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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, December 22 — The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25  
Sermon: *What's in a Name?*  
Liturgist: Barbara Yonker  
Music: Haviland Choir — "Once in Royal David's City"

## Tuesday, December 24 — Christmas Eve / 7:30 and 11:00 p.m.

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



Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; John 1:1-5, 9, 14-18; Luke 2:1-20  
Homily: *Nothing is Lost*  
Liturgists: 7:30 Lynn Zocolo; 11:00 Lynne Peterson  
Music: 7:30 Haviland Choir — "What Strangers are These?"  
11:00 Mike Newman, Gary and Cheryl Kekel



## Sunday, December 29 — The First Sunday after Christmas

*The Sacrament of Baptism for Taci Mae Stile*



Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:40-52  
Sermon: *Growing Into Love*  
Liturgist: John Tonti

Dear Friends,

*"The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.  
We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son,  
generous inside and out, true from start to finish." (John 1:14-18, The Message)*

How fortunate we have been this Advent season to see the Word moving into the neighborhood in the singing, chime-ringing, and music-making of our children and youth. How blessed we are to hear the Word taking shape through the voices of our Haviland Choir and the nimble accompaniment of Nancy McNeal and our delightful guest musicians. How grateful we are that the generous Word moves out into the neighborhood, providing gifts for children in need and supporting a number of ministries through our Presbyterian Women and Deacons.

In this holy season, may we continue to see "with our own eyes" the "Word that became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood."

*Blessings, Meta*

## Prayer Concerns

Darla Allen (*Kevin Chumney's sister*), Wavelene Arnold, Marianne Barr (*Debbie Blair's mother*), John Beebe (*Debbie McCulloch's father*), Lee Benson (*Lynne Peterson's son*), Ken Burrier, Marilyn Cosier (*Carol Ricciardi's sister*), Audrey Crawford (*Linda Crawford's 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*), Sandi Flake, Melissa Griffith (*Judy Sicilia's friend*), Bill Hannay, 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*), Jim Laughlin, Guy Edward Lindsay and Kip Lindsay (*Phil Tetlow's cousins*), Frank Maticsik, Susan McCullough (*Susan Merry's co-worker*), Helen Newman (*Jim Newman's mother*), Bill Phillips (*Joyce Smith's son-in-law*), Sam Pridon, Charles and Charity Ricciardi, Marie Robinson (*Kim Double's mother*), Connie Bowman Rowe (*Helen Hayes' friend*), Lisa Shafer (*former Preschool teacher*), Ruth and Gene Shafer, Dick Shanker, Edison Shaw (*Gloria Shafer's stepfather*), Gabriel Smith, (*Norm and Jeanne Smith's great-grandson and Mickey Buck's great nephew*), Julie Smith (*Joyce Smith's daughter-in-law*), Margaret Stewart (now home), Makala Walker (*Lucy Works' friend's great granddaughter*), Denise Weingart, Leslie Wilson (*Noah Ferrier's mother*), Lucy Works, A Friend of Jen Sarginger, A Friend of Kathie Baker on the death of two grandchildren

## Special Care Facilities

Auburn: Helen Hum  
Blossom: Georgiana Costa, 204B; Roland and Mary Smith (*Susan Smith's parents*)  
 Austintown OH 44515  
Courtyard: Phyllis Lamb, 109  
Crandall: Betsy Johnson, 251 (*Tom Johnson's wife*); Kathleen Kirby, 9-162 (*Gregg Rhodes' mother*); Jim Mohr, 263; Dan Smith, 211  
Essex III: Ibby 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

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| Envelope Income received December 1     | \$ 2,535.00   |
| Envelope Income received December 8     | \$ 4,043.00   |
| General Fund Balance, October 31, 2013  | (\$15,009.69) |
| November Revenues                       | \$22,288.97   |
| November Expenses                       | \$26,153.12   |
| General Fund Balance, November 30, 2013 | (\$18,873.84) |
| Christmas Joy Offering                  | \$ 375.00     |
| Per Capita (\$31 / 2013 Goal: \$11,966) | \$ 2,358.00   |

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

Whispering Pines: Rolin Herron, 317; 937 E Park Ave, Columbiana OH 44408

## 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 Dan and Megan (McCorkhill) Halverstadt on the birth of Connor James McCorkhill on December 5. Grandparents are James and Nancy McCorkhill.

*Century House of Salem, Ohio, Inc.* is an endowed independent living for men and women at least 55 years old. Fee of \$850 includes room, meals, laundry, cleaning. Private room, free cable, phone connection. Short term stays available. Non-smoking facility. Call 330-337-3697 or e-mail [centuryhse@att.net](mailto:centuryhse@att.net).

## Thank You

Just wanted to say Thank You to my church family at First Presbyterian for the holiday gift. It's really helping me out these stressful last weeks and really means a lot. Look forward to seeing everyone at Christmas. Thank You!

George Smith

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian, Many thanks for your gift of \$343 to the Banquet in Salem. We are so grateful for the many ways you support us. God's Blessing.

Bill Wilkins

Joyful Blessings — Sending a wish and a prayer for love, joy, and peace in your heart, in your home, and in your world — at Christmas and always.

