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The Presbyterian Messenger



Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor
9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School - *Classes at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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December 21 — The Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Cherub and Praise Choirs from Pres-Bees, along with other children and youth who participate in Sunday School or LOGOS, will offer their musical gifts during worship.

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

Communion and Candle-lighting at both services



Scripture: Isaiah 52:7-10, Luke 2:1-20
Homily: "The Truth about that Innkeeper"
Liturgists: 7:30 Lynn Zocolo; 11:00 Lynne Peterson
Music: 7:30 Haviland Choir; 11- Gary & Cheryl Kekel

December 28 — The First Sunday after Christmas



Scripture: Psalm 148, Isaiah 61:10-62:3, John 1:10-18
Sermon: "Receiving!" - The Rev. Ray Banner, preaching
"But to all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God..." ~ John 1:12
Liturgist: Joan Ferrier

Dear Friends,

I hope that anyone who was present for worship here on December 14 is now fully in the Christmas spirit! We have countless people to thank for a wonderful morning —

- John Krauss, Nancy McNeal, the Haviland Choir, and all our guest musicians
- Brad Stephens serving as narrator of the cantata from "the best seat in the house"
- The Congregational Care Committee, under the leadership of Moderator Carol Ricciardi and Moderator-Elect Wavelene Arnold, for providing such a lovely reception for the Choir and musicians
- Barb Marra, Presbyterian Women, and all who donated baskets to be "auctioned" — and all of you who bought those tickets to support local mission
- Everyone who contributed in any way to recognizing Phyllis Garlock's 30 years of service to our congregation as Administrative Secretary. (And, in response to a question I overheard, she is NOT retiring!) Thanks to your gifts, we were able to present Phyllis with flowers; a Willow Tree figurine; a rubber ducky cake (really!) baked by Brenda Johnson; gift certificates for manicures, massages, and hair care; some mad money; and, of course, a beautiful card created by Barb Marra. How wonderful of her entire family to join her for this well-deserved recognition!

The gospel according to John tells us, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." The Word of God is Emmanuel — *God with us* — in this hectic and holy season. May you know God's peace and presence, grace and truth, during the remainder of Advent and the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Blessings, Meta

Prayer Concerns

Salem Regional Medical Center — Lorin Shepard

Others — Darla Allen (Kevin Chumney's sister), Marianne Barr (Debbie Blair's mother), Audrey Crawford (Linda Crawford's sister in law), Steve Davis (Brad Davis' father), Matthew Drake (Jim and Nancy McNeal's grandson), Lori Dunn (Penny Lippiatt's friend), Morgan Fennema and Nicole Fennema (Paul and Barbara Fennema's granddaughter, daughter-in-law), Berneda Fitch, Dave Garlock (Phyllis' husband), Debbie Goulish (Meta Cramer's friend), Sandi Hendricks, Tom Henry (Susan Merry's brother in law), Jack and Rita Hovis, Hayden Johnson, Gary Kekel, Sue Kyser, Jean Leimbach (15100 Birchaven Ln Apt 129, Findlay OH 45840-7766), Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (Phil Tetlow's cousins), Ben Miller (Lauren Arnold's friend), Dolly Millikin, John Peterson (Dawn Vest Peterson's husband), Sam Pridon, Tracy Rees (Penny Judge's daughter), Scot and Rory Robertson, Marie Robinson (Kim Double's mother), Dr. Marilyn Roderick (Juanita Latham's daughter), Gene Shafer, Gloria Shafer's step-dad, Sue Sinclair, Julie Smith (Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law), Jana Stitle (Steve and Kathy Stewart's daughter), Bob Stroble (Member of Eastminster Presbytery Committee on Ministry), Lana Tonkinson (Ed and Melissa's daughter), Robert Wheatley (Gloria Shafer's co-worker), Nelson Works (Lucy Works' brother)

Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum

Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Mary Smith (Susan Smith's mother)

Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109

Crandall: Sally Darling; Betsy Johnson, 251 (Tom Johnson's wife)

Essex III: Ibby Dales, 211

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

Sterling House: Dorothy Gibson, 303

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 7	\$ 4,410.00
Christmas Joy Offering	\$ 709.00
Per Capita (\$32 per Active Member)	\$ 2,912.00

Military

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

HARP, ALEX LCPL
alex.j.harp@gmail.com
John and Joetta Tonti's grandson

- **Flower and Bulletin Donors** are needed for 2015. Vases are \$10 each and Bulletins are \$15 a Sunday. Please call to confirm standing orders.
- **Annual Reports** are due in the Church Office Friday, January 2.
- **Per Capita Apportionment** for 2015 is \$32 per Active Member.
- **Offering Envelopes for 2015** will be ready soon. If you have not had envelopes, but would like a box, please call the Church Office.
- **Calendars for 2015**, compliments of Stark Memorial Funeral Home, are at Sanctuary entrances and outside the Church Office.

Blue Recycling Containers are located in the Kitchen, North Entrance, and outside the Church Office. A large pop recycling container is located in Fellowship Hall and in the North Entrance.

Recycling Baskets for Bulletins are at Sanctuary entrances.

A bracelet was found in the Sanctuary after church on Sunday, November 30. Please contact the Church Office to claim it.



Thanks so much for the lovely arrangement delivered by Lucy Works. It was very much appreciated.

Kay Stanga

We both want to thank the church for the beautiful flowers that Andrew Skiba delivered for Bill. I appreciated Andrew's thoughtful and caring conversation. Thank you.

Bill and Theresa Jones

Dear Rev. Cramer,
On December 2, 2014 a resolution was passed unanimously by Salem City Council expressing appreciation for the First Presbyterian Church's generous donation to the City of Salem's Police Department. On behalf of Salem City Council and the City of Salem, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation. (The Resolution is included with this newsletter.)

