First of all, please don't use Styrofoam products. Remember it is not recyclable and it is composed of Benzene and Styrene, both of which are known human carcinogens, which are linked to incidences of Parkinson's and Leukemia.
- Try to reduce the use of plastics as much as possible. Use real plates, cups, and eating utensils. Replace plastic wrap with foil which can be recycled if food residue is rinsed off. And remember all those foil pans can be recycled!
- Use reusable gift bags. Don't throw away the tissue paper used with them. It can be flattened out and used again.
- When using gift boxes, save them when possible and use again. If not, recycle them and the wrapping paper used on them.
- If using gift boxes, wrap the lid and bottom separately, this way the lid can be lifted off and the box be used again next year.
- Use less wrapping paper by placing more than one item in a gift box.
- Recycle all those boxes from large packages or online purchases.
- Reuse the bubble wrap and packing pellets or take them to a UPS store. They will be happy to use them again.
- For those of you who compost, remember to compost as much of your food scraps as possible.
- If your child has toys to clear out before Santa brings more, check with the Preschool to see if they could use them or take them to Habitat Re-Store.
- Christmas cards can be recycled with your wrapping paper. Many teachers also willingly accept your cards for future art projects.
- Finally, when you are finished with your live tree, take it to the Memorial Park Christmas Tree drop off site. It will be open from December 27 through January 31. Look for the "Recycle Your Live Christmas Tree Here" sign. The trees will be chipped so do not put your trees in plastic bags.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Youth News

Sunday School:

Teachers: Kim Double, Julie Mackall, Cara Stephens

9:15 a.m. Together Time in Fellowship Hall — *The Nativity*

December 20 - The Wisemen

December 27 - No Sunday School

Pres-Bees Youth Club: Children ages 4 through Grade 5
Wednesdays, 5:00-6:30 p.m. / Worship, Praise, Prayer, Dinner

December 16 Dress Rehearsal - No Dinner

December 20 Pres-Bees & Youth Special Music

December 23 No Gathering

December 30 No Gathering

January 6 Regular Gathering - *Pizza and Carrot Sticks*

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

December 20 Youth Group Christmas Party

3:30-4:30 Caroling

4:45-5:15 Dinner

5:15-6:00 Games

6:00-6:30 Special Music

January 3 No Gathering

January 10 CPR Training

Officer Training

sponsored by Eastminster Presbytery

Saturday, January 23, 2016

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sebring Presbyterian Church - 525 North 16th St

Registration is \$3 for each person and must be received by Wednesday, January 20.

While our greatest need will always be the donation of food or money, we currently have a need for volunteers to help "after hours" with unloading and stocking shelves Monday and Thursday afternoons at 4:00 and Saturday mornings. We could also use volunteers to help distribute the groceries during operating hours. Many of our current volunteers have been with us from the beginning and, as the years pass, are not as able to help as before.



Our grocery needs would be peanut butter and milk, as these are things that are not usually available from Second Harvest. We also will take those pesky plastic grocery bags that accumulate around the house as we use those to bag our groceries.

Finally, it may seem that food donations would be important, and they are, but if someone donated just \$1.00 we can buy 13 pounds of food as opposed to receiving one canned good from that same individual through a food collection drive.

December

Happy Birthday!
Charles Gibbs (27), Juanita Latham (29)

- 16 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Dress Rehearsal / No Dinner
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 17 / Thurs Preschool Christmas Party
7:00 Regular Session Meeting (107)
- 18 / Fri Preschool Christmas Party
- 19 / Sat 6:00 Boy Scout Troop 3 / Cub Scout Pack 3
Light for Life Ceremony (FH) - All welcome.
- 20 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School Together Time (FH)
The Nativity - The Wisemen
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship -
Pres-Bees & Youth Special Music
3:15-6:30 LOGOS Christmas Party
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 24 / Thurs Church Office Closes at Noon
7:30 and 11:00 - Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services / Communion
- 25 / Fri
- 27 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship
- 28 / Mon **2:30-9:00 Photo Session for Directory (Church Library)**
- 29 / Tues **2:30-9:00 Photo Session for Directory (Church Library)**
- 31 / Thurs Church Office Closes at Noon



MERRY CHRISTMAS



January

Happy Birthday!
Karl Wright (4), Jan Bethel (9),
Curt Mosher (13), Terry Rufer (28)

- 1 / Fri
- 3 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship (S)
- 4 / Mon **Annual Reports due in Church Office**
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 5 / Tues 10:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
- 6 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -
Ireland - Steve and Meta Cramer
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 7 / Thurs **7:00 Committee Night: CE (106), Mission I and S (FH), Property (107), Worship, Music, Arts (109)**
7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
- 10 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
9:15 Recycling Group (107)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Lord's Day Worship -
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
4:15 LOGOS Bell Choir (200)
5:00 LOGOS CPR Training (FH)
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 11 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 12 / Tues **8:30 a.m. Investment Committee (107)**

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Salem Community Pantry

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

ITEMS NEEDED:

Peanut Butter, Plastic Grocery Bags
Place items at north entrance.

Worship Schedule on Cable TV Channel 9*

Sunday – 1 & 9 am / Monday – 1am
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 / *[Must have Digital Box to View.](#)