Dolores Kynett

- **Flower and Bulletin Donors** are needed for 2014. 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 3.
- **Per Capita Apportionment** for 2014 is \$32 per Active Member.
- **Calendars for 2014**, compliments of Stark Memorial Funeral Home, are at Sanctuary entrances and outside the Church Office.

Presbyterian Women's Association

## Basket Auction Winners

The following charities will benefit from the 2013 Basket Auction — Banquet of Salem, Salem Community Pantry, SAFCO (Supplemental Assistance, Food for Children, Optional), A.I.D. (Action, Information, Direction), The ROC, Habitat for Humanity, and The Salvation Army. 82 people participated in the ticket auction, and the Tonkinson Family won the surprise of a \$50 bill in their basket.

- Celebrate Salem** — Marge Wright
- Cheese and Wine I** — Barb Fennema
- Cheese and Wine II** — Joe Marra
- Chocolate I** — Ralph Timmins
- Chocolate II** — Marge Wright
- Christmas Country Cottage** — Nancy Sides
- Closet of the Unknown** — Berneda Fitch
- Coffee and Dessert** — Andrew Skiba
- Coffee, Tea, and More** — The Tonkinson Family
- Education** — Elena Mackall
- Entertainment** — Sue Anderson
- Fun in the Sun** — Max Zacharias
- Let's Bake Cookies** — Phyllis Garlock
- Music** — Judy Herron
- Ohio State** — Margaret Sheets
- Party Time** — Ethel Clark
- Pets** — Gaylene Englert
- Princess Crystal House / Hallmark** —  
Debbie McCulloch

### Please Keep Us Informed

Due to strengthened privacy laws and hospital attempts to comply with these laws, it is difficult to gain access to information regarding hospital patients. Therefore, if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to receive a pastoral visit, please contact the Church Office with such information. This will enable us to be more effective in our ministry to you. Thank you for your cooperation.



## “Soup to Go”

There has been talk of initiating a new project at First Presbyterian Salem. It seems our congregation loves soup -- especially home made soup -- which is the beginning point of the new project. “Soup to Go,” (the name given to the project until a better name is chosen) has been proposed for interested members who like to cook or are looking for an opportunity for fellowship. The idea is for a group of people (any and all ages, guys and gals) to get together maybe one Saturday a month in the church kitchen. They would make a different soup each month. The soup would then be available for sale the following day following the church service. Proceeds from the sales would be used for church projects or local missions. If you are interested in helping to organize or would like to help with this project, please contact the church office or get in touch with Penny Lippiatt.



## Youth News

### Pres-Bees Youth Club:

Children Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 5 / Weds., 5-6:45 p.m.

Mission Project — we will be collecting paper products, plastic silverware, dish soap, toilet paper, and SOS pads for St. Vincent DePaul starting in January.

December 18 Family Baby Jesus Birthday Dinner  
5:30-6:30

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January 8 Regular Gathering — *Celebrating Epiphany*  
January 15 Regular Gathering  
January 22 Regular Gathering  
January 26 Cherub Choir sings during Worship  
January 29 Regular Gathering  
February 2 Praise Choir sings during Worship

### LOGOS:

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

December 22 Christmas Party — *Bring a Friend!*

December 29 No LOGOS

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January 5 Regular LOGOS  
January 12 Regular LOGOS  
January 19 Regular LOGOS  
January 26 Regular LOGOS  
February 2 No LOGOS — *Souper Bowl of Caring*

# December

## Happy Birthday!

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

18 / Weds No Preschool through January 3, 2014  
5:30-6:30 Pres-Bees Youth Club —  
Family Baby Jesus Birthday Dinner  
5:30 Boy Scout Troop 3 (B)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

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

22 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
9:00 Adult Class (107)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) followed by  
Congregational Meeting to elect Officers  
LOGOS Christmas Party

24 / Tues Church Office Closes at Noon  
Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Communion Services, 7:30 & 11 pm



25 / Weds **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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

29 / Sun 9:00 Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)

31 / Tues Church Office Closes at Noon

# January 2014

## Happy Birthday!

Dan Smith (3), Karl Wright (4), Jo Hawkins (8),  
Jan Bethel (9), Curt Mosher (13), Terry Rufer (28)

1 / Weds **A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## 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!**

2 / Thurs 7:00 Salem Bird Study Club (110)  
**7:00 Committee Night: CE (106), Mission I & S (FH), Property (107), Worship (109)**

5 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S) - *Sacrament of Lord's Supper*  
4:30 LOGOS (Senior High Room)  
6:00 Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)



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

7 / Tues 11:00 C.O.M. South (110)  
**7:00 Board of Deacons (107)**

8 / Weds 9:15 February Circle (Salem Hills)  
5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

9 / Thurs **7:00 Finance and Administration (110)**

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

12 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:00 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)  
4:30 LOGOS (FH)  
6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (B)

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

14 / Tues **8:30 am Investment Committee (107)**

15 / Weds 5:00 Pres-Bees Youth Club  
7:00 Haviland Choir (S)  
7:00 Men's Bible Study (110)

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

18 / Sat 12:00 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch for  
Salem Community Pantry (FH)

19 / Sun 9:00 Sunday School; Adult Bible Study (110)  
10:30 Coffee Hour (FH)  
10:30 Worship (S)

## 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