Sincerely yours,
Debbie Bricker, Clerk
Salem City Council

WOW!!! What a great day full of surprises! Thank you for all the cards, kind words, hugs, and very generous gifts. I love you too! I am blessed to be part of a very special church family and look forward to continuing the journey together.

Phyllis Garlock

Thank you for the many thoughts and prayers for my husband, Dave. He is recovering well from surgery.

Phyllis Garlock

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

Presbyterian Women's Association

Basket Auction Winners

A total of \$1,175 was given for Local Christmas Mission.

- A Little More Chocolate** — Patty Jackson
- Camping** — Clara Double
- Children's Summer Fun** — Penny Lippiatt
- Family Fun Night** — Kathy Stewart
- Firepit** — Carol Ricciardi
- Gifting Tree** — Carol Ricciardi
- Holiday Treats** — Karl Wright
- Money Tree** — Ellen Maticcik
- Party Time** — Andrew Skiba
- Salem Quakers** — Alice Jackson
- Something for a Rainy Day** — Pat Eichler
- Specialty Chocolates** — Barbara Yonker
- State Street Sweets & Treats** — Jenny Wilms
- The Nutcracker Kit and Art Supplies** — Sue Merry
- The Ohio State University** — Sue Korff

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.

Phyllis

Words by Meta Cramer

Arranged by Cheryl McDevitt

(Tune: The 12 Days of Christmas)



On the third week in Advent, dear Phyllis we give thee, these gifts on a Christmas tree.

On the third week in Advent, dear Phyllis we give thee, lots of pretty flow'rs and a figure from Willow Tree.

On the third week in Advent, dear Phyllis we give thee, a lovely cake, lots of pretty flow'rs, and a figure from Willow Tree.

On the third week in Advent, dear Phyllis, we give thee twelve manicures, a lovely cake, lots of pretty flow'rs, and a figure from Willow Tree.

On the third week in Advent, dear Phyllis we give thee, five massages, twelve manicures, lovely cake, lots of pretty flow'rs, and a figure from Willow Tree.

On the third week in Advent, dear Phyllis we give thee, four hair appointments, five massages, twelve manicures, lovely cake, lots of pretty flow'rs, and a figure from Willow Tree.

Youth News

Sunday School:

9:15 a.m. — Gathering Time / 9:30-10:15 a.m. — Classes

Together Time during Advent: Christmas Timeline

Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Youth age 4 through Grade 5 / Wednesdays, 5:00-6:45 p.m.

- December 17 Dress Rehearsal and Baby Jesus Birthday Party (Ham, Potatoes, Corn, Birthday Cake)
- December 21 Cherub and Praise Choirs sing during Worship
- December 24 No Gathering
- December 31 No Gathering
- January 7 Regular Gathering (Pizza & Carrot sticks Soft tacos, Nachos/salsa, and Apples)

LOGOS:

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

RECYCLING

Christmas shopping is well underway. Many of us are now doing our shopping online and most every package delivered comes in a cardboard box. Before you put that box out to be picked up with the trash, please consider the following information.



- Recycling cardboard only takes 75% of the energy needed to make new cardboard.
- Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil.
- Over 90% of all products shipped in the US are shipped in corrugated boxes, which totals more than 400 billion square feet of cardboard.

So when packages arrive at your house, please break down the boxes and recycle them. And please take the plastic bubble wrap, packing pellets, etc. used inside the box with you because it can also be recycled.

There will be no "Soup to Go" in December. 2015 Soup Dates are January 25 (Vegetable), February 22 (Turkey), and March 22 (Corn Chowder). Please return your "Soup to Go" glass jars and lids to the church kitchen so they can be used again.

December

Happy Birthday!

Phyllis Lamb (25), Charles Gibbs (27),
Juanita Latham (29)

- 17 / Weds Preschool Christmas Party (107, FH)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club Dress Rehearsal
and *Baby Jesus Birthday Party for Families*
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 18 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**
- 19 / Fri 5:30-8:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 and Cub Scout
Pack 3 are sponsoring a ceremony honoring
Organ donors and recipients.
All are welcome. (Fellowship Hall)
- 21 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School Together Time:
Christmas Timeline (FH)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Cherub & Praise Choirs,*
and all children who participate in Pres-Bees,
Sunday School, or LOGOS will offer musical
gifts during worship.
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)
- 24 / Weds Church Office Closes at Noon
7:30 and 11:00 Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion Services
- 25 / Thurs **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- 26 / Fri Church Office Closed
- 28 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S) - *Rev. Ray Banner in pulpit*
- 31 / Weds Church Office Closes at Noon



January 2015

Happy Birthday!

Karl Wright (04), Jan Bethel (09),
Curt Mosher (13), Terry Rufer (28)

- 1 / Thurs **A HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 2 / Fri Annual Reports due in Church Office
- 4 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
- 5 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
- 6 / Tues 9:00-9:00 United Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00 Board of Deacons (107)
- 7 / Weds 12:00 Daytimers (FH) -
Memorial Building Events with Shane Franks
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 8 / Thurs 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)
7:00 Finance Committee (110)
- 11 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)
9:15 Sunday School: *Classes start at 9:30 a.m.*
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)
10:30 Worship (S)
4:30 LOGOS (107)
6:00 Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH)
- 12 / Mon 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)
7:00 Congregational Care (107)
- 13 / Tues **8:30 a.m. Investment Committee (107)**
- 14 / Weds 9:00 February Circle (Salem Hills)
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)
- 15 / Thurs **7:00 Session (107)**



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, personal hygiene items, and plastic 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